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Islamabad-According to a recent Gallup poll faithfulness is considered the most important attribute for a successful married life in Pakistan (90%), followed by mutual understanding and respect for each other (71%) and helping each other in household work (66%). But in addition to theses moral and ethical considerations a large number of people think that material comforts are also important in creating amicable relations amongst spouses. 58% of the respondents in the national survey said that a reasonable income 58% and a decent house 45% are also essential for a happy married life.

It is interesting that views are sharply divided on two issues: matters of politics and family pattern. 32% think that to live separately from in-laws is essential for happy married life. However 26% strongly dispute this contention. Similarly 33% believe that agreement on political views can be very crucial for happy marriage, while 30% dispute this and believe that husband and wife can live happily without agreeing in their political views.

The following question was asked:

QUESTION: Please tell us how important are the following considerations for a happy married life in your view?

	Very necessary	Some what necessary	Not necessary at all
Faithfulness	90	4	-
Mutual understanding	71	17	4
Mutual respect	71	17	5
Help in household work	66	20	6
Reasonable income	58	30	5
Decent house	45	36	11
Belonging to same family	48	36	19
Sharing interest	59	24	8
Living separately from in –laws	32	34	26
Agreeing on politics	33	28	30