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**Majority links wealth to Birth, Ill-gotten money & Luck. Poverty is linked to birth, fate, and honesty.**

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***Majority links wealth to Birth, Ill-gotten money & Luck. Poverty is not linked with lack of devotion to work and lack of education. Most people relate it to birth, fate and honesty - August 4, 2000***

According to a recent survey by Gallup Pakistan a majority of Pakistani men and women do not attribute wealth to hard work or education. Instead most of them believe that wealth comes out of inheritance, ill-gotten money or sheer luck. Some people also attribute it to the opportunity to work abroad. Following the same argument, a majority do not attribute poverty to laziness or lack of devotion to work. Instead most of the respondents in a national survey attributed poverty to birth in a poor family, fate and abstention from corruption.

The survey was conducted among nearly 1500 men and women statistically selected from the rural and urban areas of all the four provinces. The respondents were asked: *"Some people are rich and other poor. What would you say is the reason for the wealth of the rich; and the poverty of the poor?"* A list of possible options was provided. Nearly 20% attributed wealth to hard work and 6% to good education. But, the majority attributed it to birth in a rich family (30%), ill-gotten money (22%) and luck or fate (12%). A little more than 5% attributed wealth to the opportunity to work abroad and the remaining could not give a specific answer. As for poverty, only 9% attributed it to laziness or lack of devotion to work and 6% related it to lack of education. A majority believed poverty was a result of birth in a poor family, fate and abstention from unfair means in that order.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International among a representative sample of around 1500 men and women in the Urban and Rural areas of the country. The sample included a cross section of people belonging to various age, income, education and linguistic backgrounds. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: [www.gallup.com.pk](http://www.gallup.com.pk)