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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 about Solar Eclipse; One Fifth Believe it is a Bad Omen: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

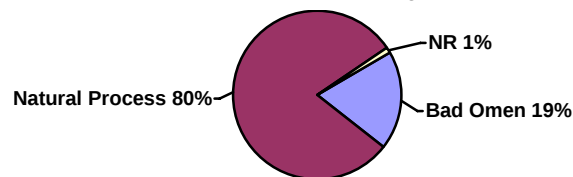
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, while a vast majority of all Pakistanis (80%) claim solar eclipse is a natural process, one fifth (19%) believe it to be a bad omen. This notion is supported by mostly older people. The remaining 1% of the respondents gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Some people believe that solar eclipse is a bad omen, while others oppose this idea saying that it is just a natural phenomenon. What is your opinion about solar eclipse?” Nineteen percent (19%) claimed it is some kind of a bad omen whereas 80% think it is a natural process. The remaining 1% of the respondents gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal that, a proportionately higher percentage of people above 50 years of age (30%) consider solar eclipse to be a bad omen.

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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 2581 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during February 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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