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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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Opinion Polls Released during
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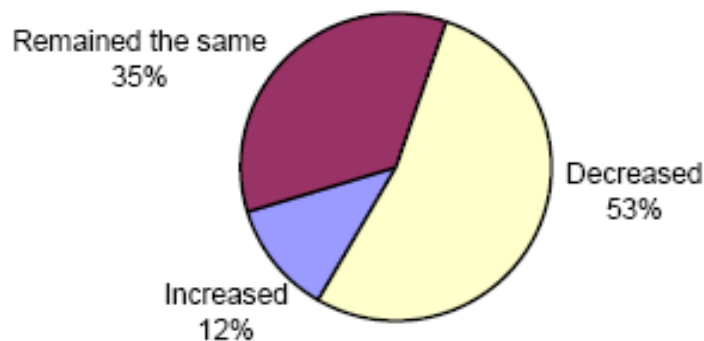
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"In your opinion, these days the trend of helping the poor by the affluent class has increased, decreased or has it remained the same as compared to the last ten year?"* Fifty three percent (53%) were of the view that over the passage of years the charitable acts of the rich have decreased, 35% said that they have remained the same where as the remaining 12% stated that the trend of helping the poor has increased.

A detailed analysis of the data shows that proportionately a higher percentage of urbanites (18%) believed that the trend of helping the poor has increased over the years as compared to their rural counter parts (8%).

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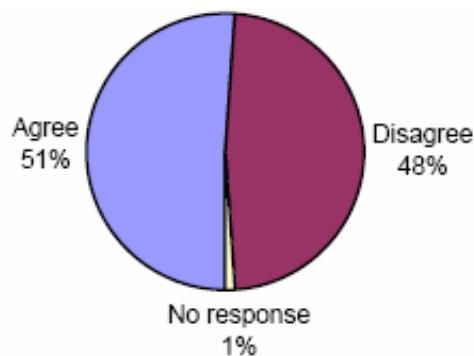
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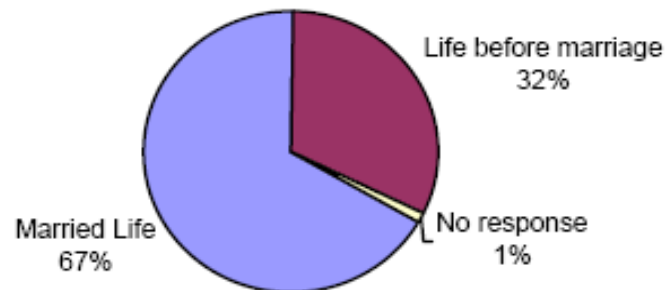
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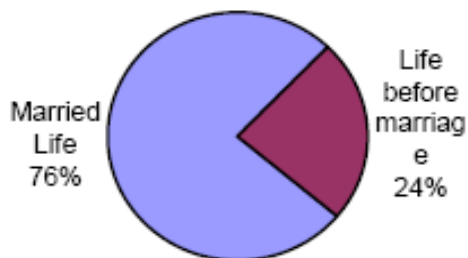
A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *“Some people believe that married life is more pleasant than life before marriage while others feel that it is the other way round. Which one do you find better?”* Sixty seven percent (67%) were of the opinion that married life is better than the single life while 32% believed that life before marriage is more pleasant. Only 1% gave no response. The findings show that proportionately a higher percentage of ruralites (72%) prefer married phase of life over the unmarried phase as compared to their urban counterparts (58%). The survey data also reveals that more males (37%) claim to enjoy single life as compared to the females (27%). It is also seen from the data that preference for married life increases with age.

