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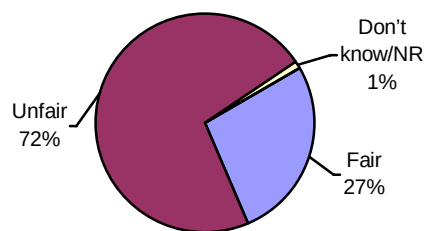
More Than Two Thirds (72 %) Believes Government Charges Them Unfair Amount of Taxes: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of Pakistanis feel the government is charging them unfairly high taxes, as cited by more than two thirds of the respondents (72%); Twenty seven percent (27%) seemed to be supportive of the government's taxation policy.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked *"Some people believe that the amount of taxes being charged by the government is unfair, while others disagree. What is your take on this?"* Majority (72%) claimed it is unjust where as 27% seemed to be supportive of the government taxation policy. One percent (1%) of the respondents gave no response. A comparatively higher percentage of respondents from higher income groups are found to be satisfied with the amount of taxes they have to pay to the government.

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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)

In a follow up question, the respondents were asked *"In your opinion, is the amount of taxes more than required, less than required or appropriate?"* The results show that 59% said it is more than required; surprisingly 15% are of the view that it is less than required while another 25% think the set amount is just apt. One percent (1%) gave no response. Notably more people from rural areas are of the view that the taxes charged by the government are either less than required or appropriate.

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 2754 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during June 2009. 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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