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Perceptions on Kerry-Lugar Bill: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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A recent Gilani poll conducted during the period September 27- October 5 by Gallup Pakistan shows Pakistani public's views and perceptions are highly critical of the latest Kerry-Lugar bill introduced by America, according to which the foreign aid given to Pakistan would triple. It is conceivable that views might have changed slightly (in either direction) since then, as a result of heated public debate on this subject during the week following survey dates.

Views on Kerry Lugar Bill with Conditionalities: Only 15% support Kerry Lugar Aid Bill with conditionalities, 52% oppose, and 33% said they do not know.

Views on Effectiveness of Aid Money: 36% believe American money under the latest aid proposal will improve Pakistan's economy, 60% believe it will not. Similarly, only 27% believe that such aid will improve common man's life, while 69% say it will not improve the life of an average citizen.

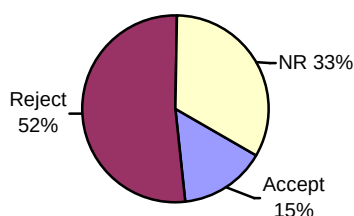
Views on Economic Dependence of Pakistan: 33% believe Pakistan is surviving on foreign aid, implying it has no choice but to seek aid, while 62% disagree and 5% did not give a response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked *"In your view should Pakistan accept or not accept the conditions for receiving one and a half billion dollars financial foreign aid mentioned in the Kerry Lugar bill?"* Fifteen percent (15%) said yes where as majority (52%) said no. A significant 33% said they do not know. The findings reveal that a majority in all parts of the country is opposed to accepting Kerry Lugar bill with its conditionalities, but the opposition is slightly milder in rural Sindh where 33% support its acceptance (as opposed to a national average of 15%) and 44% reject it (as opposed to a national average of 52%). It is also seen that voters of People's Party are somewhat more supportive of Kerry Lugar bill with conditions as 24% of them support and 48% reject it. The acceptance of Kerry Lugar bill with conditions is only 9% among PML (N) voters, 9% in ANP voters and 12% in MQM voters.

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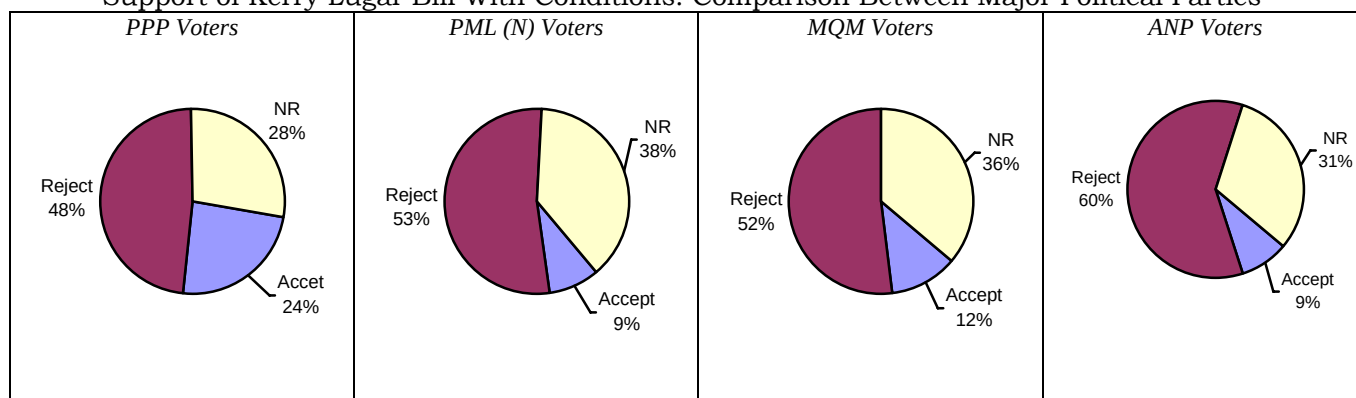
	Accept (%)	Reject (%)	NR (%)
All Pakistan	15	52	33
Voting Intention Wise			
PPP Voters	24	48	28
PML (N) Voters	9	53	36
MQM Voters	12	52	36
ANP Voters	9	60	31
All Others	15	53	31

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Support of Kerry Lugar Bill With Conditions: Comparison Between Major Political Parties



