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According to a Gallup poll held in January 2000 soon after the arrest of serial killer Javed Iqbal, a majority favoured his immediate hanging, but a sizeable minority supported the view that he should be given a fair trial. A national urban sample of more than 1000 men and women were asked *"The serial killer of the hundred children has recently been arrested. Some people say he should be immediately hanged others say this is not proper, he should be given a fair trial. What is your view?"* 69% favoured immediate hanging, 29% favoured fair trial while 2% did not give a view.

The survey findings show that men are more in favour of immediate hanging than women. The support for fair trial was relatively higher among the affluent class, while the support for immediate hanging was relatively higher among the lower income group.

Social analysts at Gallup are keenly tracking views on the subject to seek how the new disclosures by the accused and its media coverage would influence public opinion on this issue which gained national notoriety after Javed Iqbal first shocked the nation by confessing the crime through a letter to the press and later when he voluntarily surrendered himself to the police at the offices of a major newspaper.

The survey was conducted among more than one thousand representative sample of urban men and women covering a cross section of various age, income and educational groups. The error margin in a survey of this kind is around 3 percent at 95 percent confidence level. The complete text of Gallup weekly poll may be seen on the internet at www.gallup.com.pk.