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According to the findings of a Gallup poll Pakistani parents are almost equally divided on who should choose a career for children: The parents or the children themselves?

A nation wide survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan posed the question: "In your view should a person choose a profession on the advice of parents, or of ones own choice?" 48% of the respondents favored parent's advice and an equal number (48%) favored independent decision by the children.

The views on this issue are remarkably colored by the education of the parents. Among those with high school or more education, 82% say that the burden of choice should be left to the children, while only 12% argue that parents should make the decision. In contrast, the figure among the illiterate population is 33% in favor of choice by children and 59% in favor of choice by parents. Views are also influenced by the age factor. Those over the age of 60 are more in favor of decision by parents. 64% of them as against a national average of 48% say that career choices of children should be determined by their parents. The survey was conducted in 100 statistically selected villages and 75 urban localities all over the country. The findings of the survey were computer processed.

Question: In your view should a person choose a profession on the advise of parents or of over own choice?

	Percent of respondents		
	Parents Choice	Own Choice	No Opinion
All Pakistan	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Education-wise</u>			
High School and above	16	82	2
Up to high School	40	58	2
Primary	52	46	2
Illiterate	59	33	8