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Majority of All Pakistanis Prefer Doctors and Teachers as Neighbours: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than two out of three Pakistanis (78%) would like to have doctors or teachers as their neighbours; these two professions have traditionally enjoyed a high level of respect in our society. On the other hand, very few people are amicable towards having jewellers, tailors and barbers as neighbours; only 7% would like to have them in their neighbourhood, showing a lower level of social status and prejudices or stereotypes about these professions.

When the respondents were asked, “*Suppose new people move in as your neighbours, what would you like their professions to be?*” the results indicate that majority, (43%) would prefer their neighbours to be doctors. Thirty five percent (35%) would like their neighbours to be a teacher, 12% prefer army officers, while only 7% of the respondents said they would want tailors, jewellers, or barbers as their neighbours. Two percent (2%) gave no response.

In a follow up question the respondents were asked which profession would they least want their neighbours to belong to. Twenty-eight percent (28%) would not like to have barbers and 25% would not like to have jewellers as their neighbours. Sixteen percent (16%) would not want army officers, and 11% said they do not want tailors to become their neighbours. Remaining 6% and 4% of the respondents would not want their neighbours to be doctors or teachers, respectively. Nine percent (9%) were unsure or gave no response. While the armed forces enjoy high level of trust in public opinion, higher than any other profession, it is intriguing that as many as 16% are reluctant to welcome officers of the armed forces as their neighbour. It is possibly explained by perceived security threat resulting from their proximity.

The data reveals a slightly higher preference for teachers in rural areas and a slightly higher preference for doctors in urban areas. A disproportionately higher percentage of rural respondents were averse to the idea of jewellers and barbers as neighbours.

“Suppose new people move in as your neighbours, what would you like their professions to be?”

Doctor	43%
Teacher	35%
Army Officer	12%
Tailor	3%
Jeweler	3%
Barber	1%
No Response	2%

“Which of the following professions would you not like your neighbour to belong to?”

Barber	28%
Jeweler	25%
Army Officer	16%
Tailor	11%
Doctor	6%
Teacher	4%
Don't know/ No Response	9%

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 2573 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during December 2008. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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