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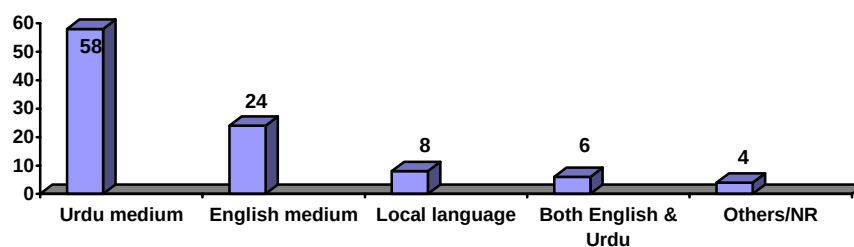
Preferred Medium of Education for Various Levels of Schools: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, while a higher percentage of all Pakistanis prefer Urdu medium of education in junior classes, as the level of education increases, their preference for English medium of education also increases; In primary classes, only 24% of respondents claim to prefer English as the medium of instruction, in secondary classes the preference for English medium rises to 36% and in higher education 50% said English should be the language of instruction.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*In your view what should be the medium of education in primary classes (1-5)?*” Majority (58%) claimed to prefer Urdu medium, 24% said primary education should be imparted in English, 8% claimed that in these junior classes local languages should be used, and 6% claimed to prefer both English and Urdu for primary level education. The remaining 4% of the respondents either prefer some other medium of education or gave no response.

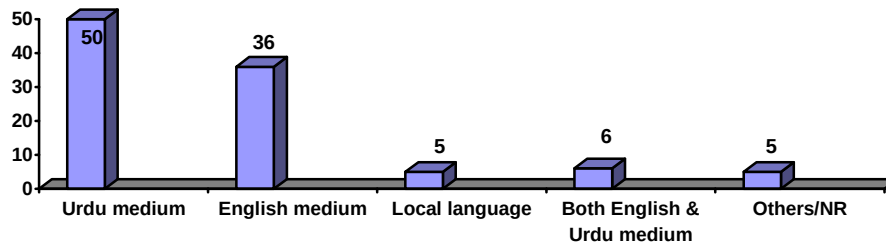
“In your view what should be the medium of education in primary classes (1-5)?”



Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
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In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*In your view what should be the medium of education in secondary classes (6-10)?*” Fifty percent (50%) cited Urdu, 36% cited English, 5% cited Local language, and 6% cited both English and Urdu as their preferred medium of education in secondary classes. The remaining 5% of the respondents either said they would prefer some other medium or gave no response.

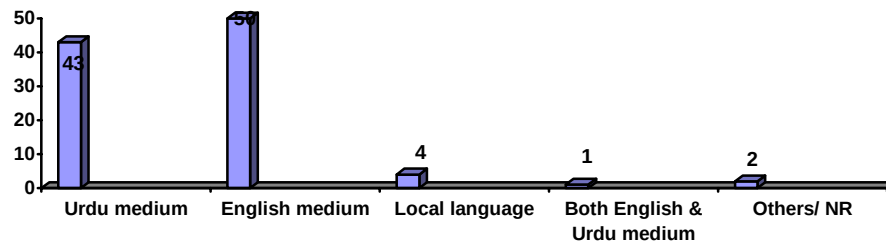
“In your view what should be the medium of education in secondary classes (6-10)?”



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When the respondents were asked about preferred medium of education in higher classes, 43% cited Urdu medium, 50% claimed to prefer English medium, and 4% claimed that higher education should be imparted in local language. Two percent (2%) of the respondents said they prefer both English and Urdu or some other medium of education in higher classes whereas 1% gave no response.

“In your view what should be the medium of education in higher classes?”



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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 2789 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during November 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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