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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Gilani Research Team now brings to you a collection of daily polls releases in the form of a weekly digest, which gives you the opportunity to read opinions of the Pakistani public on various socio-political issues. We hope it will be of interest to you and your readers.

If you have any further questions in this regard, please feel free to contact us.

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April 24, 2014

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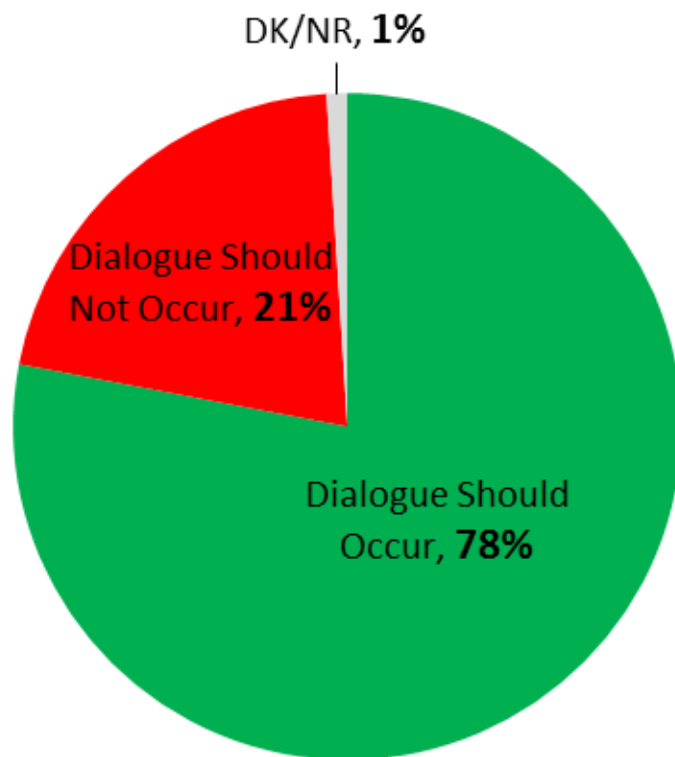
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Gilani Poll/Gallup Pakistan

Islamabad - April 21, 2014

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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked “**Nowadays the government is in talks with the Taliban. Some people are of the opinion that the government should engage in the dialogue while others think such dialogue is useless. What is your opinion?**” Responding to this, 78% said the dialogue should occur compared to only 21% who said it should not. 1% did not respond.

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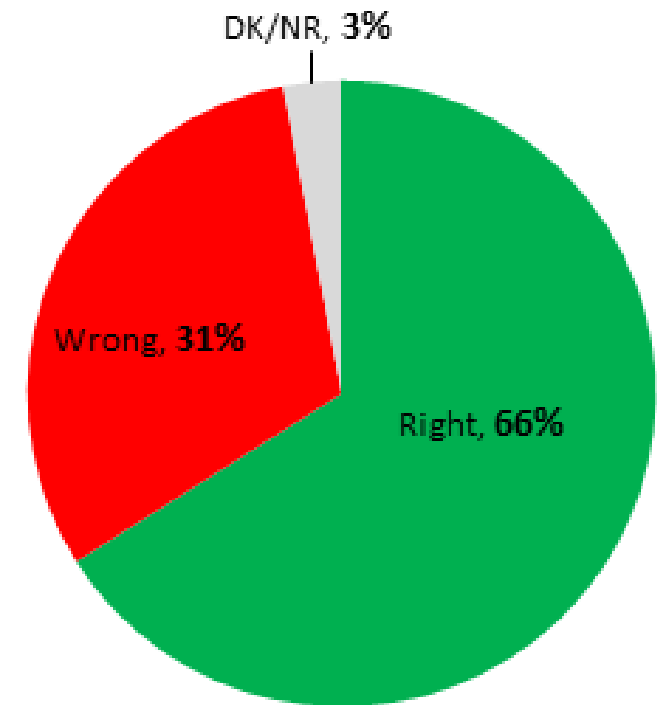
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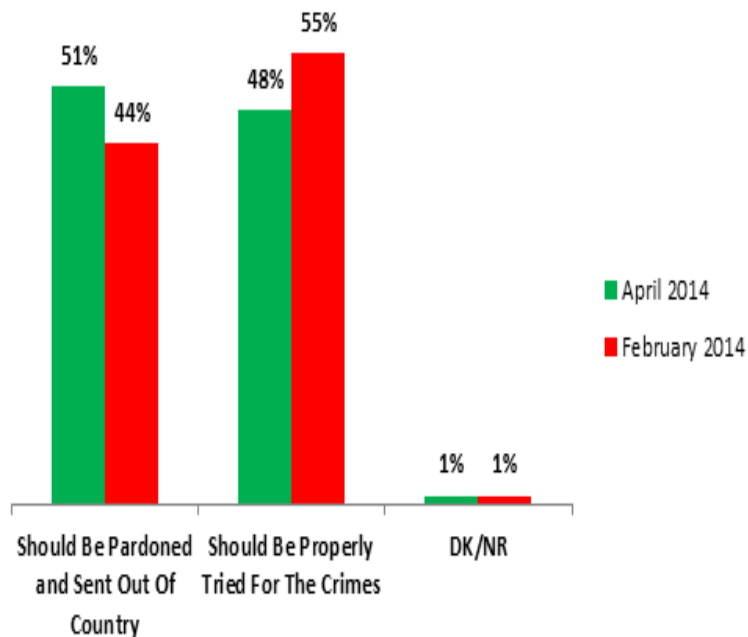
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked **“Some people think that ex-President Pervez Musharraf should be pardoned and sent out of the country while others think he should not be forgiven and all his crimes should be properly tried. What is your opinion?”** Responding to this, 51% said he should be pardoned and sent out of the country whereas 48% replied that he should be properly tried for his crimes. 1% did not respond.

