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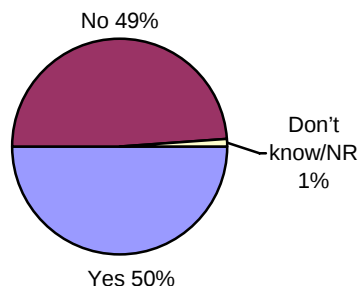
50 % of All Pakistanis Believe There Are Aliens Living on Other Planets: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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While most depictions of extraterrestrials are found in fiction, according to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, half of all Pakistanis (50%) believe that some form of alien life exists somewhere in the universe, where as just as many (49%) do not believe that. One percent (1%) gave no response. If there was life on other planets, 45% of the respondents believe the inhabitants of those planets would be less intelligent than the humans, 24% said they would be more intelligent while 18% said they will be just like humans; 13% believe they would be different in some other way or gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*In your view is there life on other planets?*” Fifty percent (50%) believe there is, where as 49% claimed there is no life on other planets. One percent (1%) of the respondents were unsure or gave no response. A proportionately higher percentage of men and people above 50 years of age believe that humans are not alone in the universe

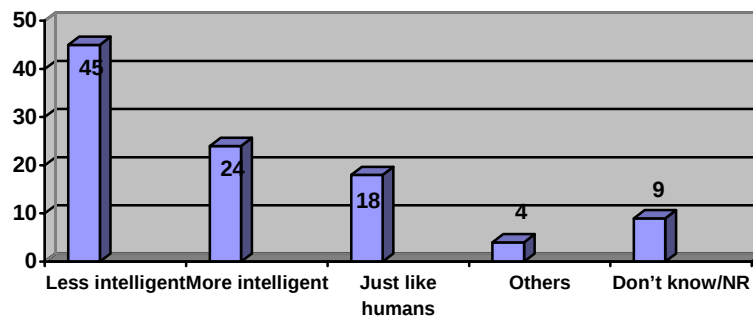
“*In your view is there life on other planets?*”



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 the respondents were asked “*Suppose if there is life in other planets, in your view how would those inhabitants be different?*” Forty five percent (45%) believe they would be less intelligent than human beings where as 24% claimed that if there were aliens in the universe, they would be intellectually stronger. Eighteen percent (18%) of the respondents believe the inhabitants of other planets would exactly be like the humans. Thirteen percent (13%) believe they would be different in some other way or gave no response. While a comparatively higher percentage of men believe that aliens would be less intelligent, women think they would be sharper than the humans.

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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 2650 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during August 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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