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Majority is hopeful of a better life for the next generation but worry about poor law and order situation.

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MAJORITY HOPEFUL OF BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR NEXT GENERATION, But Apprehensive of Poorer Law and Order Conditions - June 30, 2000

According to a recent survey by Gallup Pakistan a majority of Pakistanis believe their next generation will outperform them in educational attainment, health and even in religious morality. But when it comes to law and order conditions a majority feels that their next generation may have to contend with a poorer security environment. The survey was conducted among a representative sample of households in the urban areas of all the four provinces of the country.

The respondents were asked: "Would you say that the next generation will face better, poorer or the same conditions as yours in the field of education, health, religious morality and law and order?". The respondents were asked to answer separately for each issue. An overwhelming majority expects the next generation to outperform them in education: 73% held this view as opposed to 10% who thought the performance of the next generation would be poorer. The remaining thought it would be the same, or they could not answer this question. Health was a close contest: 39% believed the next generation would live a healthier life while 35% believed the conditions would be worse. Interestingly a majority of 41%, believed that the next generation will live a more religious life compared to them, 30% believed the religious morality would be weaker among generations to come.

When expectation about law and order conditions were investigated, the balance was tilted towards pessimism: only 23% were optimistic of an improved law and order situation while 29% were pessimistic and 23% believed there would be no change. The remaining did not give any specific answer.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International among a representative sample of more than 1000 men and women in the major urban areas of the country. The sample included a cross section of people belonging to various age, income, education and linguistic backgrounds. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: www.gallup.com.pk

Table

Question: Would you say that the next generation will face better, poorer or the same conditions as yours, on the following issues :

	Column percentage			
	Education-wise	Health-wise	Religious (Piety-wise)	Law and Order/ Security-wise
Better	73%	39%	41%	23%
Worse	10%	35%	30%	29%
No Difference	7%	13%	14%	23%
Don't know	10%	13%	15%	25%

Source: Gallup Survey, 2000