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According to a recent Gallup poll a large majority of the Pakistani population are public spirited and they are likely to help strangers at times of crisis or accidents. However, the population is divided on whether they would wish to report accidents to the police.

The Gallup survey conducted in 100 statistically selected villages and town all over the country asked the question: suppose you were to witness an accident happening on the road-side, in which some people were seriously wounded. What would you do on such an occasion: ignore the incident, help the wounded and report the incident to the police or help the wounded but not report the accident to the police? 85% of the respondents said they would help the wounded. 11% said they would ignore the incident and 4% did not answer this question. However nearly half of the 85% who were willing to help the wounded said they would not get involved with reporting this incident to the police. The survey findings show that the upper income people and the more educated are more reluctant to report the accident to the police. Among the various linguistic groups in the country, there are significant differences, indicating that the Sindhi and Baluchi Speaking citizens are considerably more reluctant than their Punjabi, Saraiki and Hindko counterparts to get involved with the police when they witness road-side accidents. The Urdu and Pushto Speaking respondent respondents were in the middle of this spectrum of attitudes.