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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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53% Of All Telephone Owners Claim To Occasionally Receive Crank Calls
December 6, 2010



A recent Gilani poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan shows that more than half of all Pakistanis (53%) occasionally receive crank calls, half of whom (50%) claim to politely excuse themselves in response.

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67% Believes Hitting A Woman Is Not Allowed In Islam
December 7, 2010



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14% Of All Pakistanis Have Tried Reducing Weight, 42% Of Whom Avoided Oily Food, 30% Exercised And 23% Went On A Diet
December 8, 2010



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85% Believe That Having Children Is Essential To Lead A Pleasant Life

December 9, 2010



A recent Gilani poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan shows that 85% believe that children are very important for a pleasant life. This is a slight change from 9 years back, in 2001; a similar Gallup and Gilani poll had found that 90% believed that children were essential to lead a happy life.

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2% Of All Pakistani Households Claim To Have A Handicapped Child, 92% Of Whom Have This Disability Since Birth

December 10, 2010



A recent Gilani poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan shows that almost two third of all Pakistanis (61%) believe that the number of people who offer sacrifice on Eid ul Adha has decreased since last year, 27% say there has been no change where as 10% assume that it has increased.

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

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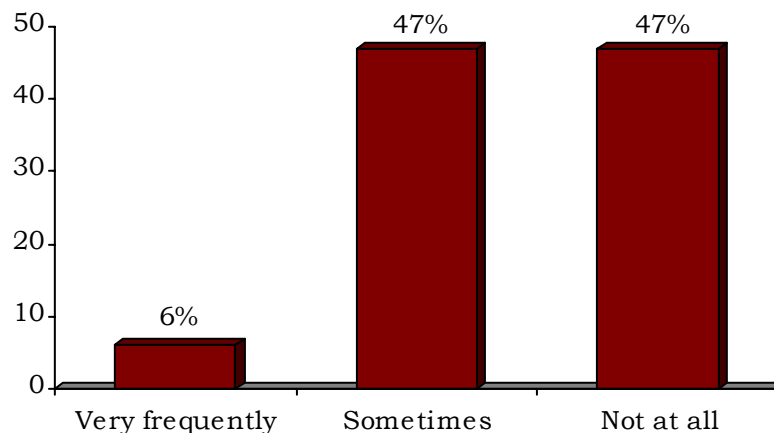
Islamabad December 6, 2010

According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than half of all Pakistanis (53%) occasionally receive crank calls, half of whom (50%) claim to politely excuse themselves in response.



In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Mostly people complain of crank calls. How frequently do you get such calls?"* Six percent (6%) said that they received crank calls very frequently, 47% said sometimes while another 47% stated that they receive no such calls.

"Mostly people complain of crank calls. How frequently do you get such calls?"



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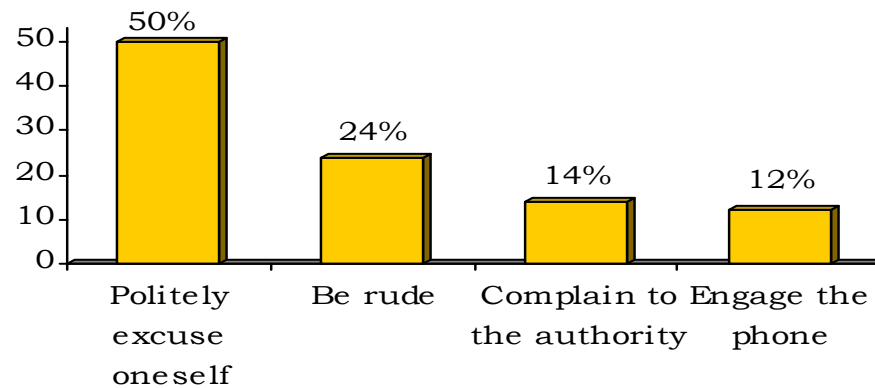
In a follow up question, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Mostly how do you handle such crank calls?"* Fifty percent (50%) said they excuse themselves politely, 24% said they reply rudely, 14% complain to the authority where as 12% engage the phone.

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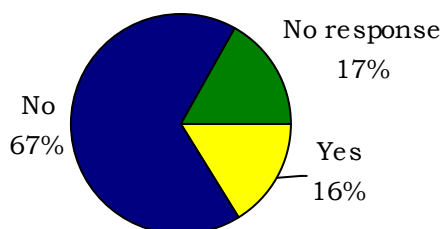
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *“Some people believe that Islamic Sharia allows hitting a woman while others are of the opinion that it does not. Do you agree or not?”* Sixty seven percent (67%) said that Islam does not allow hitting women where as 16% believed that it does. A considerable 17% gave no response.

A detailed analysis of the survey revealed that relatively more urbanites (73%) were of the opinion that hitting a woman is not allowed in Islam as compared to their rural counter parts (64%). A province wise analysis shows that most of the people of Sindh (79%) were against the concept of striking a woman in Islam, followed by the province of Punjab (67%), Balochistan (59%) and Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (48%). 18% males believed that hitting a woman is allowed as compared to 13% females.

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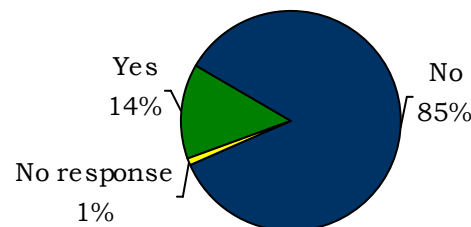
According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 14% of all Pakistanis have tried reducing weight, 42% of whom avoided oily food, 30% exercised and 23% went on a diet.