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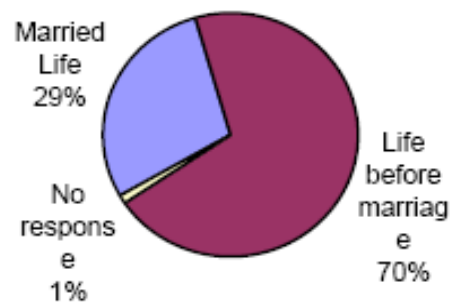
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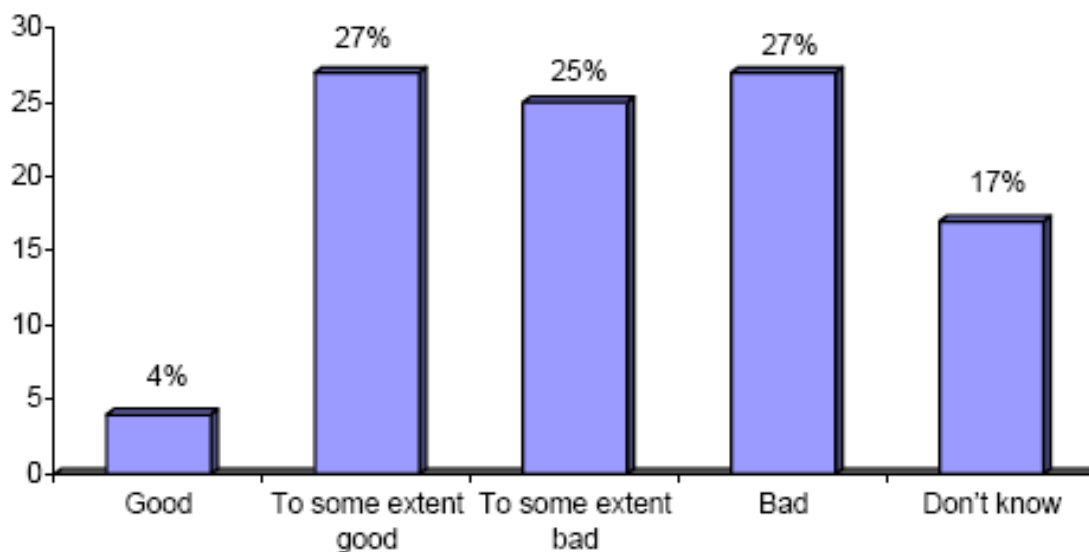
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Nowadays all kinds of foreign films and music are available in our country. To what extent do you think the availability of these sources of entertainment have a good or a bad impact on the culture?"* Only four percent (4%) perceived the accessibility of foreign films and music to be good and healthy for the culture, 27% believed it to be good to some extent. 25% assumed the availability bad to some extent and 27% were totally against these sources of entertainment and considered them to be harmful for the society and culture. 17% said they don't know.

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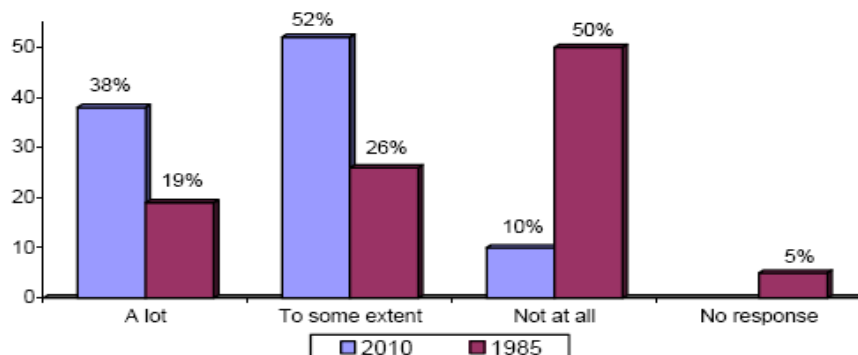
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"If a person has to walk for few miles in your area at night, what are the chances that he would be robbed or any such mishap would take place?"* Thirty eight percent (38%) believed that there are a lot of chances of a mishap taking place, 52% said there are some chances while 10% were of the opinion that it is totally safe. In 1985 19% considered their area extremely safe to walk for a few miles alone at night, 26% found their area safe to some extent, 50% mentioned it to be totally safe while 5% gave no response.

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