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Poll Finds Widespread Disapproval of Criminal Torture: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

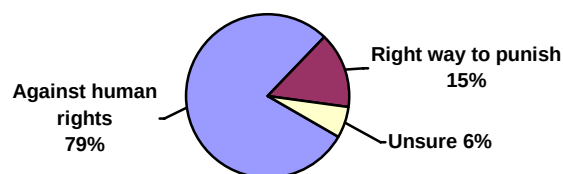
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of all Pakistanis (79%) oppose inhumane attitude of the police force towards criminals as they believe torturing them is against human rights, whereas 15% believe it is the only way to make criminals realize their mistake. The remaining 6% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Some people believe that it is against human rights for the police to torture criminals whereas others believe that it is the right way to deal with criminals so that they would not commit the same wrong again. What is your viewpoint?” Seventy nine percent (79%) said torturing criminals is against human rights while 15% believe it is alright to torture criminals. The remaining 6% of the respondents were not sure of their opinion regarding this issue.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in opinion of people from across various demographics except that a slightly higher percentage of Pakistanis above the age of 50 (25%) are in the favour of giving severe punishment to the criminals.

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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 2742 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during March 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ 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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