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From the Editor

Dear Reader,

Gilani Research Team now brings to you a collection of daily polls releases in the form of a weekly digest, which gives you the opportunity to read opinions of the Pakistani public on various socio-political issues.

We hope it will be of interest to you and your readers.

If you have any further questions in this regard, please feel free to contact us.

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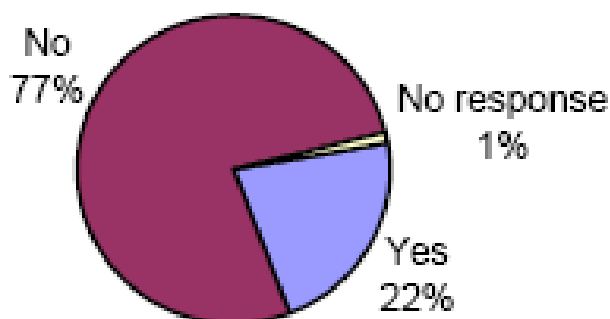
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Only 22% have ever wished to join politics

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question "*Have you ever wished to join politics?*" More than three quarters (77%) of the respondents had no such desire of joining politics where as 22% were interested in taking part in politics. 1% gave no response.

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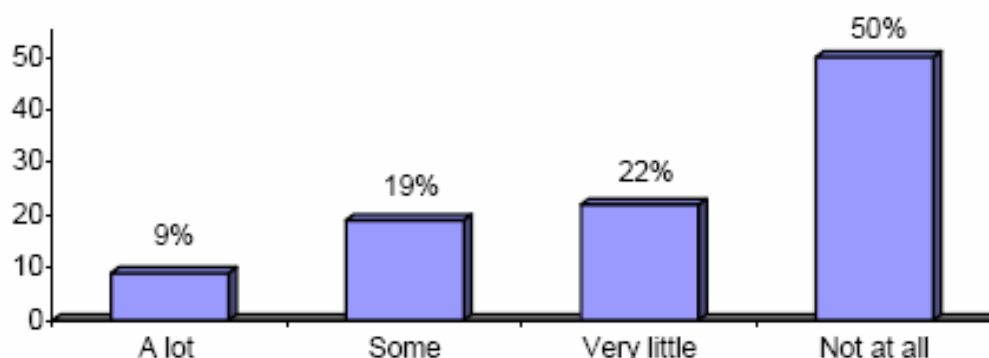


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Only 9% are keen on adopting politics as a professional career

In a follow up question the respondents were asked *“Suppose you get a chance of joining politics, what are the chances that you will adopt it as a profession?”* Only 9% showed great enthusiasm and said that they are a lot of chances that they will take up politics as a profession, 19% mentioned there are some chances of this, 22% stated there are very little chances while half of the respondents (50%) stated that there is no likelihood at all of them entering the field of politics.

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Gender difference is small

It is interesting to note that the gender difference on politics as a professional career is smaller than one would expect. Thus 7% of women (as opposed to 10% of men) are highly inclined towards politics as a career.

Only 3% of with Post Graduate Education are keen on adopting politics as a professional career

On the other hand interest in Politics as a professional career takes a sharp dip among Pakistanis with post graduate education, as only 3% of them said they were keen on politics as a professional career.

Commentary by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, Chairman Gallup Pakistan; BEYOND THE FORGED DEGREES DEBATE:

The findings of the survey are a sad commentary on the prospects of building a civilian political leadership for a democratic Pakistan. A successful democracy requires talented people from all sections of the society to be attracted to politics as an engaging commitment and profession. Pakistan needs to deliberate why politics appeals to and attracts people with low levels of education; after all so many of those elected to the parliament had to forge basic college degrees to qualify according to the law at the time. Pakistan also needs to deliberate why voters prefer the lowly educated politicians to those with higher qualifications and why political parties are unable to recruit the better educated into their ranks. While the current blame game on forged degrees of parliamentarians may even be counter-productive, it does provide a serious occasion for deliberating on how can Pakistan build an educated political class and what would induce a larger section of the society to aspire for politics as a career.

