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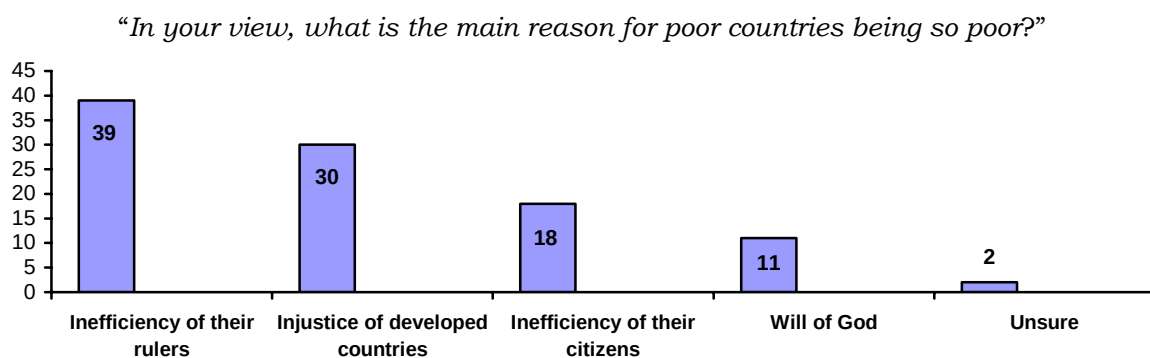
Perceptions About the Reasons for Countries Being Poverty-Stricken: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, there is a split in opinion regarding the reasons responsible for countries being poor; 39% blame the respective government officials for poverty, 30% feel injustices of the developed countries is one of the major reasons for poverty stricken countries in the world where as 18% believe it is the incompetence of a country's people which makes a country suffer from poverty. Eleven percent (11%) said it is the will of God and 2% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were read out a few possible factors for a country's poverty-stricken state and were asked "In your view, what is the main reason for poor countries being so poor?" Thirty nine percent (39%) believe it is due to the '**Inefficiency of their rulers**', 30% believe it is the '**Injustices of the developed countries**', and 18% of the respondents said it is all because of the '**Inefficiency of the country's own people**'. Eleven percent (11%) feel it is by the '**God's divine will**' that some countries are poor where as 2% were unsure.

The findings of the survey reveal that while a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites blame the poor countries rulers, a comparatively higher percentage of rural dwellers accuse the citizens and their inefficiency for impoverishment. It is also seen that relatively higher percentage of elderly Pakistanis feel that the developed countries are guilty of injustices they commit which harm the economic progress of the less developed countries.



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 2603 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during September 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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