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*Gallup Pakistan looks into the Immigration Syndrome or the drift to settle
abroad - November 17, 2000***

Recent surveys by Gallup Pakistan show that more than 90% of Pakistanis continue to take pride in being a Pakistani, but their confidence in its economic future has considerably diminished over the last fifteen years. This combined with globalization technologies which allow people to settle abroad without cutting ties with their motherland and extended families drifts an increasing number of Pakistanis to seek a permanent home abroad. According to the latest survey 38% of a national sample of adults said they would like to permanently settle abroad if such an opportunity was available. This is more than twice as many as those who expressed such desire in a comparable survey by Gallup in 1984, when only 17% gave this response. The survey was conducted among more than 1500 statistically selected households in all the four provinces of the country, comprising a cross-section of various income, educational and linguistic backgrounds. The latest survey was carried out in October 2000 and it asked a series of questions regarding work abroad and reasons underlying the desire to immigrate.

According to the highlights of recent surveys nearly two third of the respondents (62%) said they would like to work abroad. However only 38% said that they would like to settle abroad. The comparable figures in a similar survey fifteen years ago were 49% for work abroad and 17% for settling abroad. The survey also shows that nearly 5% of households in Pakistan have at least one person from their immediate family who has settled abroad. These households were asked to give reasons which led their kin to leave the country. Seventy percent (70%) cited better economic prospect, while 12% said their kin were not motivated to go abroad because of immediate economic benefit but out of a fear of poor "future economic prospects"; 6% cited poor law and order in Pakistan as the reason to leave it, while the remaining 12% cited miscellaneous reasons.

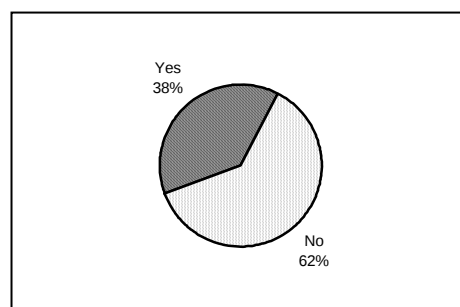
Analysts at Gallup have linked the rising immigration syndrome to two principal causes. Firstly, a declining hope in the country's economic future. They point out that in 1986 72% of the respondents to Gallup survey agreed with the statement "Pakistan will make tremendous progress in the next ten years". Now this figure has dropped to 54%. Secondly, the analysts say, the new technologies of globalization have facilitated travel and constant telecom links, moreover small communities of Pakistanis and Muslims have developed in countries of immigration. Thus immigration can take place without cutting ties with the motherland and its culture. The new immigration syndrome, they say, is a complex phenomenon which should be understood in its entirety.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International among more than 1500 statistically selected households in both rural and urban areas of all the four provinces of Pakistan. The sample comprised a cross section of various income,

education and geographic segments. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: www.gallup.com.pk

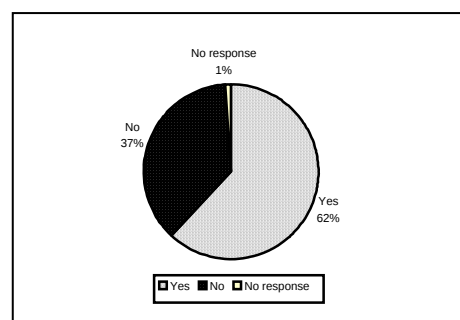
Question: *(If the opportunity was available)* Would you like to permanently settle in some country other than Pakistan?

<i>Percent of Respondents</i>		
Year →	2000	1984
Yes	38%	17%
No	62%	76%
No response	0%	7%



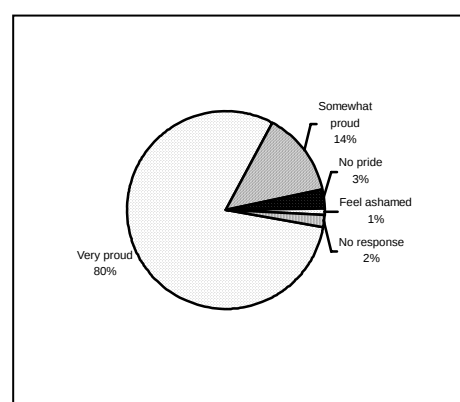
Question: If you get a chance to work abroad, would you like to work abroad?

<i>Percent of Respondents</i>		
Year →	1999	1984
Yes	62%	49%
No	37%	44%
No response	1%	7%



Question: How much pride do you feel in calling yourself a Pakistani?

<i>Percent of Respondents</i>		
Year →	2000	1983
Very proud	80%	88%
Some what proud	14%	5%
No pride	3%	3%
Feel ashamed	1%	2%
No Response	2%	2%



Source: Gallup Pakistan Surveys