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## **Views on Studying in Madaris; 57 % Consider it Beneficial in Becoming a Good Human Being and a Good Muslim: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN**

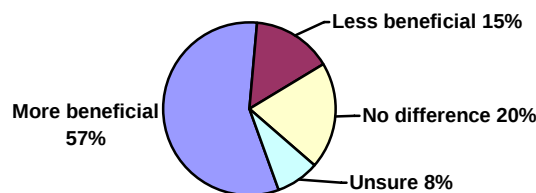
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than half of all Pakistanis (57%) consider Madrassah education (Religious Schools) to have more benefits as compared to regular schooling for children to become both good human beings and good Muslims. Others claim that studying in Madaris is less beneficial (15%), or there is no difference (20%) and 8% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*To be a good human being and a good Muslim, is getting education from a madrassah more beneficial, less beneficial or is there no difference as compared to studying from regular schools?*” Fifty seven percent (57%) claimed it is more beneficial, 15% said it is less beneficial, whereas 20% believe there is no difference between studying in a Madrassah or in a regular educational institution. The remaining 8% of the respondents were unsure.

The findings of the survey reveal that a proportionately higher percentage of rural respondents (63%) as compared to urban respondents (43%) consider Madrassah education as more beneficial for children to become a good human being and a good Muslim.

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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,  
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association ([www.gallup-international.com](http://www.gallup-international.com); [www.gallup.com.pk](http://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 2989 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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