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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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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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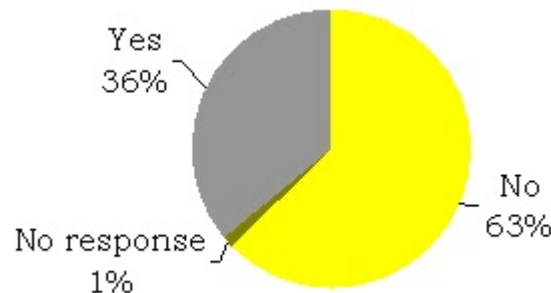
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *“Mostly people travel to other cities for one reason or the other. Recently did you have a chance to travel to another city?”* Thirty six percent (36%) replied in affirmative while 63% said that they have not recently travelled to another city. 1% gave no response.

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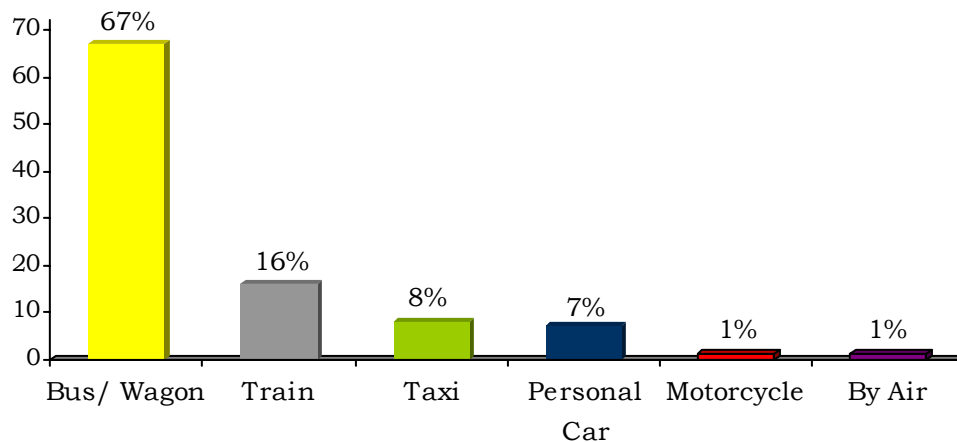
In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *“If yes, then which means of transport did you use?”* Sixty seven percent (67%) claimed to have travelled by bus/wagon, followed by 16% who travelled by train, 8% by taxi, 7% by personal car, 1% by motorcycle and 1% by air.

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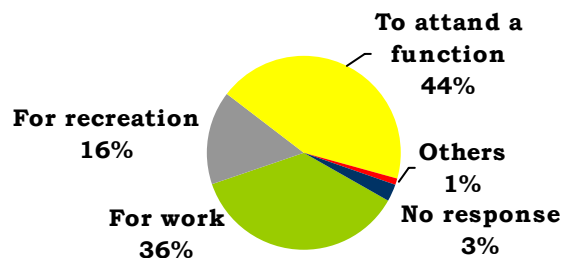
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"What was the purpose of your travel?"* Forty four percent (44%) travelled to attend some function (wedding, funeral, etc.), 36% for work and 16% for recreation. 1% gave other responses and 3% gave no response.

"What was the purpose of your travel?"



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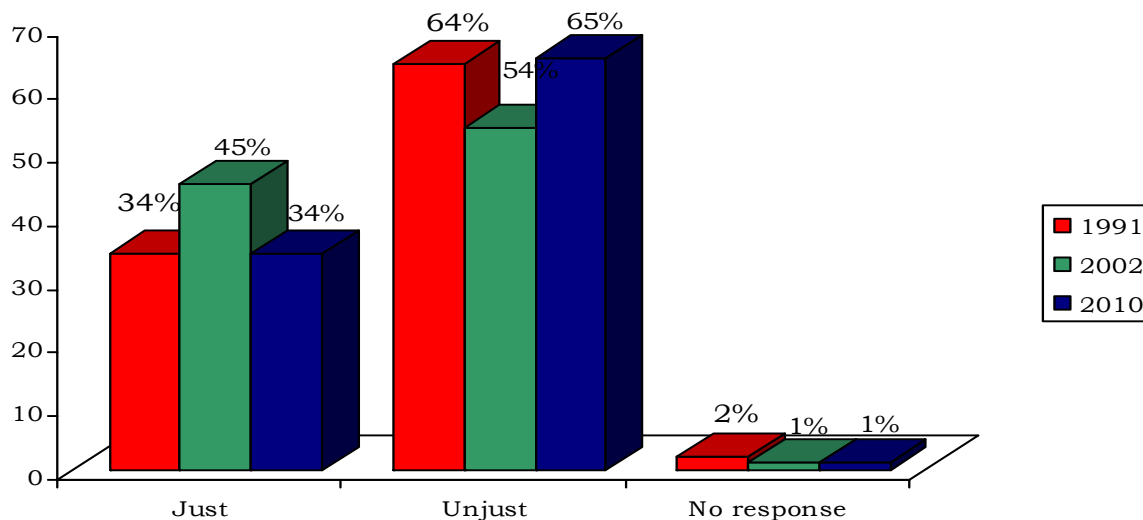
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In two different surveys, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *“Some people believe that the tax collected by the government is just while others believe it is unjust. What is your opinion?”* In 2010 34% find taxes to be just while 65% consider them unjust. 1% have given no response. The comparable figures in response to the same question in 2002 were: 45% stated that taxes were reasonable where as 54% said they were unreasonable. In 1991 the corresponding figures were 24% said taxes were just and 64% unjust.

