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Views On Women's Legal Share According to Shariah: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the views of all respondents are divided on whether women in Pakistan get their Islamic right of share in property. While 56% believe they do, 44% believe women do not get their proper in family property.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked *"In your view do women in your household or in families around you, get their legal share as prescribed by the Islamic law (Shariah)?"* Fifty six percent (56%) believe that women do get their proper share, where as 44% of the respondents said that women do not get their legal share as prescribed by the Islamic law. One percent (1%) gave no response.

The data reveals that an equal percentage of both men (56%) and women (55%) believe that women in their family or in other families receive their proper amount of share as prescribed in Islamic law. It is also seen that a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites (66%) than ruralites (51%) and respondents from higher income groups have claimed that women in their families or in families around them, are given their proper share in the family's property.

"In your view do women in your household or in families around you, get their legal share as prescribed by the Islamic law (Shariah)?"

Yes	56%
No	44%
No response	1%

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 2721 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during May-June 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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