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Medium of Education is the Sharpest Divider of Rural and Urban Pakistan: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

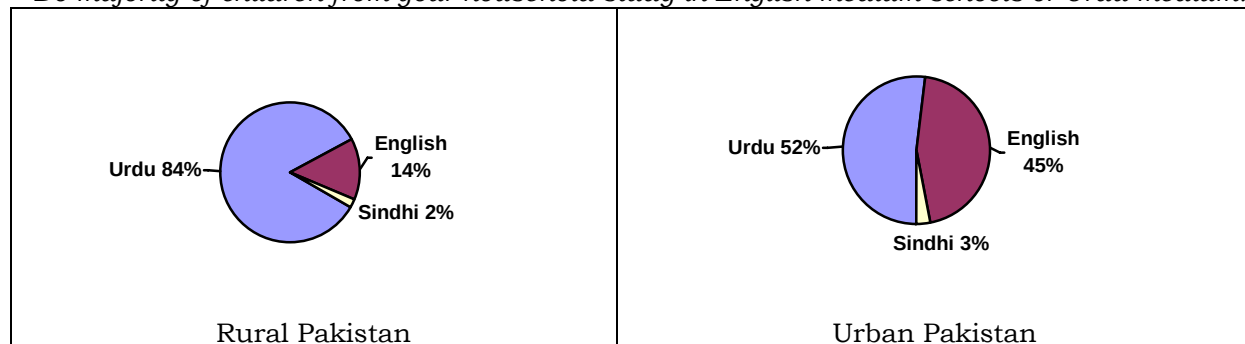
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, language of schooling or medium of Education is perhaps the sharpest divider of rural and urban Pakistan. Two thirds of Pakistan's 165 million live in rural areas and one third in urban Pakistan. A national survey shows that 84% of respondents in the rural areas as compared to 52% in the urban areas claim that majority of the children from their household study in Urdu medium schools. On the other hand, 19% of ruralites as compared to 56% in the urban areas seek English medium education for their children.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Do majority of children from your household study in English medium schools or Urdu medium?” It is seen that 84% of rural households with school going children claim that most of their children are schooled in Urdu medium schools. The figure drops to only 52% in urban Pakistan. By the same account 45% of children in urban Pakistan go to English medium schools compared to only 14% in rural Pakistan.

CURRENT PRACTICE

“Do majority of children from your household study in English medium schools or Urdu medium?”



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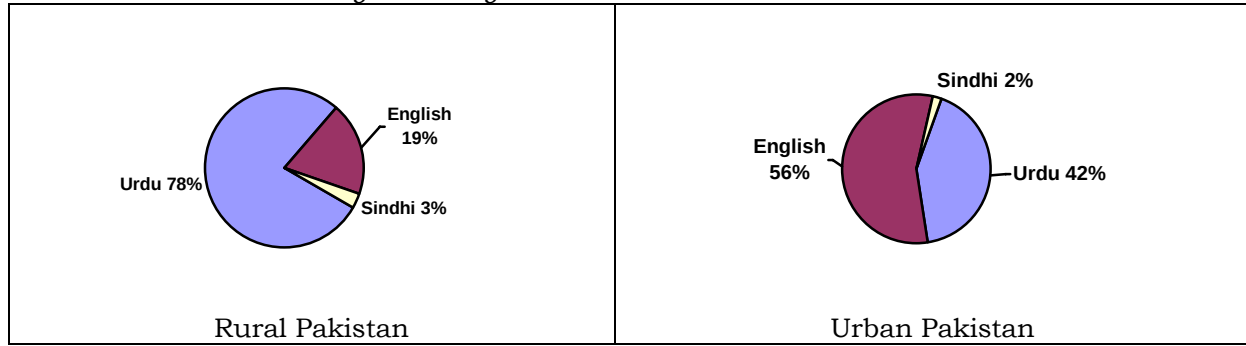
ASPIRATIONS

Aspirations for future on the same subject are not very different from current behaviour: 78% of rural respondents who have school going children in the household would like them to study in Urdu medium schools compared with 42% in the urban areas. The comparable figures for English medium are 19% and 56%.

Only one regional language, Sindhi, figures prominently, as the current or aspired medium of instruction. Thus Sindhi is currently opted by 21% of households who speak Sindhi as mother tongue and 27% of them aspire for the same.

ASPIRATIONS

“If your children are studying, please tell us whether you would like your children to study in an English medium school or an Urdu medium?”



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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 2789 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during November 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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