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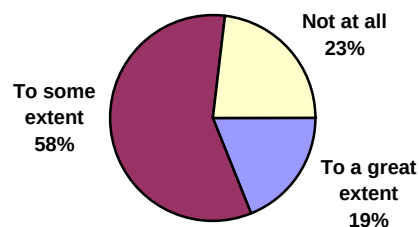
Two Third of Pakistanis (77 %) Take a Fair Amount of Interest in the Country's Politics: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of Pakistanis (77%) claimed to take a lot of or some what interest in the country's political affairs while 23% are not at all interested in politics. Fifty one percent (51%) try to stay informed and seek information regarding the country's current affairs, 27% discuss and analyze political affairs with other people, whereas 21% of the respondents actively take part in the country's politics.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked *"To what extent do you take interest in the country's politics?"* Nineteen percent (19%) said that they take a lot of interest and 58% claimed to be fairly interested in the country's political affairs. Twenty three percent (23%) of the respondents are not at all interested in the country's politics. A significantly higher percentage of men (90%) take a lot of or somewhat interest in politics as compared to their female counter parts (67%). The data also reveals that senior citizens of 51+ years of age are more interested in politics as opposed to younger individuals.

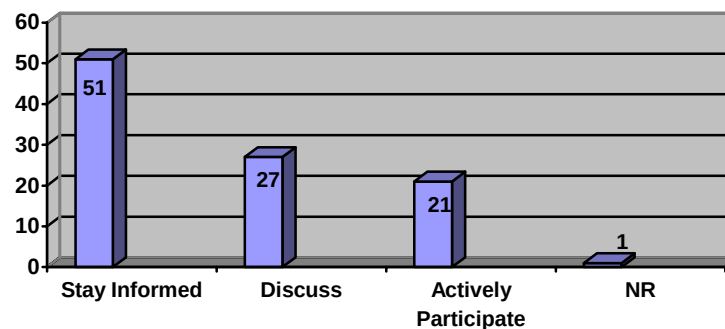
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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

To understand how Pakistanis take part in the country's political affairs, the respondents were asked *"People take interest in country's political affairs in various ways. In which of the following ways do you take part?"* Fifty one percent (51%) said they try to stay informed and seek information regarding the country's current affairs. Twenty seven percent (27%) said they discuss and analyze political affairs with other people where as 21% of the respondents actively take part in the country's politics. One percent (1%) gave no response. It was observed that a proportionately higher percentage of men claimed to actively participate in politics or at least take part in political discussions as compared to the women who mostly try to stay informed about matters pertaining to Pakistan's politics.

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This 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 1660 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during May 2008. 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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