

Public Opinion Polling On Women Harassment Issue in Pakistan

Study based on a survey of adult men and women from all 4 provinces representative of both urban and rural Pakistan. Additionally, it is also representative of education, income and age.

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Executive Summary

More than 1 in 4 urban Pakistani women claim to have felt unsafe, intimidated and harassed by strange men ogling, following them around and passing unwanted flirtatious remarks.

Urban women respondents were asked about certain harassing experiences.

One-third Pakistanis feel that women are most harassed in streets and public transport.

Respondents were asked where in their city/area were acts of harassment against women more prevalent. In response, 22% said shops, 33% said streets, 26% said hospitals, 25% each said workplace and on telephone, 31% said public transport, 21% said within educational institutions and 27% said around schools/colleges/universities, 14% said incidents of harassment do not occur in their area and 1% did not respond.

Only 1 in 5 Pakistanis regard wolf-whistling at females and blocking their way as acts of harassment.

Respondents were asked what harassment was in their opinion. 35% said staring/leering, 37% said deliberate/groping, 40% said obscene/inappropriate touch, 36% said being followed or stalked, 23% said whistling, 18% said blocking the way, 1% said others and 5% did not know or respond.

Every 1 in 5 Pakistani woman claims to have experienced inappropriate gazes by men in public that made her uneasy. Twice as many urban than rural women have been victims to such form of harassment.

Respondents were asked whether they had experienced the following; *You are in public and feel awkward because of staring by men.* In response, 21% said yes and 79% said no.

16% Pakistani women claim to have been victimized by unwanted and harassing phone calls.

Respondents were asked whether they had experienced the following; *Received prank calls or wrong number phone calls which did not stop despite your protest.* In response, 16% said yes and 84% said no.

Street Harassment: Every 1 in 4 urban Pakistani woman says she has been stalked by men on her way to home, office or the market.

Respondents were asked whether they had experienced the following; *Been followed by a man while you were walking to or around your home, office or market* In response, 16% said yes and 84% said no.



1 in 2 Pakistani women say they reduced their commute by public transport due to fears of harassment. 34% say they don't travel unaccompanied and 29% say they wear a Hijab while travelling.

Respondents were asked about how fears of harassment had affected their use of public transportation. In response, 51% said they reduced commuting from public transport, 28% said they changed their travel route, 34% said someone always accompanied them while travelling, 26% said they avoided going out alone after dark, 29% said they prefer to cover/wear a Hijab while traveling, 12% said they left their educational institution/job, 12% said it remained unaffected and 4% did not respond.

3 in 5 Pakistanis cite lack of education and lack of religious awareness as the most prevalent cause of women harassment. 62% men believe the display of indecent behavior by the women to be the primary reason.

Respondents were asked about their opinion on why does harassment happen. In response, 44% said women dressing in certain ways provokes indecent behavior among men, 58% said women themselves do not act appropriately (including unnecessary chit-chat/roaming about and taking part in outside activities/laughing loudly etc), 37% said men will be men, boys will be boys, 33% said public transport are crowded, 25% said poor lighting in the streets, 22% said lack of security personnel/CCTV cameras, 26% said no implementation of laws against harassment, 22% said police does not take such complaints seriously, 18% said perpetrators go unpunished and 61% said lack of education/religious awareness in society.

