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## University Education For girls

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***MORE PARENTS ARE INCLINED TO PROVIDE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION TO THEIR GIRLS*** Gallup Survey on Social Changes in twenty years - October 8, 1999

In a recent Gallup Survey it was revealed that more than 95% urban parents wished to provide education to their girl child and 36% were keen that they should obtain University education. The trend towards providing higher education to women has gained ground during the last two decades. Earlier, in a Survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan nineteen years ago, 24% urban parents wished to provide University education to their girls. It is notable that opinion about imparting university education to boys has not changed over the years. In 1980, Sixty-two (62%) percent urban parents were inclined to provide university education for boys, whereas the figure now is 64%.

Another interesting finding of the survey is that opinions about providing higher education to their girls is fairly similar among rich and poor parents. 33% of low income and 38% of high income parents said they wish to providing university education to their girls.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan; the Pakistani Affiliate of Gallup international, according to the scientific principles of survey research, representing a cross-section of households belonging to different regional, income and social backgrounds. The complete text of weekly Gallup poll can be seen on the internet at [www.gallup.com.pk](http://www.gallup.com.pk)

**Question:** In your view, how much education should be imparted to boys and girls?

|                             | <i>Percent of Respondents</i> |      |             |      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
|                             | <b>Girls</b>                  |      | <b>Boys</b> |      |
|                             | 1999                          | 1980 | 1999        | 1980 |
| Higher Education/University | 36%                           | 24%  | 64%         | 62%  |
| Graduation                  | 24%                           | 5%   | 22%         | 9%   |
| Intermediate                | 12%                           | 5%   | 6%          | 2%   |
| Upto matric                 | 25%                           | 28%  | 5%          | 11%  |
| Not at all                  | 1%                            | -    | 0%          | -    |
| Other Responses             | 2%                            | 23%  | 3%          | 4%   |

Source: Gallup Survey (Pakistan)