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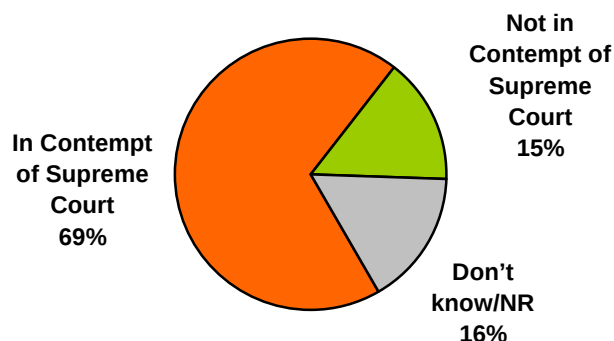
Chief Justice's Decisions Continue to Enjoy Popular Support: 69 % Believe Executive Order on Oil Process was in Contempt of Court; 74 % Oppose President's Ordinance Against Chief Justice's Decision: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, Chief Justice's decisions continue to enjoy popular support amongst the public, 69% of whom believe the presidential ordinance against the Chief Justice's ruling was in contempt of Supreme Court. Judicial activism by the Chief Justice on gasoline pricing is widely approved. As compared to 74% who opposed, only 12% supported the executive decision to nullify court ruling on oil prices.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "Some people believe that the Presidential Ordinance was in contempt of the Supreme Court's decision about decreasing the oil prices, while some believe otherwise. What is your view point?" Two Thirds of all respondents (69%) believe that by nullifying the Supreme Court ruling on prices of oil the Executive authorities have committed contempt of court where as only 15% believe the contrary. Sixteen percent (16%) did not give any view. It is noted that the 'contempt of court' view is shared by 57% of PPP voters and more than 75% voters of its coalition partner MQM.

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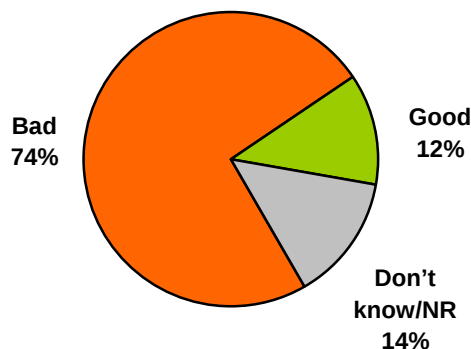
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Commenting on this, the chairman of Gallup Pakistan, **Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani**, said "Apparently the high prices of oil are not acceptable irrespective of political preferences. Moreover these sentiments are likely to be most pronounced in large urban areas explaining the high level of support to the contempt of court opinion by MQM voters. But the pattern of responses confirms a wider and emerging trend in political attitudes in the country. We are seeing repeatedly that voters do not necessarily echo the positions taken

by their political leaders, this is true for the voters of PPP but also of its major competitor PML (N) whose voters maintain a stance not always matching the view of party leadership.”

When respondents were asked, “Recently, the Chief Justice had decreased the prices of oil by reducing its tax. This decision was later reversed by a presidential ordinance. In your view what the president did was good or bad?” Only 12% supported the Executive action to nullify court rulings on Gasoline pricing where as the majority, at 74%, believed the presidential ordinance was a bad decision. Fourteen percent (14%) of the respondents gave no view point.

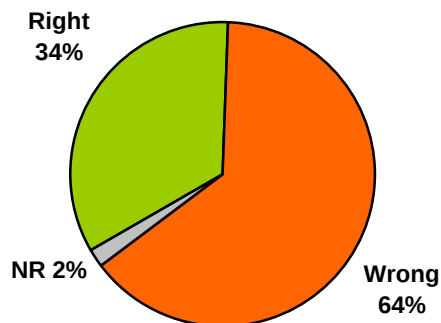
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The same survey also posed a question on whether the country is heading in the right or the wrong direction. The data reveals that 34% perceive Pakistan to be going in the right direction as opposed to 64% of the respondents who said it is going in the wrong direction; two percent (2%) gave no answer.

“In your view is our country going in the right direction or wrong?”



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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 2683 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during July 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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