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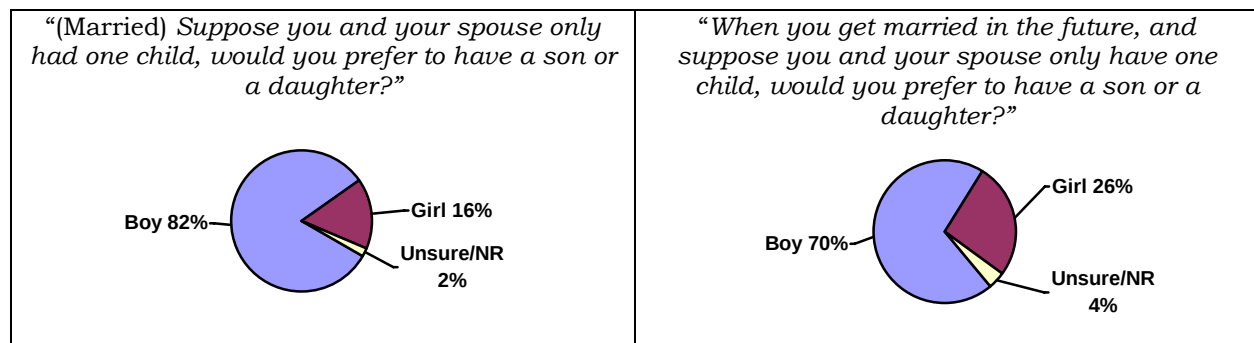
More than Two Thirds Prefer to Have Sons: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the preference for baby boy, as a single child, is higher amongst both married and unmarried Pakistanis across all demographics. However the survey found out that slightly higher number of unmarried people tend to hope for a daughter as their single child.

The respondents were asked “If you were to have only one child, would you prefer a son or a daughter?” Amongst married respondents, 82% said they would prefer a son, where as 16% would have wanted a daughter had they been granted only one child. The remaining 2% were either unsure or gave no response. On the other hand, 70% of unmarried respondents claimed to want a baby boy, while 26% said they would prefer a daughter and 4% were either unsure or gave no response.

The survey’s findings show that a proportionately higher percentage of ruralites (84%) as compared to their urban counterparts (79%) claimed to want a baby boy if God was to grant them only one child.



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 2754 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during September 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

Gallup Pakistan proposes that its poll results be attributed as Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. This is to distinguish our polls from polls on Pakistan sometimes released by other organizations not part of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com) and referred to by the same title. Also please see necessary Disclaimer on our website (www.gallup.com.pk). Gallup Pakistan takes responsibility for only its own polls on Pakistan.

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