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According to a recent survey by Gallup Pakistan nearly two thirds of all Pakistanis agree with the view that if women have an independent source of income through employment or business they can be more secure in their old age. This view has greater acceptability among women, nearly 80% of whom support it, but even among men close to 60% are in agreement. The survey was conducted among a statistically selected sample of nearly 3000 men and women in all the four provinces of Pakistan. It included a cross section of people from all age income and educational backgrounds. Interestingly the survey revealed that there were no significant difference of views between rural and urban residents on this issue. However age made a difference. The older people were relatively more in favour of the concept of independent income source of women: 73% of those over 50 years of age supported the concept compared to 62% of those under 30 years of age.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International among more than 3000 statistically selected households in both rural and urban areas of all the four provinces of Pakistan. The sample comprised a cross section of various income, education and geographic segments. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: www.gallup.com.pk