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51 % of All Pakistanis Believe Spirits Can Harm Humans: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

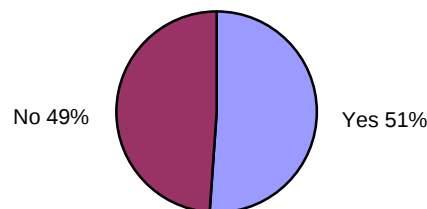
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, while half of all Pakistanis (51%) believe spirits (*soul*) can harm humans, an equally significant percentage of respondents (49%) do not think humans are endangered by spirits.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Do you think spirits can harm humans?*” Fifty one percent (51%) said yes, while 49% believe spirits can not harm humans in any way.

There is no significant difference in the views of Rural and Urban population of the country on this subject, as 52% of ruralites and 49% of urbanites believe spirits can harm humans.

“*Do you think spirits can harm humans?*”



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 2650 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.

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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