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From The Editor

Dear Reader,



Gilani Research Team now brings to you a collection of daily polls releases in the form of a weekly digest, which gives you the opportunity to read opinions of the Pakistani public on various socio-political issues.

We hope it will be of interest to you and your readers.

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Gilani Research Foundation is headed by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani who pioneered the field of opinion in Pakistan and established Gallup Pakistan in 1980. Current Dr. Gilani, who hold a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has taught at leading universities in Pakistan and abroad, is Chairman of Gallup Pakistan (www.gallup.com.pk)

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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country with access to cable television were asked the following question: "Some people are in favor of Indian channels being shown on cable television while others are not. Are you in favor or against Indian channels being shown?" Forty three percent (43%) were in favor of Indian channels being shown on cable TV as opposed to 42% who were against it. 15% said they don't know.

A detailed study of the data revealed that comparatively more ruralites (46%) were against cable television showing Indian channels than their urban counterparts (36%). The survey also revealed that relatively more men (45%) than women (39%) were against this practice.

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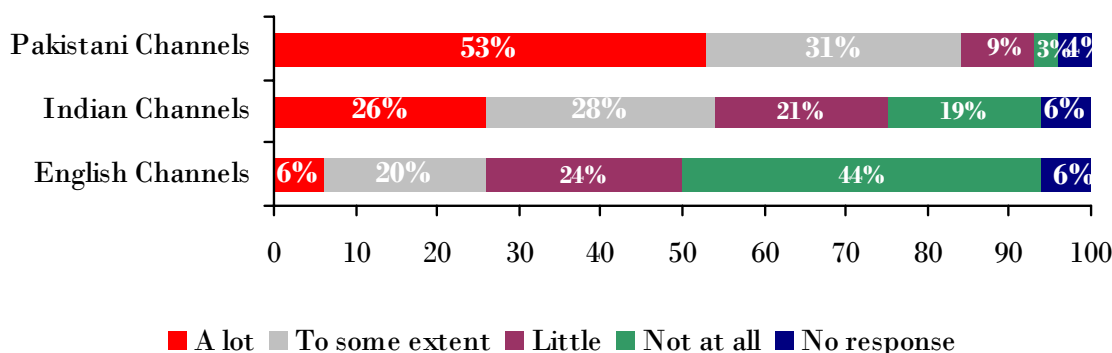
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In a follow-up question, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: “To what extent are the following television channels watched in your household?” Eighty four (84%) of the cable TV viewers claimed to watch Pakistani channels mostly, 54% Indian channels and 26% English channels.

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CONSPIRACY TO WARD OFF POLITICAL AGITATION?

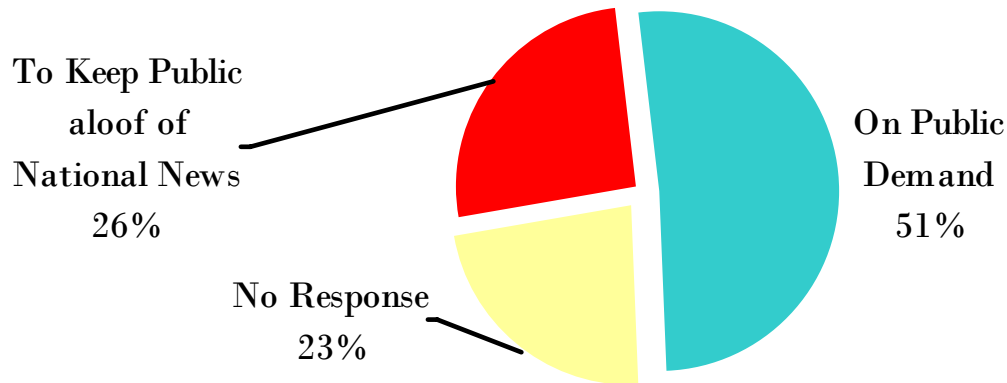
In another follow-up question, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: “Some people believe that Indian channels are being shown on cable channels to keep public aloof of the national news whereas others say that they are being shown on public demand. What is your opinion?” Majority (51%) believed that Indian channels are being shown on public demand as opposed to 26% who were of the opinion that it was to distract the public. A considerable 23% gave no response.

