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According to a recent Gallup poll Pakistanis are demonstrating a high level of interest in President Clinton's forthcoming visit to South Asia. But, nearly half the population is not very keen and does not see much benefit for Pakistan even if Clinton decided to place their country on his itinerary. A national urban sample of more than one thousand statistically selected men and women were asked: "Should Pakistan exert a lot of effort, some effort or none to persuade President Clinton to visit Pakistan?" 20% said "A lot of effort", 33% said "Some effort" while 44% said "No effort". Only 3% of the respondents did not have any view.

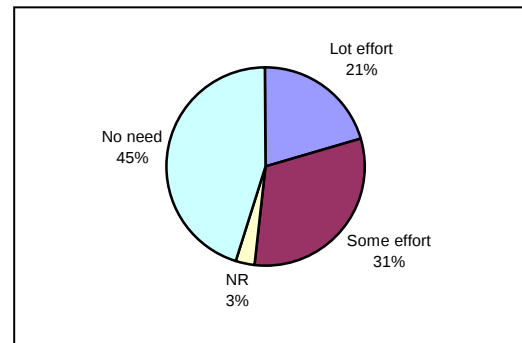
The respondents were then asked to guess whether in their view Clinton will or will not visit Pakistan. The views were quite evenly divided with a slight tilt towards the expectation that he will visit Pakistan: 45% guessed "he will not" while 49% expected him to drop by. For this question 6% did not have any opinion.

The Gallup poll also asked to guess whether they believed president Clinton's visit would be helpful or harmful for Pakistan. They were also given the option of saying it would make no difference. In response to this question, 28% of the respondents said they believed his visit would be helpful while 16% believed it would be harmful. A majority at 52% believed it would make no difference. The remaining 4% did not have any views.

The survey was conducted among more than one thousand representative sample of urban men and women covering a cross section of various age, income and educational groups. The error margin in a survey of this kind is around 3 percent at 95 percent confidence level. The complete text of Gallup weekly poll may be seen on the internet at www.gallup.com.pk.

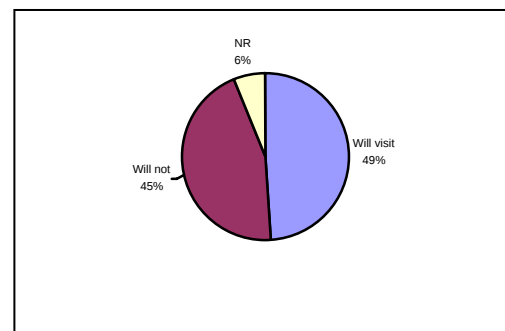
Question: There is considerable discussion in the media about President Clinton's visit. Some people believe we should make every effort to invite him to Pakistan. Others say there is no need to do so. What is your view? Should we do a lot of efforts, some effort or is there no need to make any effort?

	<i>Percent of respondents</i>
A lot of effort	20
Some effort	33
No need for any effort	44
<i>No response</i>	3



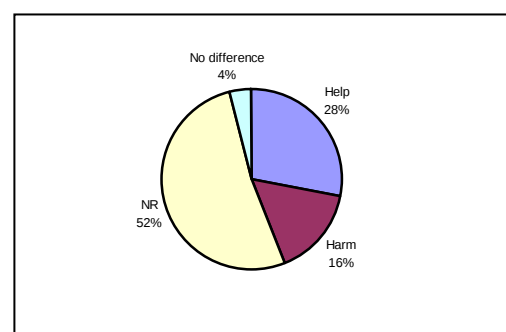
Question: What is your guess: Would President Clinton's visit or not visit Pakistan?

	<i>Percent of respondents</i>
Will visit	49
Will not	45
<i>No response</i>	6



Question: And in your view, will Clinton's visit to Pakistan be helpful for the country, harmful or will it make no difference?

	<i>Percent of respondents</i>
Help	28
Harm	16
Will make no difference	52
<i>No response</i>	4



Source: Gallup Surveys, 2000