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Views on the Reasons for Load Shedding Are Divided; 42 % Believe Shortage of Electricity is Artificially Created, 40 % Believe There is a Real Shortage in The Country: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

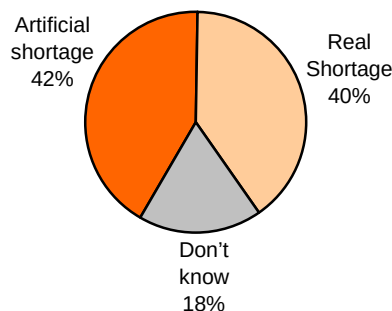
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, public's views on the shortage of electricity in Pakistan are divided between those who believe it is artificially created (42%) so that the more influential people can get more electricity than their share, and those who believe otherwise (40%).

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Some people are of the view point that there is a shortage of power within the country because influential people get more than their share which creates this shortage while others feel there is a genuine shortage of electricity. What do you think?” Equal percentage of respondents said they feel there is an artificial shortage of electricity (42%) and those who claimed this is a reality that the country has no electricity and hence load shedding is the only option for the government (40%). Eighteen percent (18%) were either unsure or gave no response.

The data reveals that a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites (47%) as compared to the ruralites (40%) believe there is a pretence regarding power shortage.

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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 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.

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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