A detailed analysis of the survey revealed that relatively more urbanites (56%) believed that Indian channels are being shown on public demand than the rural dwellers (47%).

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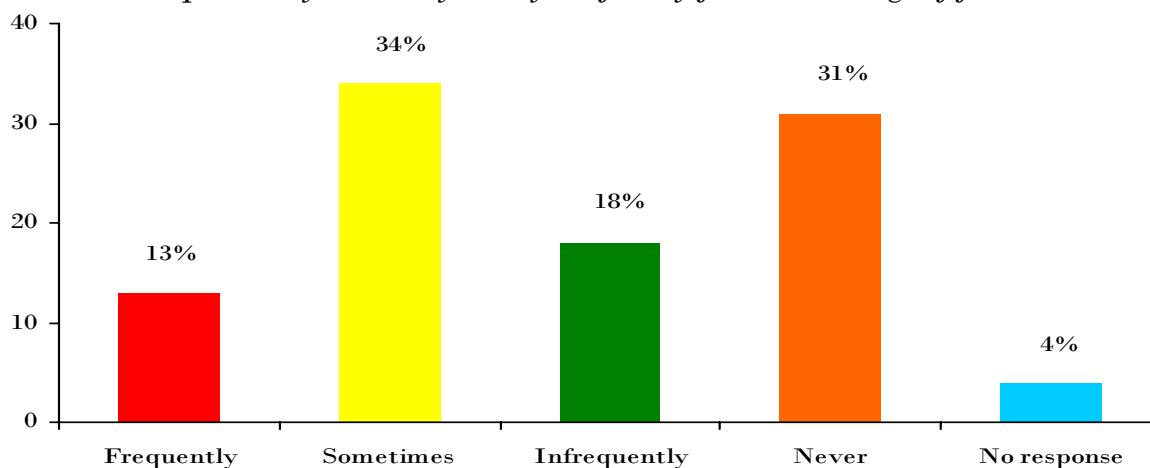
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: “In the past one year have you or your family faced a shortage of food items?” Thirteen percent (13%) said that they had faced shortage of food items frequently in the last one year, 34% claimed to have been confronted with this problem sometimes, 18% said infrequently whereas 31% said never. 4% gave no response.

A detailed analysis of the data revealed that more rural residents claimed to have frequently faced shortage of food items in the past year as compared to their urban counterparts.

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JAPAN EARTHQUAKE JOLTS GLOBAL VIEWS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY: Net favor globally falls from 25% to a mere 6%. However supporters continue to outnumber opponents by 49% : 43%: WIN-GALLUP INTERNATIONAL

Islamabad April 20, 2011

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The survey shows that supporters of nuclear energy who are 49% of the polled world still outnumber its opponents, who constitute 43%. But the gap between the two positions was much larger prior to Japan earthquake: Supporters were 57% while 32% opposed. In a nutshell, the gap between supporters and opponents suddenly fell from 25% to a mere 6%.

According to an expert at WIN-Gallup International, the worlds largest and the oldest network of opinion pollsters, operating since 1947, the new balance of opinions is likely to generate active lobbying on both sides. They point out that as the proponents and opponents of nuclear energy stand neck and neck at 49%:43%, the debate is likely to be fuelled by strong competitors on both sides.

The findings of this global survey titled Snap Poll by its organizers to highlight its release within 5 weeks from the earthquake show that nuclear energy has lost supporters both among countries which possess power plants and those which do not. In fact the fall in support among nuclear states is sharper at 9% compared to the non nuclear states of the sample where it is 5%. Among the countries polled in this survey 19 are nuclear states using this technology to produce electricity, while the remaining are non-nuclear states.

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Further analysis of the survey shows that the sharpest fall in support for nuclear energy comes from Japan itself where Net Favor fell by 41%: from 34% prior to the Earthquake to minus 7% in the aftermath of the earthquake and Tsunami which damaged Japanese nuclear power plants at Fukushima.

Views in Pakistan

On Nuclear Energy:

Views in Pakistan, where the nuclear debate is deeply tied to its military dimension, support for civilian use of nuclear technology has remained largely stable and dropped by only 2%. In Pakistan support level declined from 55% to 53%.

