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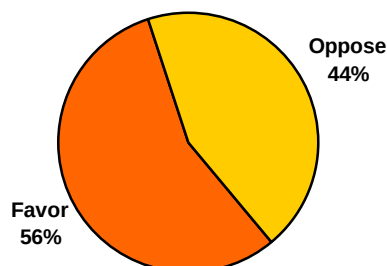
Although Not Many People Come Out to Protest Against Load Shedding, Views Are Divided on Protests, Majority (56 %) Favors Them, 44 % Are Opposed: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than half of the nation (56%) is in the favor of protesting against load shedding, which has become one of the most crucial problems Pakistan is currently facing, while 44% are against such protests. The findings show that although a lot more people support coming out on the streets and protesting, only 18% have admitted to have actually protested in one or another form, where as the majority (82%) claimed to have not. Majority of the public believes the government is not performing well in order to eliminate load shedding and the respondents showed very less hope that this problem can be tackled by the government anytime soon.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “A few days ago some people came out on the streets to protest against load shedding, which resulted in some loss. Do you favour or oppose these protests?” While majority (56%) favour these protests against load shedding, a significant 44% of the respondents expressed opposition. Interestingly there were not any stark differences across all demographics.

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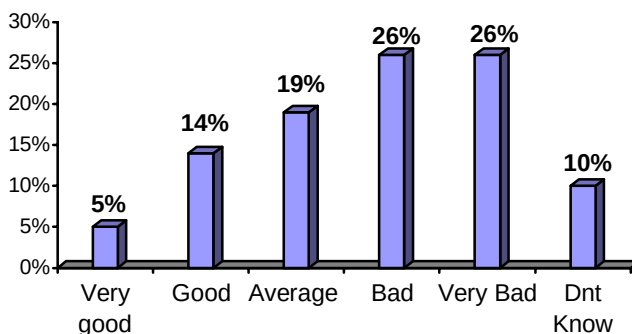
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To find out how many people actively take part in such protests, the respondents were asked “*Have you ever participated in any of these protests against load shedding?*” Eighteen percent (18%) claimed to have participated where as 82% said they have never taken part in any of these protests. The data reveals that a proportionately higher percentage of residents of Sindh (34%), particularly rural sindh (46%) have claimed to have attended protests against load shedding.

To comprehend public’s stance on how the government is tackling the problem of load shedding, the respondents were asked “*In your view what are the chances that the government successfully eliminates load shedding?*” Thirty six percent (36%) have a lot or some hope in the current government’s ability to rid the nation off this serious problem where as the majority (64%) have shown very little hope or were unsure.

In a follow up question they were asked “*What is your opinion about the performance of the current government in overcoming the shortage of electricity?*” 5% of the respondents think the government’s performance is very good, 14% believe its good, 19% said average, while equal percentage of respondents (26%) believe the governments performance in over coming electricity shortage has been bad or very bad. Ten percent (10%) were unsure.

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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 2577 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during July 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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