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Gilani Research Foundation is headed by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani who pioneered the field of opinion polling in Pakistan and established Gallup Pakistan in 1980. Currently Dr. Gilani, who holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has taught at leading universities in Pakistan and abroad, is Chairman of Gallup Pakistan.

Views on Judicial Activism; 18 % Believe Supreme Court is Acting Beyond its Mandate, 57 % Believe it is Acting Correctly, 25 % hold no Opinion: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

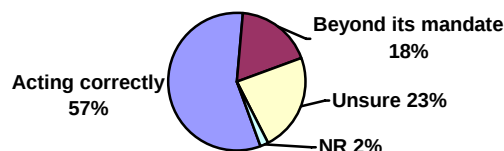
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than half of all Pakistanis (57%) are of the opinion that Supreme Court is working within its authorized limits, while 18% believe it is acting beyond its mandate. The remaining 25% of the respondents were either unsure or gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Some people believe that Supreme Court is acting beyond its mandate and it should not do so. In your opinion is the Supreme Court acting within its authority or beyond it?” Fifty seven percent (57%) said that Supreme Court is acting within its authority whereas 18% said that it is acting beyond its mandate. The remaining 25% of the respondents were either unsure or gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in opinion of people from across various demographics. The poll was carried out in early 2010 while the role of Supreme Court was under active public debate.

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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 recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2755 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during January 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 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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