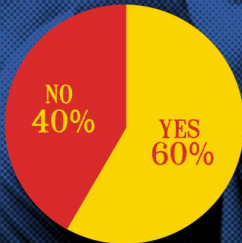


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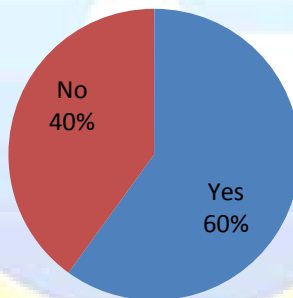
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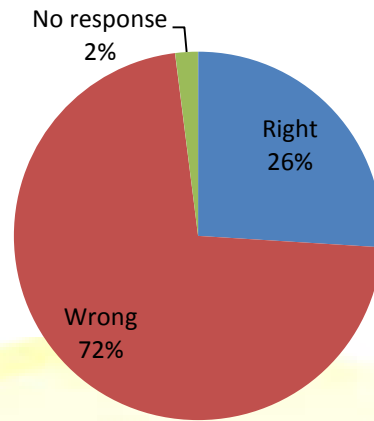
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Respondents who had heard or read about the incident were then asked, "Some people think that the allegation of blasphemy on Mashal Khan is right, while others say that the allegation is false and baseless. Do you think the allegation of blasphemy on Mashal Khan is right or wrong?" In response, 26% said the allegation of blasphemy is right, while 72% said it false and baseless. 2% did not wish to respond.

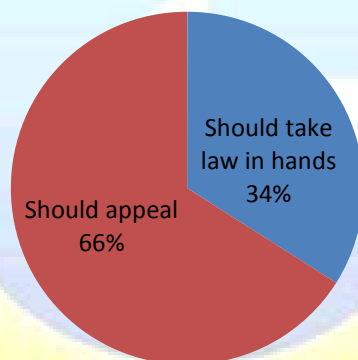
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The same respondents were further asked, “Suppose if someone feels that an individual has committed blasphemy, then in your opinion, should you take the law in your own hands, or should you appeal with scholars or courts?” In response, 34% said that they should take law in hands, while 66% said they should appeal with scholars or courts.

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