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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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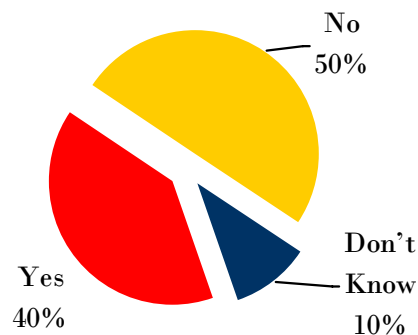
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: “Do you think admissions into educational institutions are merit-based?” Results show that while a significant 40% of the respondents believe that this process is merit-based and only deserving students get admitted into educational institutions, a majority of 50% of the respondents think this is not so. 10% said that they did not know.

A detailed analysis of the data shows that a relatively higher percentage of rural residents feel that the process of admission into educational institutions is merit-based in Pakistan as compared to urban residents. No significant variation was seen across other demographics.

“Do you think admissions into educational institutions are merit-based?”



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A comparison with the results of a similar survey conducted in the year 2000 reveals that views regarding the nature of the admissions process have become more favorable over the past decade. In 2000, only 24% Pakistanis felt that the admissions process is merit-based while this figure has risen to a significant 40% in 2011. This rise is accounted for primarily by the changing views of rural Pakistanis 44% of whom now consider admissions into educational institutions to be merit-based as compared to only 20% who thought so in 2000.

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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: “In your view, has the rate of inflation increased, decreased or remained the same during the last three months?” Results show that an overwhelming majority of respondents (88%) feel that inflation has been increasing in the past three months while 8% think it has remained unchanged and only 4% think that it has decreased.

No significant difference of opinion was seen in this regard among the data for different demographic categories of Pakistanis.

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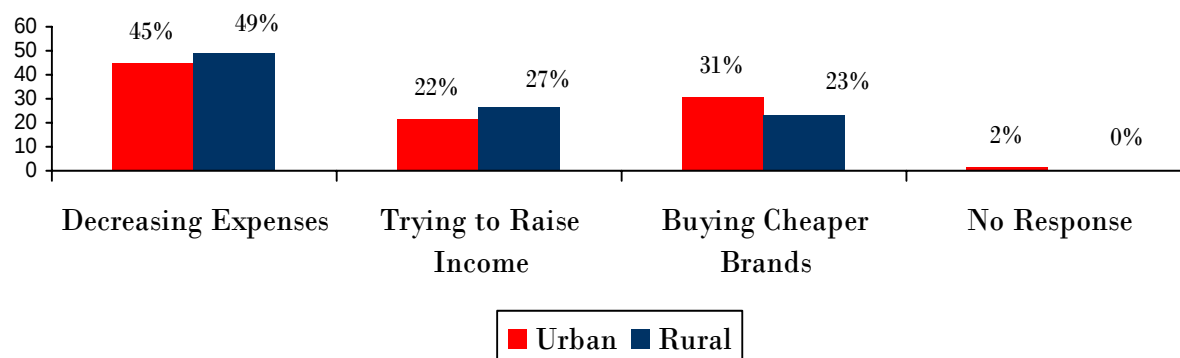
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In a follow-up question, respondents were asked, ‘What steps have you taken to overcome inflation?’, The results reveal that 26% Pakistanis are attempting to offset the impact of rising prices by trying to raise their income. Among the remaining respondents, 47% said they are trying to reduce their expenses while 26% are switching to cheaper brands and products. Interestingly, an analysis of the data shows that a slightly higher percentage of rural dwellers said that they are reducing their expenses and attempting to add to their income to deal with inflation as compared to urban residents. The percentage of urban residents who said they are using cheaper brands and products, on the other hand, was higher as compared to their rural counterparts.

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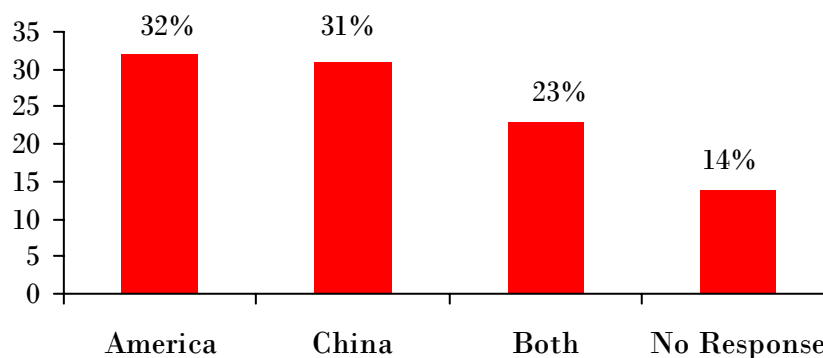
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: “In your opinion which country is more powerful, China or America?” Thirty two percent (32%) believed USA to be more powerful as opposed to 31% who considered China to be a stronger global power. 23% said both are equally powerful and a considerable 14% gave no response.

