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Perspective on Respect for Women in Our Society in Accordance to Islam: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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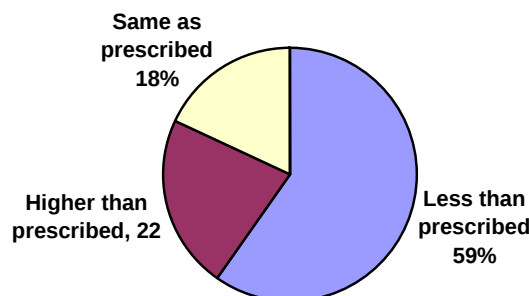
According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, while more than half of all Pakistanis (59%) claim that women are not given their due share of respect as taught in Islam, 40% believe that the women in the society are given high level of respect or the right level of respect as prescribed in the Holy Book, or perhaps even more than that.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*In your view, are women in our society given due respect as prescribed by Islam, less, or more than prescribed?*” Majority of the respondents (59%) think that women are not given their due respect. Interestingly, the results indicate that a proportionately higher percentage of respondents from NWFP think that women are given less respect than what is prescribed by Islam.

Twenty two percent (22%) are of the opinion that women in our society get more respect than what Islam prescribes. Interestingly, a higher percentage of ruralites (25%) share this view as compared to the urbanites (16%).

It is important to note that an equal proportion of men and women think that women are not awarded the kind of respect they deserve according to Islam.

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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)

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 2690 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during April 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 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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