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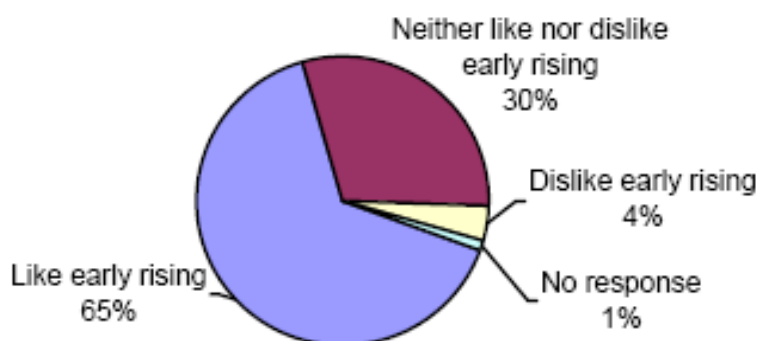
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question *"Do you wake up early in the morning and start your day happily or do you Find waking up unpleasant?"* Sixty five percent (65%) claimed to like waking up in the morning and beginning a new day while only 4% found rising early to be an unpleasant part of the routine. 30% were indifferent towards waking up early and 1% gave no response. The findings of the survey reveal that more ruralites (70%) are cheerful early risers as compared to their urban counterparts (57%).

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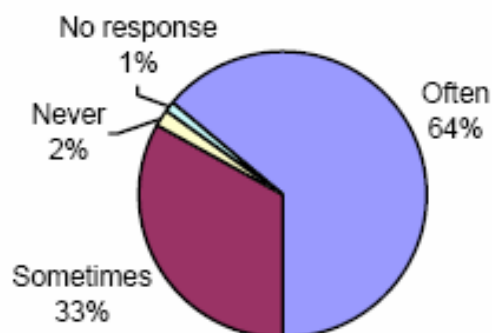
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question *"How frequently do you think about or recall your death?"* Sixty four percent (64%) claimed to think about their death often, 33% said that they sometimes recall their death where as 2% stated they never reflect upon their death. 1% gave no response. The findings of the survey reveal that proportionately a higher percentage of ruralites (68%) recall their death often as compared to their urban counterparts (57%). The data also shows that with the increase in age, the thoughts about death come more often, as 77% of over 50 years of age and 58% of the under 30 claim to often reflect about death.

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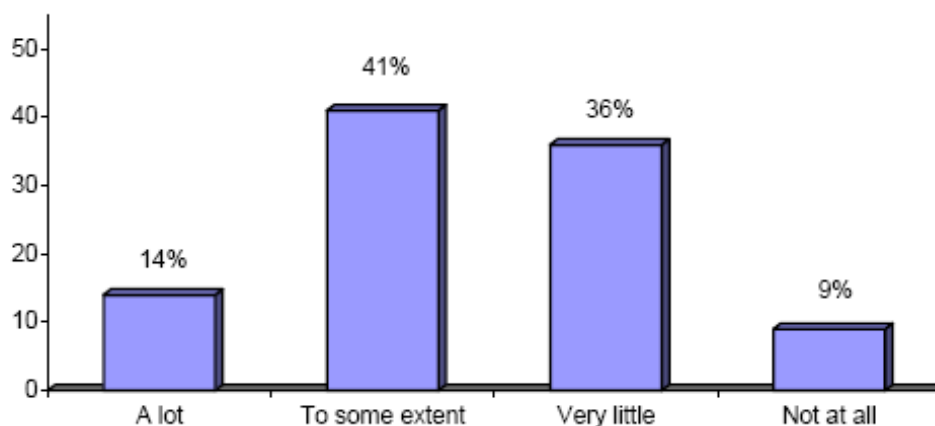
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"While using packaged edible products, to what extent do you trust them to be pure and unadulterated?"* Fourteen percent (14%) said they have a lot of trust in the packaged edible items, 41% considered them to be unadulterated to some extent and 36% believed them to be very little pure. However, 9% completely doubted the purity was sealed food items.

The findings of the survey revealed that proportionately a higher percentage of ruralites (47%) doubt the quality of packaged food items as compared to their urban counter parts (40%).

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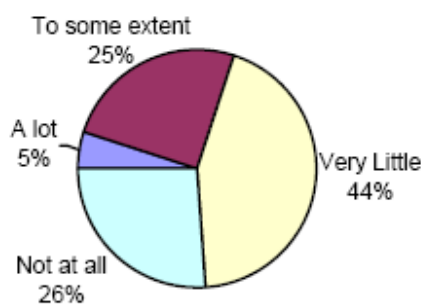
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Every Pakistani dreams of a better standard of living. In your view, what are the chances that the current programs of the government will help in raising the living standards of an ordinary citizen?"* Only five percent (5%) were satisfied to a great extent and 25% were contented to some extent. 44% were very little satisfied with the government's current efforts and 26% were totally dissatisfied.

The findings of the data reveal that males are more optimistic than females as proportionately a higher number of males (33%) are satisfied with the government's efforts as compared to the females (25%).

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