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A recent Gallup poll shows that most Pakistanis harbour a hope that the Afghan resistance will eventually be successful in its struggle against the Karmal regime and its Russian allies. The survey shows that 50% of the respondents bore this optimistic outlook, despite the heavy odds which the Mujahideen face against a formidable adversary. Only 10% expected a victory for the Karmal regime and 18% anticipated a protracted struggle among the warring parties. 22% did not answer this question.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 100 scientifically selected cities and towns all over the country. The findings were computer processed to analyze the pattern of responses among different segments of the population. The Pushto speaking urban population is much more inclined to expecting a protracted struggle compared to the rest of the country. 28% of the urban Pushto speaking expects a protracted struggle compared to 15% of the urban Punjabis and 9% of the urban Sindhis. The urban Pashtoon is also more cautious in expecting a victory for the resistance. Only 36% of them gave this response, compared to a 50% national average. By way of political affiliations, the voters of two parties, NDP and Tehrik Istiqlal, have a pessimistic outlook on the Afghan resistance. Among them the pessimists outnumber the optimists in all other parties.