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NRO Strike Down Likely to Find Few to Mourn: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

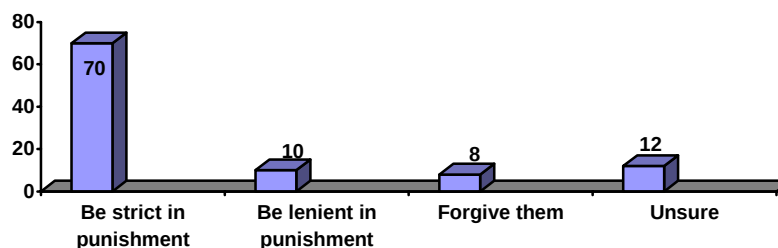
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A week prior to Supreme Courts decision to strike down NRO a Gilani Research Foundation survey was carried out by Gallup Pakistan to find out public's opinion about NRO's beneficiaries. According to this survey, a vast majority of 70% wanted the Supreme Court to be harsh on NRO beneficiaries, 10% favored lenient penalties and only 8% favored pardon; 12% were unsure and did not respond.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked *"In your view, regarding the NRO issue, should chief justice Iftikhar Chaudhry strictly punish the respective beneficiaries, be lenient, or forgive them?"* Seventy percent (70%) said they should be strictly penalized, 10% favoured being lenient and not give severe punishments, whereas only 8% said the involved people should be forgiven. The remaining 12% of the respondents were unsure.

The findings of the survey reveal that a proportionately higher percentage of ruralites and men wanted the Supreme Court to take strict action against beneficiaries who previously got relieved by the NRO. It is also seen that a higher percentage of PML (N) and ANP supporters are looking forward to the respective politicians being strictly punished after the Chief Justice announced the cancellation of NRO.

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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 2740 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during 6-12 December 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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