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According to a survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan in September this year 42% of Pakistanis said their country was being ruled by the will of the people, 56% said it was not while 2% did not give a response. Commenting on this analysts at Gallup Pakistan say: "This survey was conducted before the elections. It would be interesting to see changes in popular perception after a civilian government assumes power now that the polls have been conducted".

Curiously the comparable figure in only a few of the 23 countries where the global survey on the subject was held is higher than Pakistan. For example only 44% of Americans say their country is being ruled by the will of the people.

The survey in Pakistan was carried out among a statistically selected sample of a cross section of the urban men and women in all the four provinces of the country. It included people of various age, income and educational backgrounds, according to their proportion in the population.

The findings of the global Gallup International survey conducted simultaneously in August and September of 2002 show that 33% of the people of India believe their country is being ruled by the will of the people. The figure is much lower in countries such as Russia where only 12% believe their country is being run by the will of the people. Similarly only 8% of the people of Turkey according to the Gallup International survey believe their country is being run by the will of the people.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. It was conducted among nearly 1200 men and women spread over all the four provinces of Pakistan. The error margin would be $\pm 5\%$ at 95% confidence level. The text of this Note can also be seen at Gallup's website. See www.gallup.com.pk