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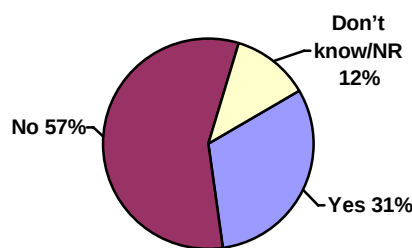
One Third (31 %) Pakistanis Are Aware of Geneva Convention; 61 % Believe it Decreases Civilian Casualties: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, one third of all Pakistanis (31%) are familiar with the Geneva Convention where as 57% claimed to have no knowledge about it. Amongst those who are aware of it, 24% believe it protects civilians to a great extent, 37% said to some extent and 19% believe Geneva Convention has a very little affect on the number of civilian sufferings during wartime. Five percent (5%) of the respondents think that Geneva Convention does not protect civilians in any way and 15% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Have you ever heard of the Geneva Convention?*” Thirty one percent (31%) said that they have while 57% said that they have not. Twelve percent (12%) gave no response. A proportionately higher percentage of people from the urban areas (36%) as compared to their rural counterparts (28%) claimed to have heard about the Geneva Convention. It is also seen that more men (40%) than women (21%) are familiar with Geneva Convention.

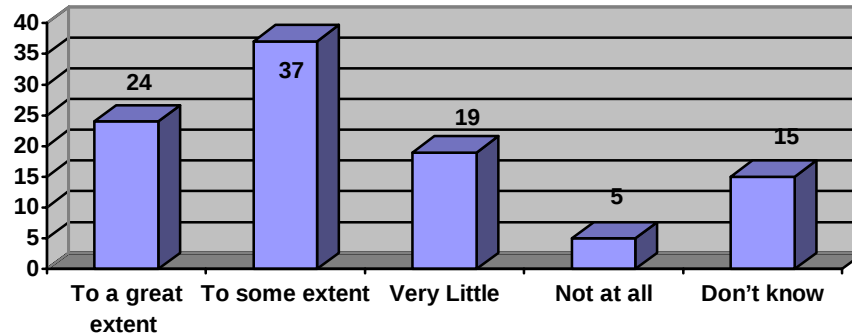
“Have you ever heard of the Geneva Convention?”



Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

In a follow up question respondents were asked “*To what extent do you think Geneva Convention limits the sufferings of the civilians during wartime?*” Twenty four percent (24%) are of the notion that it does limit civilians from suffering to a great extent, 37% said to some extent and 19% believe Geneva Convention has a very little affect on the number of civilian sufferings during wartime. Five percent (5%) of the respondents think that Geneva Convention does not protect civilians in any way and 15% were unsure. The findings show that interestingly a comparatively higher percentage of ruralites (67%) than urbanites (51%) and women (68%) than men (57%) believe Geneva Convention safeguards the lives of the civilians during wars to a great or at least some extent.

“To what extent do you think the existence of Geneva Convention limits the suffering of civilians during war time?”



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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The survey was carried out among a sample of 2581 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during November 2008. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 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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