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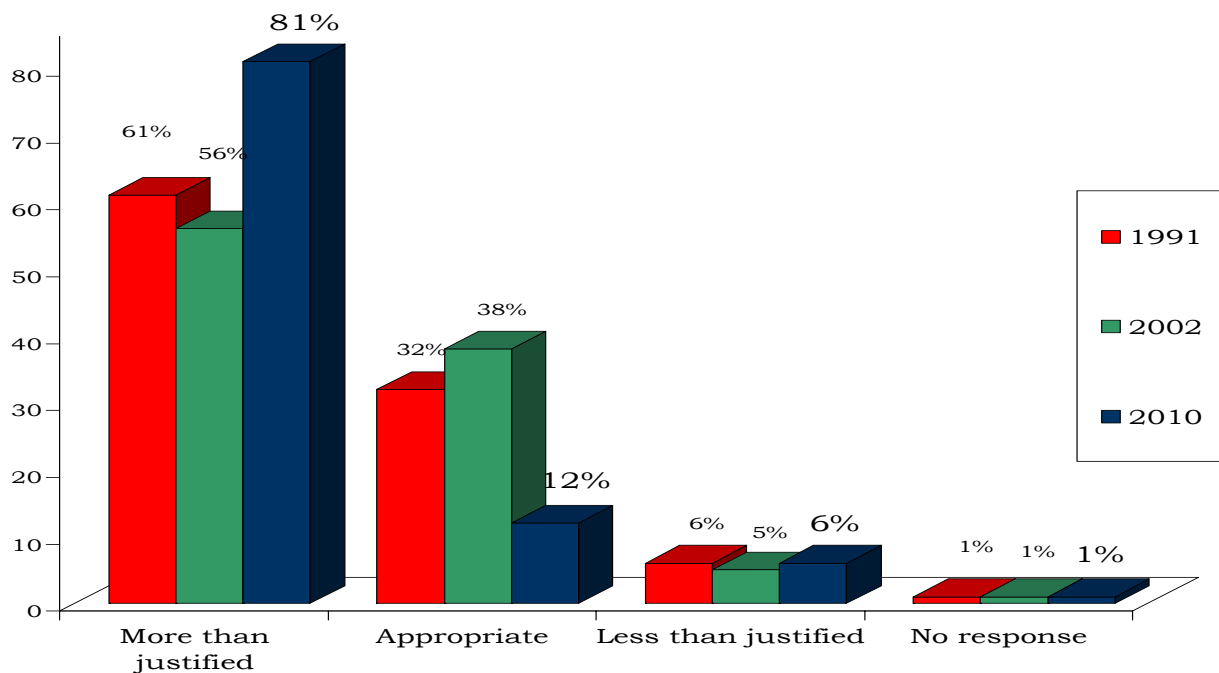
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In a follow up question, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *“What is your opinion about the amount of tax collected by the government?”* In 2010 81% say the amount of taxes are more than required, 12% find the amount to be appropriate 6% believe they sum is less than justified. The comparable figures in response to the same question in 2002 were: 56% considered the amount to be more than justified, 38% appropriate and 5% less than required. In 1991 the figures in response to the same question were 61% considered the amount to be justified, 32% appropriate and 6% less than justified.

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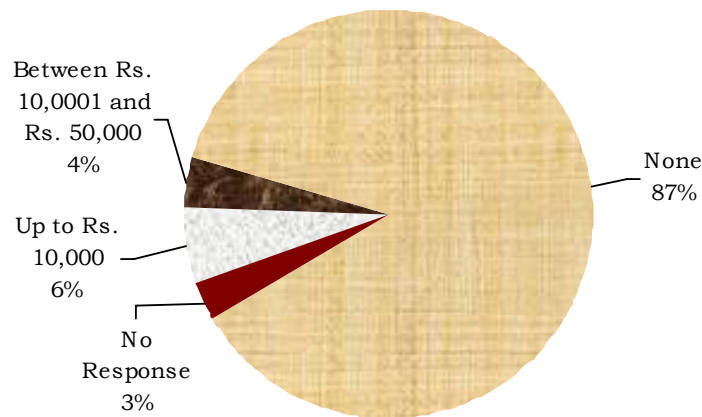
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"In the past one year how much have you spent on buying furniture items?"* Eighty seven percent (87%) said that they did not spend on furniture in the past year. However, 6% claimed to have spent up to Rs. 10,000 on furniture goods and 4% said they spent in between Rs. 10,001 and Rs. 50,000. 3% gave no response.