A detailed analysis of the survey showed that more urban residents (37%) considered USA to be more powerful than their rural (29%) counter parts. It can also be seen that with age the concept of considering USA more powerful decreased with 37% respondents under 30 and 30% over 50 years of age sharing this opinion.

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The results of another poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan as part of a global survey regarding China’s growing economic and military power show that Pakistani views in this regard are more positive than the opinion that represents the Global Average. 74% Pakistanis view China’s growing economic strength positively as compared to the Global Average of 50%. Furthermore, while the Global Average shows that 26% consider China’s growing military power favorably, an overwhelming 61% Pakistanis view this as a positive development.

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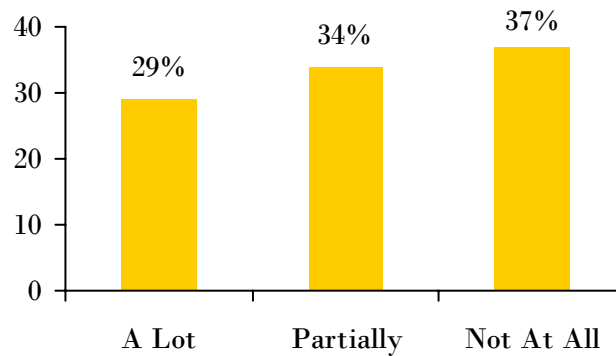
In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: “In your opinion, how far is the human right ‘Equality Before The Law’ respected in Pakistan?” While 37% respondents are of the opinion that this right is not respected in the country at all, another 34% feel that it is partially respected at best. Only 29% people feel that this right is respected and practiced in Pakistan.

A detailed analysis of the survey shows that there is a sharp difference of opinion between rural and urban residents in this regard, with 56% urban residents saying there is no equality before the law in the country as compared to only 28% rural dwellers who share the same opinion. Furthermore, while only 11% urban residents said equality before the law is respected in Pakistan, as many as 38% rural residents were of this opinion. It can also be seen that younger Pakistanis are more disillusioned with the state of equality before the law. 42% respondents below 30 year of age think that there is no implementation of this right in the country as compared to only 28% Pakistanis above 50 years of age who share this opinion.

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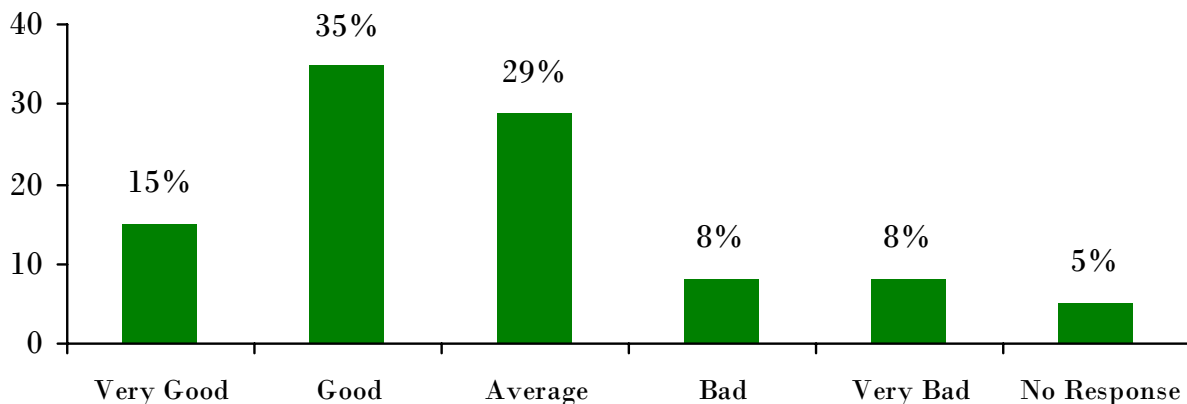
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In a survey, a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question: "In your opinion, how was the Pakistani cricket team's performance in the World Cup?" Fifteen percent (15%) rate the Pakistani team's performance as very good while another 35% think their performance was good. More than a fourth of the respondents said the team's performance was average (29%) while 8% said it was bad and another 8% found it to have been very bad.

No significant differences were seen in the opinions of Pakistanis from different demographic categories.

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Afridi's Captaincy:

Respondents were further asked the following question, "In your opinion, how was Shahid Afridi's performance as Captain during the World Cup?" The results show that 55% respondents are happy with Afridi's captaincy, with 22% rating it as very good and another 33% saying it was good. While 28% of the respondents said that his performance as Captain of the team was Average, 8% found it bad and 2% said it was very bad.

It was again seen that there was no significant difference of opinion in this regard across different demographics.

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