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GALLUP PAKISTAN POLL FINDINGS ON MUSHARRAF'S RESIGNATION

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Given below are the findings of a Snap straw-poll conducted soon after Pervez Musharraf announced his resignation early afternoon Pakistan time. The poll was carried out by Gallup Pakistan (*Pakistan Institute of Public Opinion*) the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The sample size was approximately 560 men and women statistically chosen from major urban areas of the country comprising a cross-section of all ages, socio-economic and linguistic groups. Interviews were carried face to face. Error margin is estimated to be approx. ± 5 percent at 95 percent confidence level.

SURVEY FINDINGS

The majority of Pakistanis, 63% rejoice over President Musharraf's resignation, while only 15% regret it. 20% were ambivalent about saying they were neither happy or unhappy. Demands for Musharraf's resignation had been rising consistently since November last year when he suspended the Constitution (see *previous Gallup Pakistan polls*: www.gallup.com.pk). According to Musharraf, the reason for imposing 'Emergency' was to safeguard Pakistan. In his resignation speech, he again cited Pakistan's best interests as the reason behind his departure. However, 70% dispute Musharraf's claim to have resigned with the motive of 'Pakistan First'. Instead, they say he resigned in personal interest—'Musharraf First' approach. The majority of Pakistanis, 64%, also reject his claims of economic accomplishments and good government during his term. Surveys have shown that, rightly or wrongly, majority of Pakistanis attribute current economic crisis and inflation to bad policies of Musharraf regime.

The majority of Pakistanis take a pessimistic view of the past nine years, 70% saying it was bad or vary bad and only 18% saying it was good or very good. The remaining did not give a view. As his tenure comes to an end, 55% Pakistanis expect that conditions in the country will improve with Musharraf's resignation, 19% take a pessimistic view saying conditions will worsen; 19% expect no change.

Although there is uncertainty as to whether charges will be pressed against the former President, for suspending the Constitution among others things, 65% support holding a proper trial while only 26% are in favor of the "forgive and forget" option. When respondents were given a hypothetical scenario: "Suppose you are a judge in a court and President Musharraf's case is presented to you what decision would you take?" 72% say if they were giving verdict as judge they would give harsh or some punishment to Musharraf.

On the issues of restoring deposed judges, 85% want Iftikhar Chaudry and other judges to be restored immediately, 6% oppose restoration, while 9% advise not to take up the issue right now.

Poll found that sentiments about Musharraf cut across Gender, Age and Incomes groups.

President Pervez Musharraf has given his resignation. Are you happy or unhappy with this news?

Happy	63
UnHappy	15
Neither happy nor Unhappy	20
Don't Know	1

What is your opinion about President Musharraf's nine year tenure?

Very good	11
Good	18
Bad	30
Very Bad	40

In his speech, President Musharraf gave a lot of positive points about his Government. Some people think all these points are correct some think they are incorrect. Do you think that these points are mostly correct or mostly incorrect?

Mostly Correct	26
Mostly Incorrect	64
Don't Know	10

Do you think after President Musharraf's resignation the conditions in our country will improve, worsen or remain the same as before?

Improve	55
Worsen	19
No change	19
Don't Know	7

Some people think that there should be legal proceedings against President Musharraf for breaking the law and for others accusations, whilst some people think this should not happen. Should there be a legal proceedings or not?

There should be legal proceedings	65
There should be no legal proceedings	26
Don't know	9

Suppose you are a judge in a court and President Musharraf's case is presented to you what decision would you take?

Very strict Punishment	49
Some what strict Punishment	23
No Punishment	19
Don't know	9

President Musharraf said in his speech that "Sab sey Pehlay Pakistan" was the reason for his resignation some other people think that he gave the resignation for his own sake. What is your opinion?

Sab sey pehlay Pakistan	25
For his own sake	70
Don't know	5