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Perceptions about the Official Report on Sugar Scandal: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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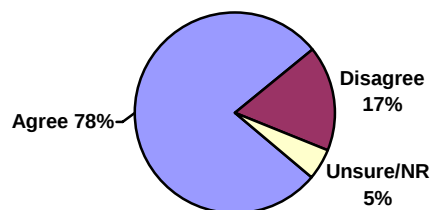
Background:

Pakistan has been suffering from sugar crisis for a long time now, and in this year 2009 this crisis has become more severe. After investigating the cause of this shortfall of sugar an official report was just recently submitted to the Supreme Court, according to which many high officials and politicians are charged guilty.

To find out what the public thinks about the findings of this report a Gilani Research Foundation survey was carried out by Gallup Pakistan. The result shows that more than two thirds of all Pakistanis (78%) agree that the culprits have been correctly identified in the official NAB report, 17% disagree and 5% gave no response. It is likely that most respondents do not know about the details of the report. Their survey results should therefore be seen as their perceptions about the media coverage of the report. When asked if the guilty people would be punished, majority expressed their high expectations from the justice of Supreme Courts decision as they believe that there are a lot or at least somewhat chances for responsible people being penalized. Only 16% believe otherwise, and 21% have slightly less hope of them being punished, 4% gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Just recently an official report on the crisis of sugar in 2006 was issued by NAB, according to which many politicians and sugar owners are responsible for this shortfall of sugar throughout the country. Do you agree or disagree with this report?*” Seventy eight percent (78%) claimed to agree with this report, where as 17% disagree. The remaining 5% were unsure or gave no response. It is revealed that comparatively a higher percentage of respondents from Sindh and more men than women claimed to agree with this official report on sugar crisis. It is also seen that a proportionately higher percentage of ANP voters believe in the report.

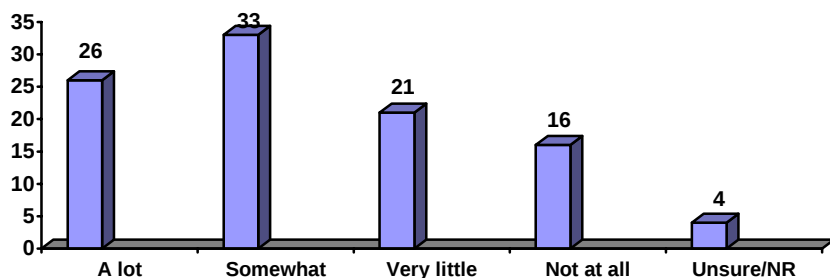
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In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*The report which is prepared on the sugar crisis has been submitted to the supreme court. According to this report if the charged persons are proved guilty, what are the chances that they will be punished?*” Twenty six percent (26%) believe there are a lot of chances the culprits will be penalized, 33% claimed there are somewhat chances, and 21% believe there only very little chances for that to happen. Sixteen percent (16%) of the respondents do not think any punishment will be given to people who will be proved guilty of creating such a severe sugar crisis in the country while the remaining 4% were unsure or gave no response. The results show that a proportionately higher percentage of ruralites (62%) as compared to the urbanites (54%) and more respondents from NWFP than from Punjab or Sindh believe there are a lot of or some what chances of the responsible people being punished. It is also noticed that a significantly higher percentage of ANP voters are positive that justice will be done and guilty people will be penalized.

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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 more than 2700 and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during October 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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