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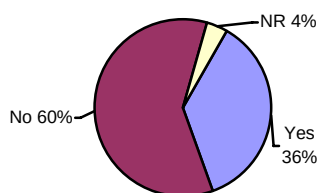
In another question the respondents were asked “Recently America has decided to give a huge amount of financial aid to Pakistan for the next 5 years for which a Kerry Lugar bill has been passed. In your view would this aid help in the economic development of the country?” Thirty six percent (36%) believe this aid will help the economic development where as almost two third (60%) believe otherwise. The remaining 4% were unsure or gave no response. The results show that a higher percentage of respondents from NWFP (79%) as compared to Punjab and Sindh believe that Kerry Lugar bill is of no help for economic development. On the other hand, a proportionately higher percentage of PPP voters (45%) are optimistic about the positive impact of Kerry Lugar bill on the economy of Pakistan.

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	Yes (%)	No (%)	NR (%)
All Pakistan	36	60	4
Voting Intention Wise			
PPP Voters	45	55	-
PML (N) Voters	31	63	6
MQM Voters	38	61	1
ANP Voters	29	71	-
All Others	34	60	6

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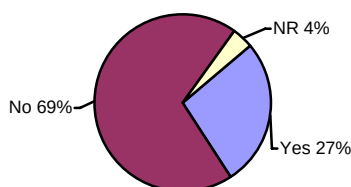
When the respondents were asked whether they think aid received through Kerry Lugar bill would have a positive impact or an ordinary person's life, one fourth (27%) believe it would while 69% said it will not make any difference in an ordinary person's life and 4% gave no response. It is again noticed that PPP voters are slightly more positive about the impact of Kerry Lugar bill at grass-root levels as compared to the PML (N), MQM, and ANP voters.

“Will this aid make a difference in an ordinary person's life?”

	Yes (%)	No (%)	NR (%)
All Pakistan	27	69	4
Voting Intention Wise			
PPP Voters	39	60	1
PML (N) Voters	20	73	7
MQM Voters	18	82	-
ANP Voters	13	86	1
All Others	28	67	5

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Views on Economic Dependence of Pakistan:

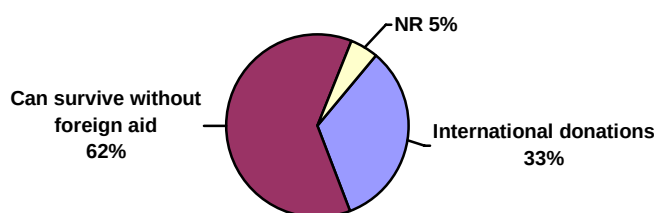
In a follow up questions the respondents were asked *“In your view is Pakistan functioning with the help of foreign aid from America and other countries or can it progress on its own?”* Thirty three percent (33%) believe Pakistan's survival depends on the foreign aid where as a majority (62%) are positive that Pakistan can advance on its own. The remaining 5% of the respondents gave no response. The findings show that a slightly higher percentage of ruralites (36%) as compared to the urbanites (28%) believe Pakistan's development depends on the foreign aid coming in from America or any other country. It is also seen that a considerably higher percentage of ANP supporters believe Pakistan can progress on its own where as a high number of PPP voters think otherwise.

“In your view is Pakistan functioning with the help of foreign aid from America and other countries or can it progress on its own?”

	International donations (%)	Can survive on its own (%)	NR (%)
All Pakistan	33	62	5
Voting Intention Wise			
PPP Voters	50	49	1
PML (N) Voters	27	67	6
MQM Voters	35	65	-
ANP Voters	13	87	-
All Others	30	65	5

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Commentary by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani:

Commenting on the survey Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, Chairman Gallup Pakistan, said:

The conditionalities of Kerry-Lugar Bill have attracted a peculiarly negative tone. But there has been a growing perception that American economic assistance does not deliver results and that Pakistanis should seek to help themselves. The country is roughly divided between two thirds who take a more self reliant attitude and one third who think otherwise. The heightened opposition to politically sensitive conditionalities should be read in that context.

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 over 2500 men and women from rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country and comprised a cross section of various age, income, education, and linguistic groups of the national population during the period September 27- October 5, 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approx. $\pm$ 2-3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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