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Public Favors Sindh Governments Decision of Closing Down Marriage Halls Before Midnight: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

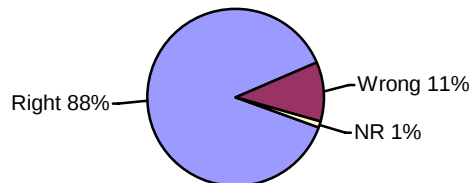
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, a vast majority of all Pakistanis (88%) are in the favor of the Sindh governments' latest decision of having all marriage halls in the province to close down before midnight. Only 11% disagree and 1% gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "*Recently Sindh government has ordered all marriage halls to finish all functions before midnight. In your view is this a right or a wrong decision?*" Eighty eight percent (88%) believe it is right while 11% of the respondents said it is wrong of Sindh government to have passed such an order. The remaining 1% gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in the opinion of people from across various demographics except that slightly higher percentage of rural dwellers supports this rule as compared to their urban counterparts.

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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

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 2709 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during November 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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