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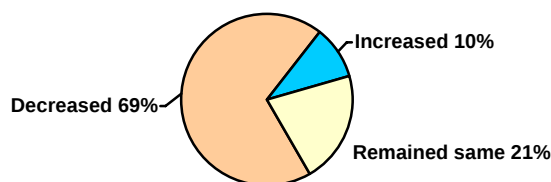
## **Two third Believes that Respect for the Elders has Decreased: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN**

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, two thirds of all Pakistanis (69%) believe that nowadays respect for elders in our society has decreased, 10% say it has increased, and 21% said it has remained the same over the years. Regarding children learning from different sources, 44% said elders play a vital role in imparting wisdom to the children, 37% believe that both the elders and books & schools educate children, and 16% give credit to only books and schools for increasing a child's knowledge and 3% gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*In your view, has the respect for elders in our society, decreased, increased, or remained the same?*” Sixty nine percent (69%) believe it has decreased, 10% claimed it has increased, where as 21% of the respondents said that the respect for elders has remained the same over the years. It is seen that while a comparatively higher percentage of ruralites believe respect for elders, nowadays, has decreased, a comparatively higher percentage of urbanites believe it has remained the same. Interestingly, when compared with the views of older people (over 50) a higher percentage of younger people (Under 30) claim that nowadays elders do not get their due share of respect; while 52% of the older people think respect for elders has declined, but the comparable figure among the under 30 is 65%.

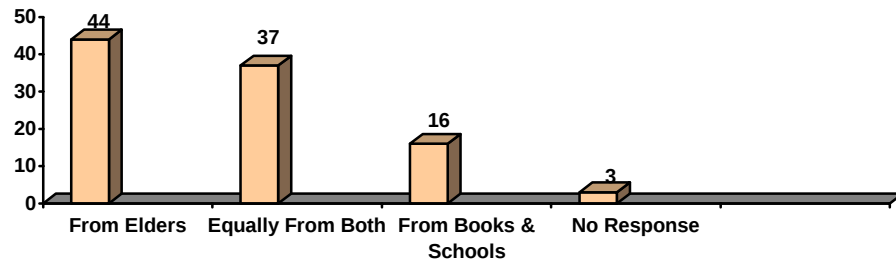
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the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association ([www.gallup-international.com](http://www.gallup-international.com); [www.gallup.com.pk](http://www.gallup.com.pk))

In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*Some people believe that most of what a child learns in life is acquired from their elders, while others believe that a child mostly learns from books and at schools. What is your view point?*” Forty four percent (44%) said elders play a vital role in imparting wisdom to the children, 37% believe that both the elders and books & schools educate children, and 16% give credit to only books and schools for increasing a child's knowledge. The remaining 3% of the respondents gave no response. A higher percentage of ruralites believe elders make children learn, and a higher percentage of urbanites believe both the elders and books & schools help in imparting knowledge to children.

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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 2739 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  $\pm 2$ -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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