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GALLUP PAKISTAN POLL FINDINGS ON **INFLUENCE OF RELIGION**

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Perspective on Influence of Religion on Pakistanis: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan people of Pakistan are equally divided between those who think that influence of religion is increasing among Pakistanis and those who believe it is decreasing.

When the respondents were asked, “*In your view, is the influence of religion on people in Pakistan increasing or decreasing?*” thirty four percent (34%) of the respondents said it is increasing, 35% claimed it is decreasing, for 29% of the respondents there has been no significant change in the level of religious influence among people, while 3% did not give any response.

The data reveals, that proportionately a higher percentage of urbanites (44%) consider the influence of religion on people in Pakistan to be increasing, as compared to the ruralites (29%).

“In your view, is the influence of religion on people in Pakistan increasing or decreasing?”

Increasing	34%
Decreasing	35%
No Change	29%
No Response	3%

Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

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 2758 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country during February 1-2, 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

Commentary on Survey Findings, analysts at Gallup Pakistan say:

Despite considerable discourse on whether the role of religion in Pakistani society is rising or falling, the average Pakistani is quite unsure. It seems no consensual view has prevailed. Approximately one third believe the role of religion is on the rise, another third believe it is declining, while the last third say they are unsure. Apparently the trends are still shaping and the situation remains unsettled. That might explain the current state of intellectual and political turmoil in the country.

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.

For more survey data on religion related and other issues see website www.gallup.com.pk

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