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According to a recent Gallup poll, the Pakistan public opinion is generally opposed to hijacking but has mixed feelings when hijackers appear to be supporting social cause's national liberation. 75% of those surveyed in a national urban sample supported the view that hijackers should be given death penalty, but the same group become split when were asked to comment on a situation when hijacking was done for a socially desirable cause such as to promote the cause of national liberation. Faced with this dilemma, 54% justified hijacking while 34% refused to justify hijacking even for the cause of national liberation. The survey was conducted by Gallup with a statistically selected sample in the urban areas all over the country, covering the four provinces. The findings of the survey were computer processed. The findings show that 75% support death penalty for hijackers, 12% oppose it while 14% have no opinion on the subject. Responding to the question of justifiability of hijacking for national liberation, 54% justified it, 34% considered it unjustified and 12% did not give any opinion.