This question was previously asked in February 2014. At the time 44% of the respondents were in favor of ex-President being pardoned and sent out of country and 55% were of them opinion that he should be properly tried for his crimes. 1% did not respond.

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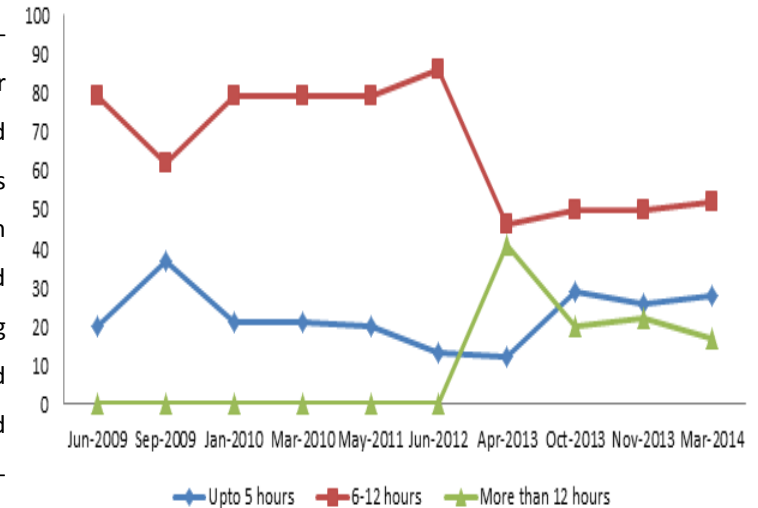
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked **“What is the duration of load shedding in your locality?”** Responding to this, 7% said the duration of load shedding was between 1-2 hours, 21% said between 3-5 hours, 30% said between 6 to 8 hours and 22% said between 9-12 hours. 17% said the duration of load shedding was more than 12 hours, 2% said load shedding did not occur in their locality and 1% did not respond. The comparative chart (presented below) shows the change in load shedding patterns between June 2009 and March 2014. The percentage of respondents who claimed there was more than 12 hour load shedding increased from 0% in June 2009 to 41% in April 2013 before dropping down to 20% in October 2013 and approximately 17% in March 2014. Additionally, respondents who experienced load shedding of 6 to 12 hours decreased between June and September 2009, from 79% to 62% before rising again to 79% in January 2010 and increasing further to 86% in June 2012. By April 2013, this percentage had decreased to 46%, and rose mildly to 50% in October 2013 and 52% in March 2014. Respondents who claimed there was up to 5 hours of load shedding in their area increased from 20% in June 2009 to about 37% in September 2009 before falling down to 21% in January 2010. There was a further decline in this percentage from June 2012 to April 2013 at 13% and 12% respectively, after which this number increased again to 29% in October 2013 before falling to 26% in November 2013 and increasing to 28% in March 2014.

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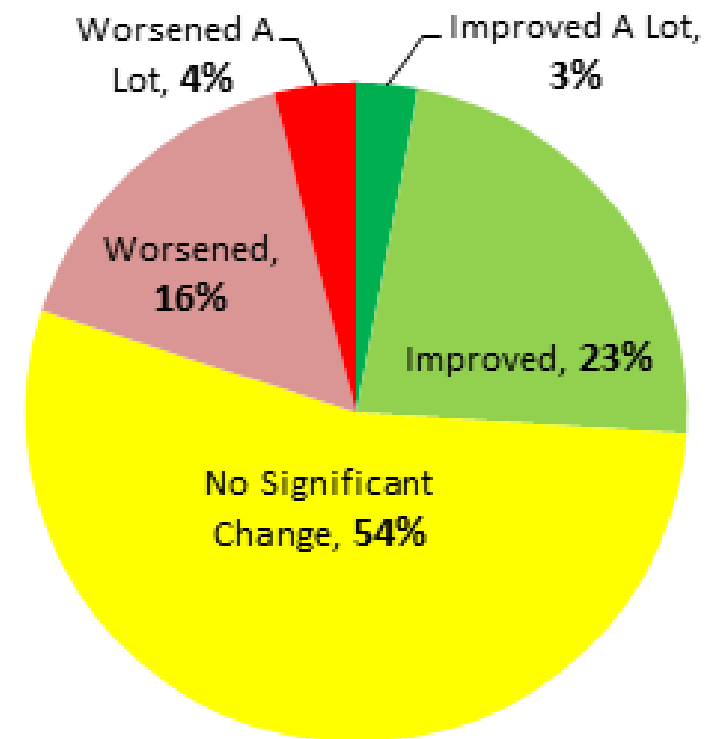
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked **“In the past 6 months, to what extent has your financial condition improved, worsened or has there been no significant change?”** Responding to this, 3% said their situation has improved a lot, 23% said it had improved whereas 54% said there has been no significant change. 16% of the respondents said their financial situation had worsened in the last 6 months and 4% replied it had worsened a lot.

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