In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Have you ever tried to reduce weight?"* Fourteen percent (14%) replied in affirmative while 85% said that they have never indulged in such a practice. 1% gave no response.

A detailed analysis of the data revealed that relatively more urbanites (18%) claim to have tried reducing weight as compared to their rural counter parts (12%).

"Have you ever tried to reduce weight?"



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In a follow up question, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"If yes, then what course of action did you use to reduce weight?"* Forty two percent (42%) claim to reduce weight by avoiding oily food, 30% by exercising and 23% by reducing intake of food. 5% gave no response.

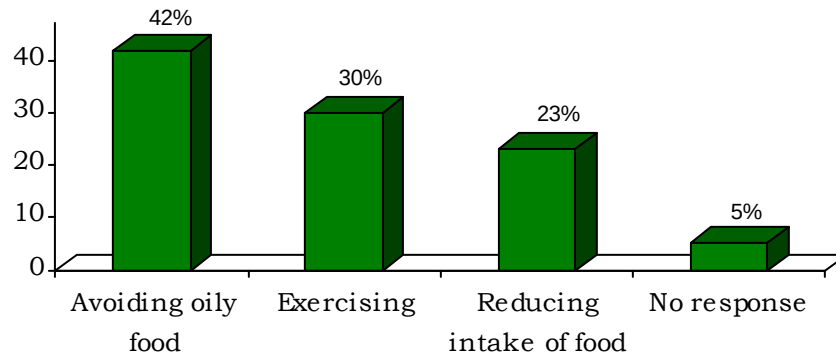
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A detailed analysis of the data revealed that relatively more urbanites (29%) claim to reduce weight by reducing the intake of food as compared to their rural counterparts (19%). A gender wise analysis shows that relatively more females (30%) reduce weight by going on a diet than their male contemporaries (17%).

"If yes, then what course of action did you use to reduce weight?"



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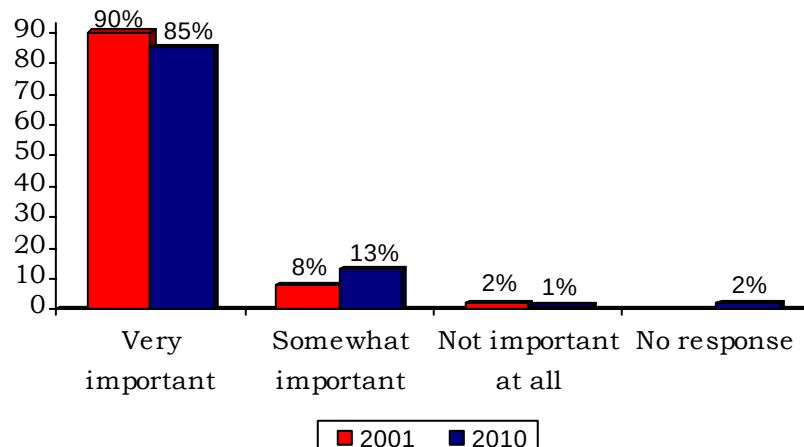
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In two different surveys, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"In your opinion how important are having children for a pleasant life?"* In 2010 85% say it very important, 13% believe important to some extent, 1% consider children to be not important at all. 2% gave no response. The comparable figures in response to the same question in 2001 were: 90% said children are very important, 8% important to some extent and 2% not important at all.

A detailed analysis of the recent data showed that more of the ruralites (89%) believe that children are very important for leading a pleasant life as compared to their urban counter parts (79%). There was no significant difference in the opinion by gender. It can also be seen that with age the perception that children are important for a pleasant life increases. 82% of the under 30 and 90% of over 51 years believed in this notion.

"In your opinion how important are having children for a pleasant life?"



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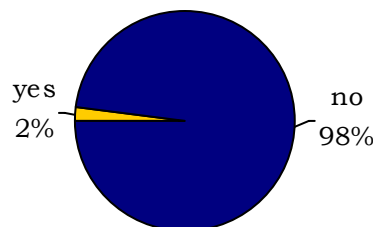
Islamabad, December 10, 2010

According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 2% of all Pakistani households claim to have handicapped children/child, 92% of whom have this disability since birth whereas 6% acquired this disability later in life because of an accident. 2% gave no response.



In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Some families have children who are mentally or physically handicapped are there any such children in your household?"* Two percent (2%) replied in affirmative while 98% said that there were no such children in their households.

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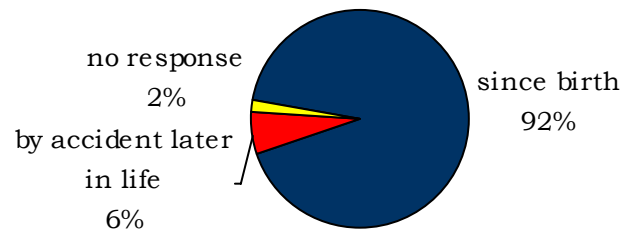
In a follow up question, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: "Does the child have this disability since birth or was it acquired by an accident later in life?" Ninety two percent (92%) said that the disability was present since birth, where as 6% stated that it was caused by an accident later in life. 2% gave no response.

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Comments:

Please note that it is the people's perception of disability/handicap and cannot be termed as the prevalence of handicap children in the country. Moreover, the question has not been defined in terms of age limit of the child.

According to 1998 population census, 2.54% of the total population was reported to be disabled. ^[1]

1. Nishtar S. Health Indicators of Pakistan-Gateway Paper II. Islamabad, Pakistan: Heartfile; 2007.

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