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61 % Blame Current Government for the Rising Inflation: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

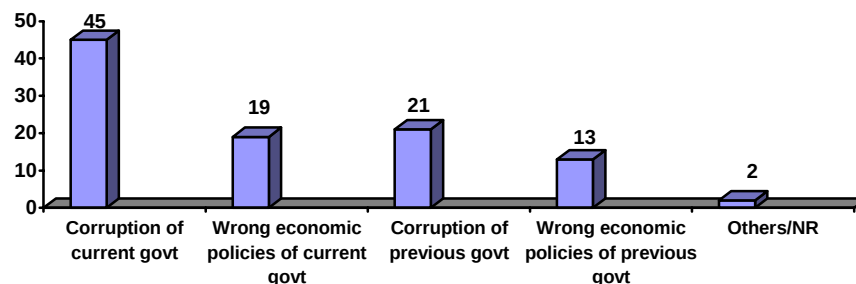
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, almost two thirds of all Pakistanis (64%) hold the current government responsible for the increasing inflation in the country. However a significantly high percentage of respondents (34%) claim it is due to the poor performance of the previous government which has led to rising inflation and 2% blame it on other factors or gave no response. At the start of the year popular opinion was still blaming the previous government for economic hardship. However the situation has reversed by end of year and more people put the blame on the current incumbent. The current government was elected in February 2008.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*In your view what could be the reason (choose one) for increasing inflation in the country?*” Forty five percent (45%) claimed it is due to the corruption of the current government, 19% blame it on the wrong economic policies of the current government where as 21% said increasing inflation is caused by the corruption of the previous government and 13% blame it on the wrong economic policies of the previous government. The remaining 2% blame it on some other factors or gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in the opinion of the public from across various demographics; Pakistanis unanimously blame the current government for high inflation rates.

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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 2770 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during November 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ 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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