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80 % Fear Leaving their House Due to Security Threats: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

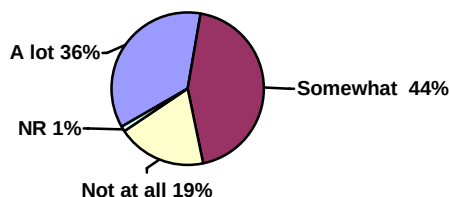
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, while the daily hustle bustle in Pakistani neighborhoods continues as usual, yet at a perceptual level there is a widespread feeling of insecurity. In the past one year due to increasing security threats in the country, more than two thirds of all Pakistanis (80%) have expressed fear in leaving their house to visit places such as market areas, hotels, or etc. The remaining 20% claim the security threats have not affected their day to day movements or local travel plans in any way or gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*To what extent has the increasing security threat affected your visits to places outside your house such as market areas, hotels, etc?*” Thirty six percent (36%) claimed recent incidents of terrorism have affected them a lot, 44% said somewhat, while 19% claimed it has not affected their usual visits to markets, hotels or any other such places. The remaining 1% of the respondents gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in opinion of people from across various demographics except that ongoing incidents of terrorism seem to have affected day to day movements of the rural dwellers the most; a proportionately higher percentage of ruralites (83%) as compared to urbanites (75%) claimed to be affected to a great or somewhat extent.

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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 2789 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during November 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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