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New Computer Body Scanning at Airports; 70% Consider it offensive: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

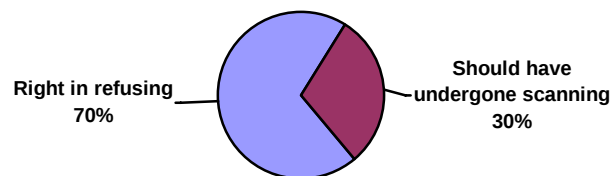
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, amongst the 36% who claim to be aware about the recent incident of two Pakistani women denying body scan at the Manchester airport, 70% are of the view that it was the right thing for these women to do, whereas 30% believe that every country is entitled to have their own set of rules and regulations and therefore these women should have gone through the process of body scanning.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Recently two female Pakistani passengers travelling from Manchester to Pakistan refused to go through the process of computerized body scanning. Have you heard or read about it?*” Thirty six percent (36%) said they have heard or read about it whereas 64% of the respondents claimed to be unaware of this incident.

In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*(Asked of those who were ware of the incident) The Pakistani women, who refused body scanning, claimed that their religion does not allow such scanning, which is why they refused. Do you think it was right of them to refuse or should they have agreed to be scanned since every country has its own rules and regulations?*” Seventy percent (70%) said these women did the right thing by not undergoing scanning whereas 30% believe they should have followed the rules and gotten themselves scanned. The data reveals that a proportionately higher percentage of ruralites (75%) as compared to their urban counterparts (64%) claimed to be in favour of these Pakistani women who refused body scanning. It is also seen that a comparatively higher percentage of men (74%) support these women’s decision.

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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.

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