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Eid ul Fitr

Historically, majority favors celebrating Eid according to moon sightings in the area. (GRF POLL)

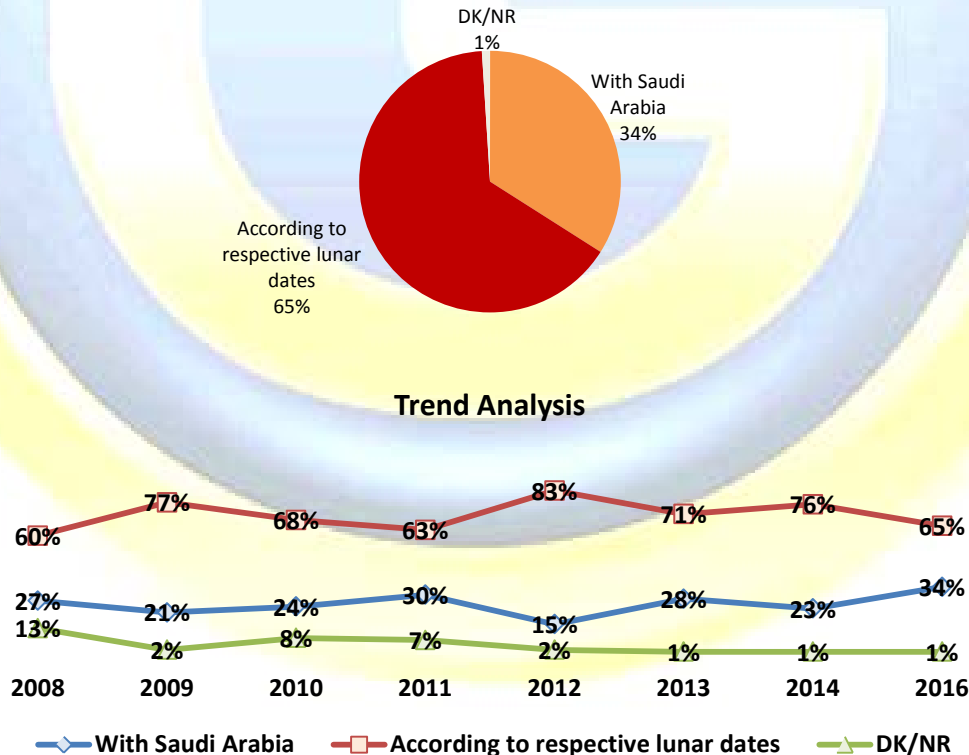
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority has always favored celebrating Eid according to moon sightings in the area.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the four provinces was asked, “Some people say that Eid should be celebrated along with Saudi Arabia, whereas others think each individual country should celebrate according to the moon sightings in their area. What is your opinion?” In response to this question, 65% said that Eid should be celebrated according to respective lunar dates, while 34% said that Eid should be celebrated with Saudi Arabia. 1% did not know or did not wish to respond.

This question was also asked in previous years. In 2008, 60% respondents said Eid should be celebrated according to Lunar dates, 27% said it should be celebrated with Saudi Arabia, and 13% did not know or did not wish to respond. In 2010, 68% respondents said Eid should be celebrated according to Lunar dates, 24% said it should be celebrated with Saudi Arabia, and 8% did not know or did not wish to respond. In 2012, 83% respondents said Eid should be celebrated according to Lunar dates, 15% said it should be celebrated with Saudi Arabia, and 2% did not know or did not wish to respond. Thus we see that historically, majority favors celebrating Eid according to the respective lunar dates over celebrating it with Saudi Arabia.

Question: “Some people say that Eid should be celebrated along with Saudi Arabia, whereas others think each individual country should celebrate according to the moon sightings in their area. What is your opinion?”



Source: Gilani Research Foundation Poll (GRF Poll)
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The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1816 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during July 11 – July 18, 2016. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level



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If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

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