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Perceptions on Democracy and Political Parties; Hope and Despair about Democracy, 62 % Hopeful, 26 % in Despair: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

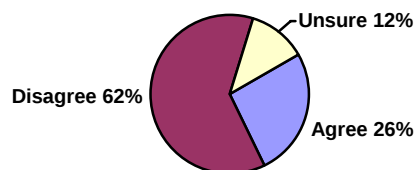
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, almost two third (62%) are hopeful that democracy can solve the current problems faced by Pakistan, 26% do not believe in the efficacy of democracy to solve problems and 12% were unsure. It is also seen that more than half of Pakistanis (57%) blame political parties for not creating a more stabilized political system in the country, 32% disagree and 11% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were read out a list of statements and were asked “*People in Pakistan have different viewpoints. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statement ‘Pakistan’s problems can not be solved by democracy’?*” Majority (62%) disagreed with this statement, while 26% believed that democracy can not solve resolve current problems being faced by Pakistan. The remaining 12% were unsure.

“Do you agree or disagree with the following statement ‘Pakistan’s problems can not be solved by democracy’?”

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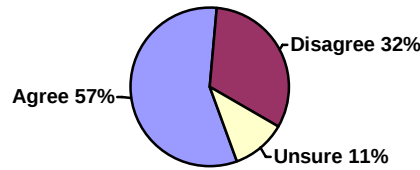


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the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

When the respondents were asked “*Do you agree or disagree with the following statement ‘Pakistan’s political parties have failed to create a stable political system’?*” More than half of all Pakistanis (57%) agree that the political parties have failed whereas 32% do not believe this is the case. Eleven percent (11%) of the respondents were unsure. While majority of all sections of the population have an optimistic outlook on political parties a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites, men, and older (50+) Pakistanis strongly believe that the political parties have failed to strengthen the political system in the country.

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2765 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during October 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

Gallup Pakistan proposes that its poll results be attributed as Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. This is to distinguish our polls from polls on Pakistan sometimes released by other organizations not part of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com) and referred to by the same title. Also please see necessary Disclaimer on our website (www.gallup.com.pk). Gallup Pakistan takes responsibility for only its own polls on Pakistan.

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