Views in Pakistan	Before Japan Earthquake	Before Japan Earthquake
Support	55%	53%
Oppose	24%	27%
No Response	21%	20%

Global Knowledge About Earthquake, Nuclear Leakage and role of Internet:

Not surprisingly 91%, world-wide, were aware of the Earthquake in Japan and 81% had also heard about the issue of Nuclear Leakages from the power plants at Fukushima. While the principal source of information happened to be the traditional media of Television, Radio and Newspapers, as many as 18% world-wide said they were keeping themselves updated on this historic disaster through the new media of Internet. The sample comprised a cross-section of people belonging to low, medium and high educational and income groups representative of their countries and belonged to urban as well as rural settings. The survey was one of the most representative of global population in the world.

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Global Views About the Resilience of Japan:

As Japan struggles with massive relief efforts to cope with one of the worst natural disasters in its history, that killed nearly thirty thousand of its citizens and displaced ten times as many more, the world asks the question: How will this disaster affect the Japanese? Will it succeed or fail in rebounding to pre Earthquake levels soon. Expert opinions apart, the global popular opinion is on the whole optimistic of Japan's resilience to face this crisis. As many as 48% of those polled globally expect Japan to restore to pre-earthquake levels (30%) or even higher (18%). In comparison, 38% are pessimistic and say Japan might find it hard to regain its former economic conditions. Notably the conservative or pessimistic view on resilience of the economy comes from within Japan itself where 55% are somewhat skeptical and its close neighbors, South Korea, where 47% hold this view and China where 67% are pessimistic. These views may reflect a modesty in the Japanese and East Asian cultures about what they can achieve.

Views in Pakistan

About the Resilience of Japan:

Optimism about the Resilience of Japan's economy is higher in Pakistan than the global average. Thus optimists are 60% who say Japan will either restore to pre-earthquake level (50%) or become even stronger (10%). As opposed to this the pessimists who think Japan may not be able to restore to pre-earthquake level are 23%. The remaining 17% are unable to give a view.

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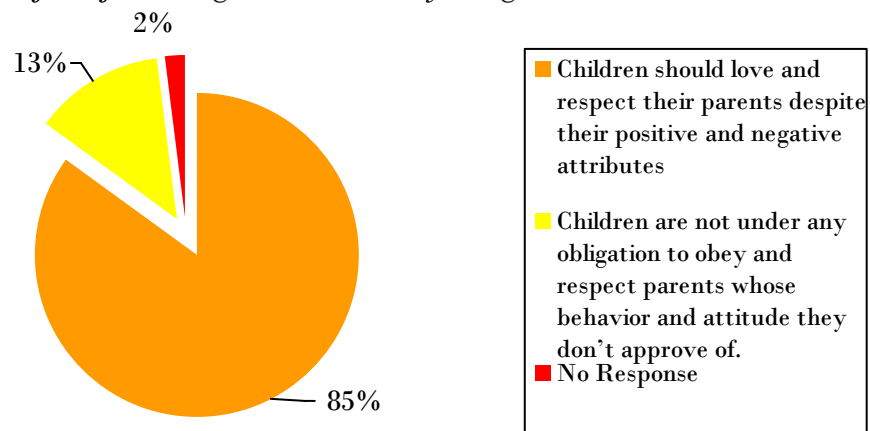
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked to agree with one of the following two statements. The first was 'Children should love and respect their parents despite their positive and negative attributes' and the second was 'Children are not under any obligation to obey and respect parents whose behavior and attitude they don't approve of.' Results show that 85% respondents agreed with the first statement while only 13% agreed with the second one. 1% said they did not know and 1% did not respond.

A detailed analysis of the survey shows that as compared to urban residents, a slightly higher percentage of rural respondents believe that parents should be given unconditional love and respect. There appears to be no significant difference of opinion in this regard across other demographic categories.

"Which of the following statements do you agree with?"