The findings of the data reveal that most of the purchasing was done from the local bazaar or from the nearest city.

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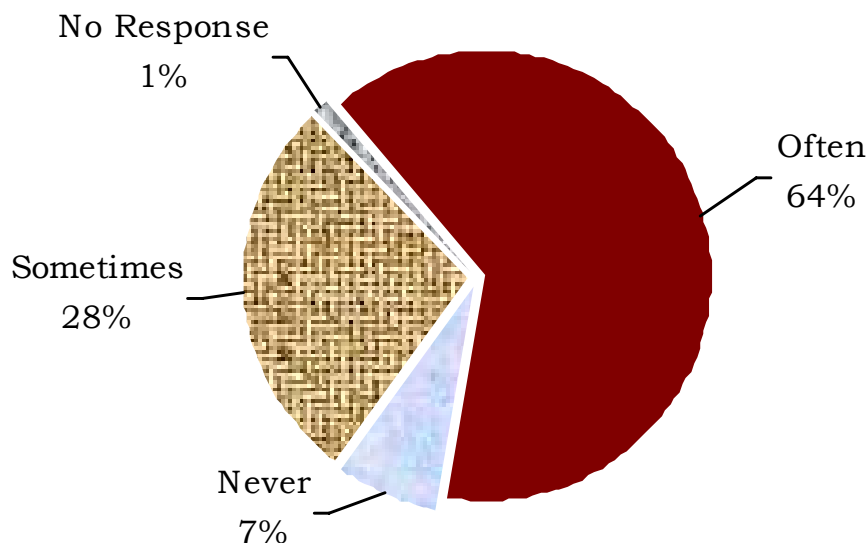
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *“Some people are in a habit of seeking forgiveness for their sins everyday. How often would you say you do that?”* 64% claimed to often repent daily, 28% sometimes and 7% never. 1% gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in opinion of people from across various demographics.

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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"In your opinion which part of the world has got the most beautiful women?"* Thirty two percent (32%) considered women of the subcontinent to be the prettiest, followed by the women of Middle East (24%) and Eastern Asia. 12% found European woman to be most beautiful, 11% American and 3% African. 2% gave no response.

A detailed analysis of the data revealed that relatively more urbanites (38%) consider the women of the sub continent to be the most beautiful as compared to their rural counter parts (28%).

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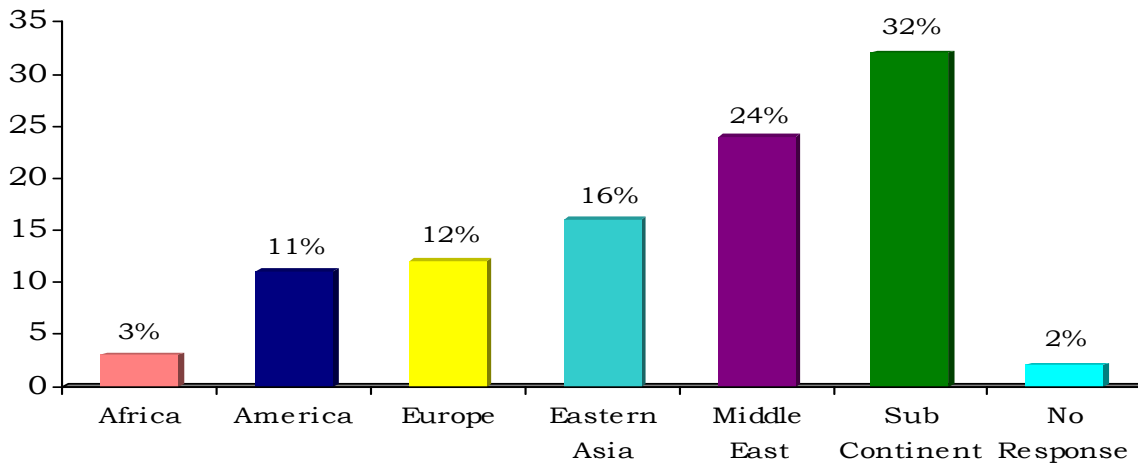
It is quite evident that the opinion will be interpreted as a bit 'self-serving'. As a local proverb goes: Every mother believes her child is the prettiest and most handsome in the world!

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