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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.

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June 15, 2010

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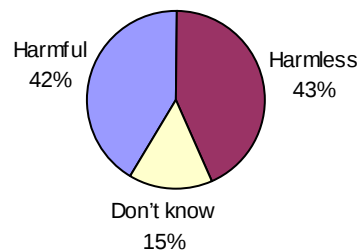
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Some people believe that watching excessive TV is harmful to health while others say that it has no adverse affects, what is your opinion?"* Forty two (42%) assumed that watching too much television is detrimental to health while 43% believed that it has no negative affects. 15% were uncertain as they said they don't know.

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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 survey findings show that relatively speaking, more men (45%) than women (39%) believe heavy viewing is harmful to health. On the other hand 52% of the young (under 30) hold this view that there are no negative implications of watching excessive television s opposed to 36% of those over 50 years of age.

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 2755 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during May 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

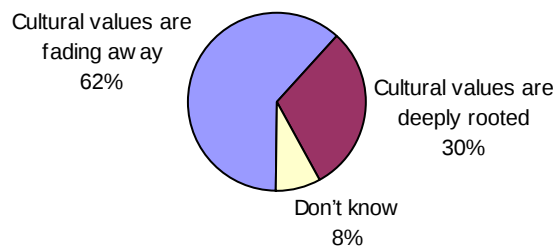
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Some people believe that cultural values of leading a good life are fading away from our society where as others believe that even today they are strongly instilled in our society, what is your opinion?"* Sixty two percent (62%) assumed that cultural values of leading a good life have started disappearing from our society while 30% believed that traditions are still strongly embedded. 8% were uncertain as they said they don't know.

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The view that traditions are deeply rooted is higher at 30% among the young, (less than 30 years of age) than among the older population (above 50 years), only 21% of whom believe the same.

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Are Men And Women Treated Equally In The Society? Only 17 % Believe They Are, 53 % Say Men Enjoy An Unfair Edge, 25 % Say Women Do. No Significant Gender Difference In Response: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

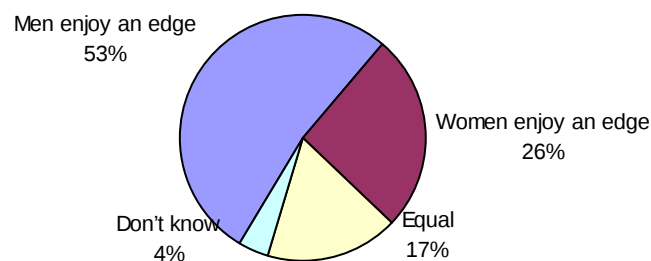
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"In your opinion are men and women treated equally in our country or not? Kindly choose a statement from the following which is nearest to your view"*. Fifty three percent (53%) believed men enjoyed an edge in treatment where as 26% were of the opinion that women get superior treatment. Only 17% stated that both are treated equally while 4% were uncertain as they said they don't know.

One would have expected a gender difference in the response. But surprisingly the difference is very small: 51% of men believed that they enjoy an unfair edge in treatment while the comparable figure among women is slightly higher at 54%. *"In your opinion are men and women treated equally in our country or not? Kindly choose a statement from the following which is nearest to your view. "*

Response among All



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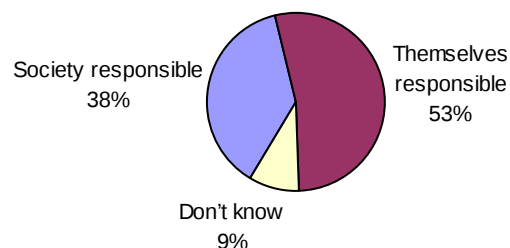
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Some people hold society responsible for the failure of those who are unsuccessful in life while others blame people themselves for their failures, what is your point of view?"* Thirty eight percent (38%) held the society responsible while a significant 53% blamed the individuals for their failures. 9% were uncertain as they said they don't know.

A detailed analysis of data shows that a larger percentage of ruralites (56%) believed that people are responsible for their own failures as compared to the urbanites (47%).

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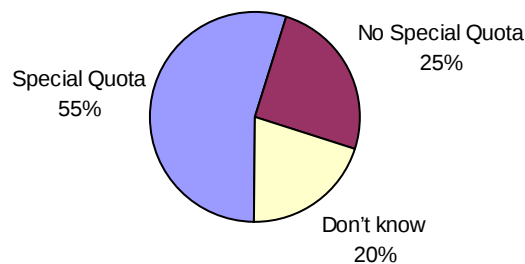
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: *"Some people believe that educational institutes and offices should have a specific/ special quota for eunuchs so that like other people they can get educated and earn a living while others do not think so. What is your opinion?"* Fifty five percent (55%) were of the opinion that special quota should be reserved for eunuchs as opposed to 25% who did not believe so. A significant 20% were uncertain as they said they don't know.

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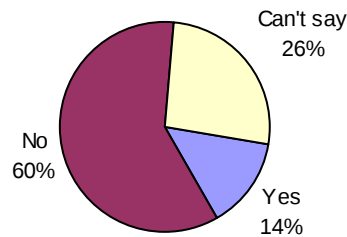
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In a follow up question the respondents were asked *"If an eunuch wants to be friends with you, will you agree or not?"* Majority (60%) stated that they would not want to be friends with them, 14% said they would, where as a considerable 26% mentioned that they can't say for sure.

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The result of the findings show that women are more apprehensive about becoming friends with the transgender as only 10% responded in the affirmative while 17% of the men agreed. The findings also reveal that there is a difference of opinion among the age groups. Willingness to become friends with the transgender is higher at 21% among the old (51 plus) than among the young population (under 30) as only 13% of whom believe the same.

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