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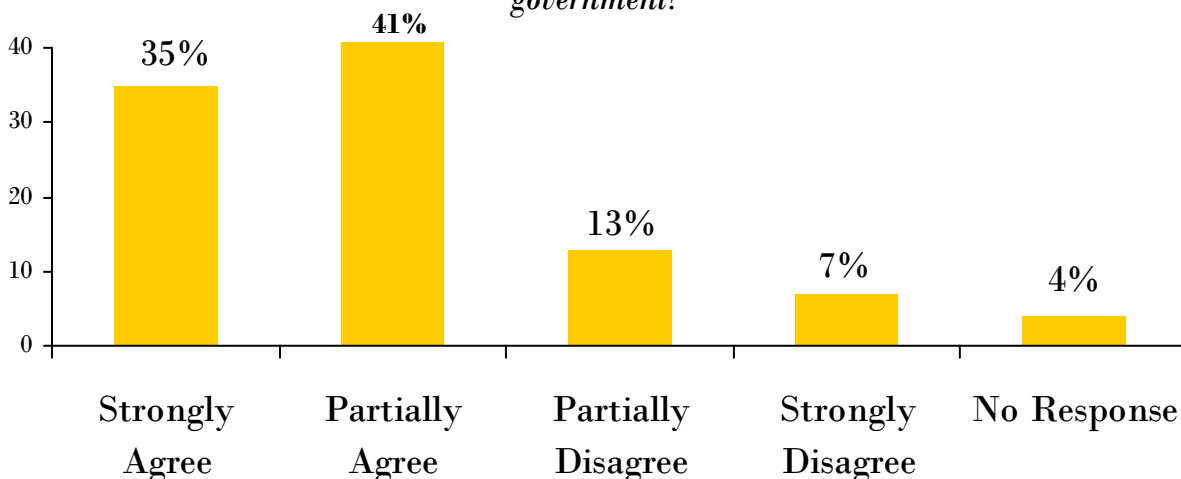
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked how far they agreed or disagreed with the following statement: "Democracy is the best system of government." While more than one third (35%) strongly agreed with this statement, another 41% partially agreed with it. Only a total of 20% people disagreed, with 7% strongly disagreeing and 13% partially disagreeing. 4% gave no response.

The data reveals no significant differences or trends across different demographics.

"How far do you agree with the following statement : Democracy is the best system of government?"



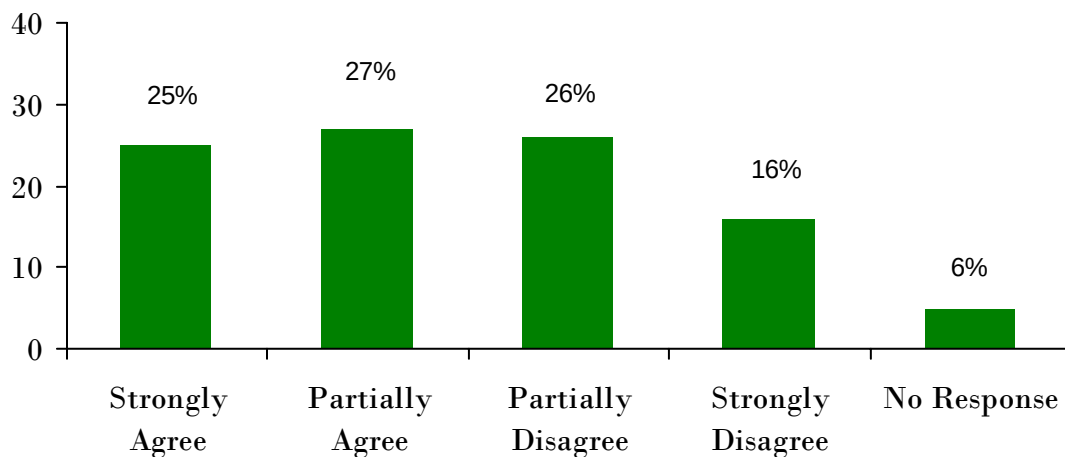
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In a further question, respondents were asked how far they agreed with the following statement: ‘A faulty democracy is better than a good military government.’ The responses to this statement show that 25% strongly agree and 27% partially agree with it while 26% partially disagree and 16% strongly disagree. Although there is significantly more disagreement with this statement than with the last, a total of 52% respondents have strongly or partially expressed the opinion that they prefer an imperfect democracy over a smoothly functioning military government.

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