



Opinion Poll
Healthcare – Smoking
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More than half Pakistanis (58%) believe that smoking is a sin or *makruh* in Islam. (Gilani Research Foundation/ GRF Poll)

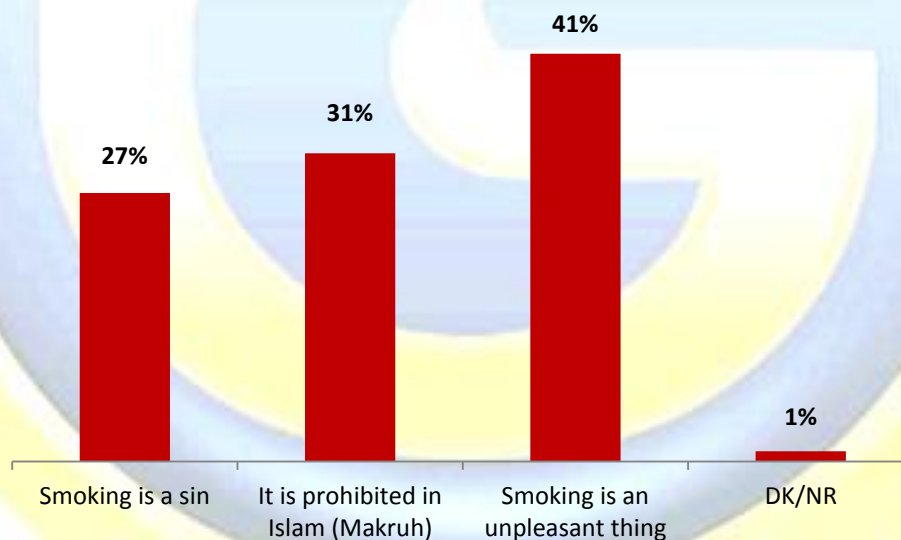
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Gallup Pakistan is releasing this press release in relation to “World No Tobacco Day” that is celebrated worldwide on the 31st of May each year. According to a survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan, 58% Pakistanis believe that smoking is a sin and *makruh* in Islam; and 84% smokers say that if a ban on smoking is enforced in public places then they would consider quitting smoking.

Smoking, a sin? 58% Pakistanis believe that smoking is a sin and/or *makruh* in Islam

A nationally representative of 1788 adult men and women across the four provinces was asked the following question, “Some people think that tobacco smoking is a sin and a curse, while other people think that smoking is not a sin but an unpleasant thing. What is your opinion?” In response, 27% said that smoking is a sin, 31% said that it is prohibited in Islam (*Makruh*). On the other hand, 41% said that smoking is an unpleasant thing. 1% did not respond.

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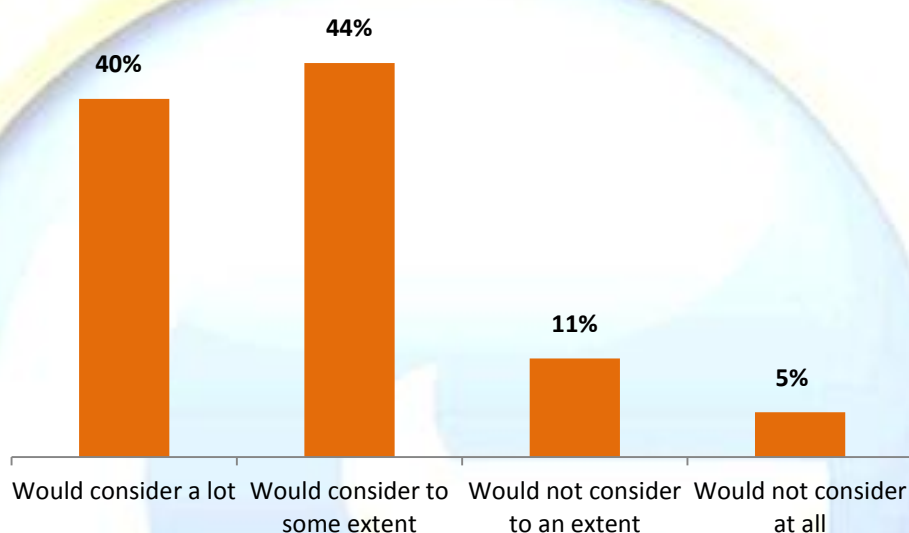


Source: Gilani Research Foundation Poll (GRF Poll)
Field work conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association
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Smoking in Public Places: 84% smokers in Pakistan say that if a ban on cigarette smoking is enforced in public places, they would consider quitting smoking altogether

A representative sample of 231 men and women who smoke cigarettes were asked: “Suppose a ban on cigarette smoking is enforced in public places. Would you then consider quitting smoking?” In response to this question, 40% said that they would consider a lot about quitting smoking, 44% said that they would consider it to some extent while 11% said that they would not consider it to an extent and 5% said that they would not consider it at all.

Question: “Suppose a ban on cigarette smoking is enforced in public places. Would you then think about quitting smoking?”



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The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1788 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during February 01 – February 08, and May 16 – May 23, 2016. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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