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Ideological Debates Undermine Economic Development of Pakistan; 40 % Agree, 43 % Disagree: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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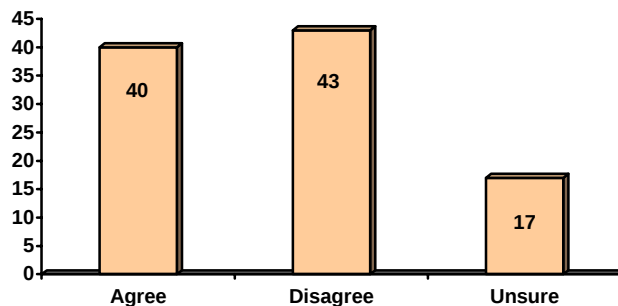
According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, according to forty percent (40%) of all Pakistanis the never ending ideological discussions on politics undermine economic development while 43% believe such discussions are harmless and 17% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were read out a list of statements and were asked “*People in Pakistan have different viewpoints. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: Ideological debates are impeding the economic development of the country?*” There was a split of views between those who believe (40%) that **‘Ideological debates are impeding the economic development of the country’** and those who disagree (43%). The remaining 17% of the respondents were unsure.

The findings reveal that a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites agree that such debates undermine a country’s economic development process.

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** Note for the reader: The question wording is drawn, verbatim, from a debate topic. As explained at the start this report, the wording therefore may not always conform to the standard question wording required by scientific survey questions.*



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 2765 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during October 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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