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Majority Want their Children to Choose a Profession of their Own Liking: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of the Pakistanis (57%) believe their children should adopt a profession of their own preference instead of forcing them to pursue a career of their parents' choice. However, medicine is parents' most favorite profession for their children.

When the respondents were asked, *"In your view, should children adopt a profession of their parents choice or their own liking?"* most of the respondents (57%) said children should be able to choose a profession of their own choice while 42% believe that parents should choose their children's line of work. The results show that a slightly higher percentage of women want their offsprings to choose a career of their own choice, as compared to men more of whom want children to listen to them with regards to choosing profession.

In a follow up open-ended question the respondents were asked *"Which field of occupation would you like to send your children into?"* It is seen that majority (23%) want their children to go into medicine and become doctors. Thirteen percent (13%) want their children to do government jobs/civil services or find a job outside Pakistan, 12% prefer their children to become businessmen, and 11% would like their children to teach. Nine percent (9%) prefer engineering jobs and 6% like military jobs for their children. The rest of the respondents mentioned law, banking, police, skilled labor and others as their choice for their children's profession.

"In your view, should children adopt a profession of their parents' choice or their own liking?"

Parent's Choice	42%
Own Liking	57%
No Response	1%

"Which field of occupation would you like to send your children into?"

Doctor	23%
Govt jobs/Abroad/Civil Services	13%
Business man	12%
Teacher	11%
Engineer	9%
Military	6%
Others	16%
Don't Know	4%
No Response	6%

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 2758 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country during February, 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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