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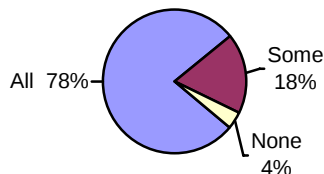
78 % of Pakistanis Claim to Keep all Fasts; 18 % Claim to Keep Some, and 4 % Keep None: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than two thirds of Pakistanis (78%) keep all the fasts, 18% keep some where as only 4% do not fast at all. Amongst the reasons for not fasting, respondents cited having no particular reason, age, and illness as the major ones.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*How many people (adults) in your household keep all the fasts, some of them or none at all?*” The results show that majority (78%) keep all the fasts, 18% fast sometimes, where as only 4% do not fast at all.

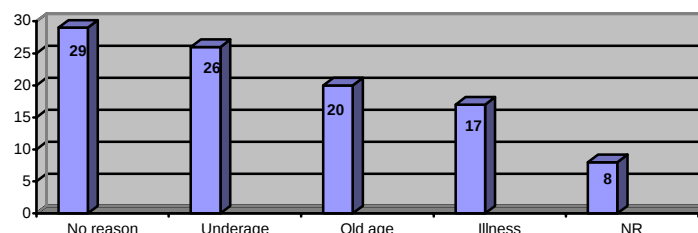
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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

To understand the reasons behind not keeping a fast, the respondents were asked “*What are the reasons due to which some people in your household do not fast?*” Twenty six percent (26%) claimed that the reason for people who do not fast in their household is ‘**Underage**’, 20% stated it is ‘**Old Age**’, and 17% said ‘**Illness**’ does not allow some of their family members to fast. Twenty nine percent (29%) of the respondents claimed there is no specific reason for some people in their household to not fast where as 8% gave no response. While more ruralites claimed old age prevents some of their folks to skip fasting, higher number of urbanites said that people who do not fast in their household have no specific reason.

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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 2765 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during August 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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