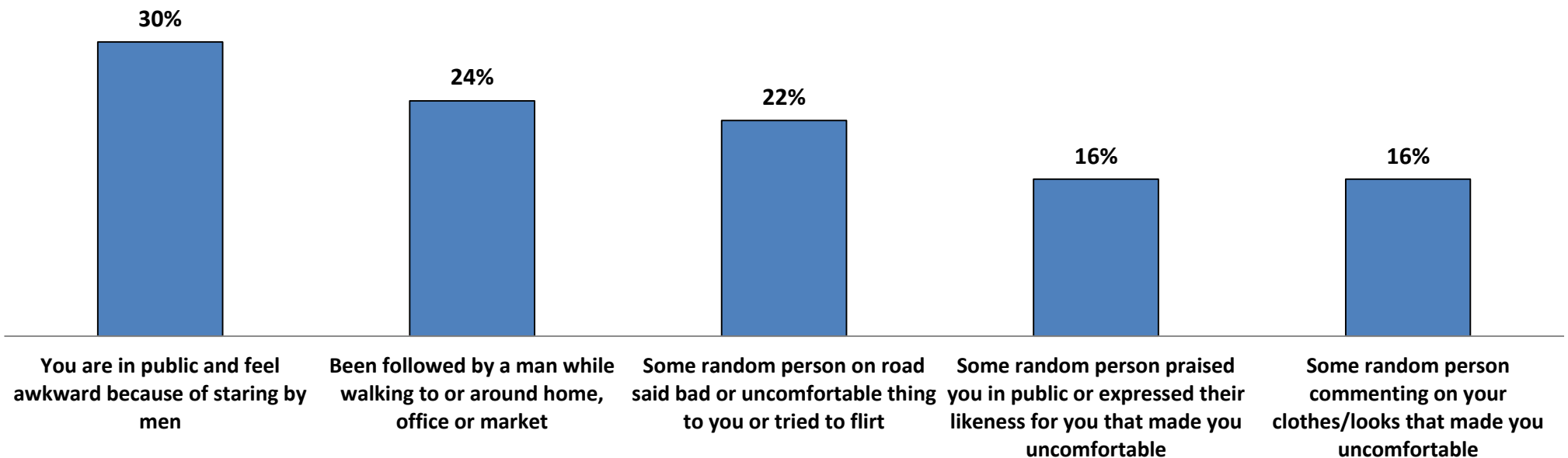


Item 1.1: Key Finding

Summary: Women Harassment Incidence (Urban Pakistan Women)

Question: Have you ever experienced the following;

■ Yes



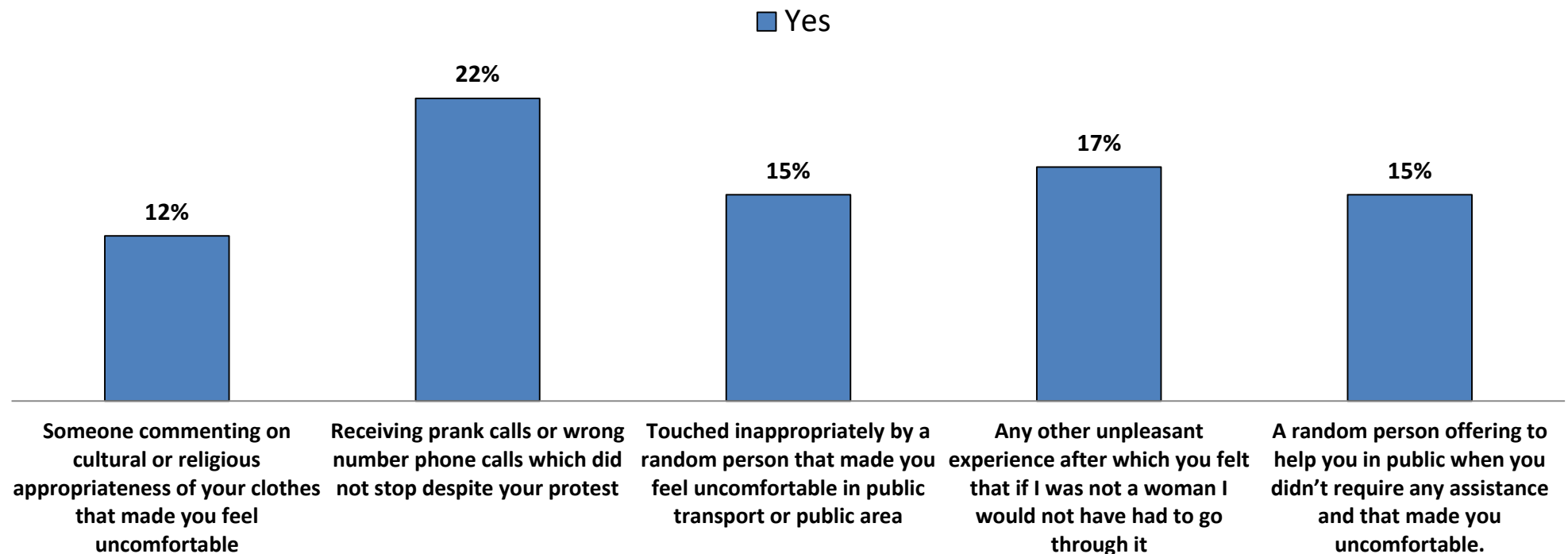
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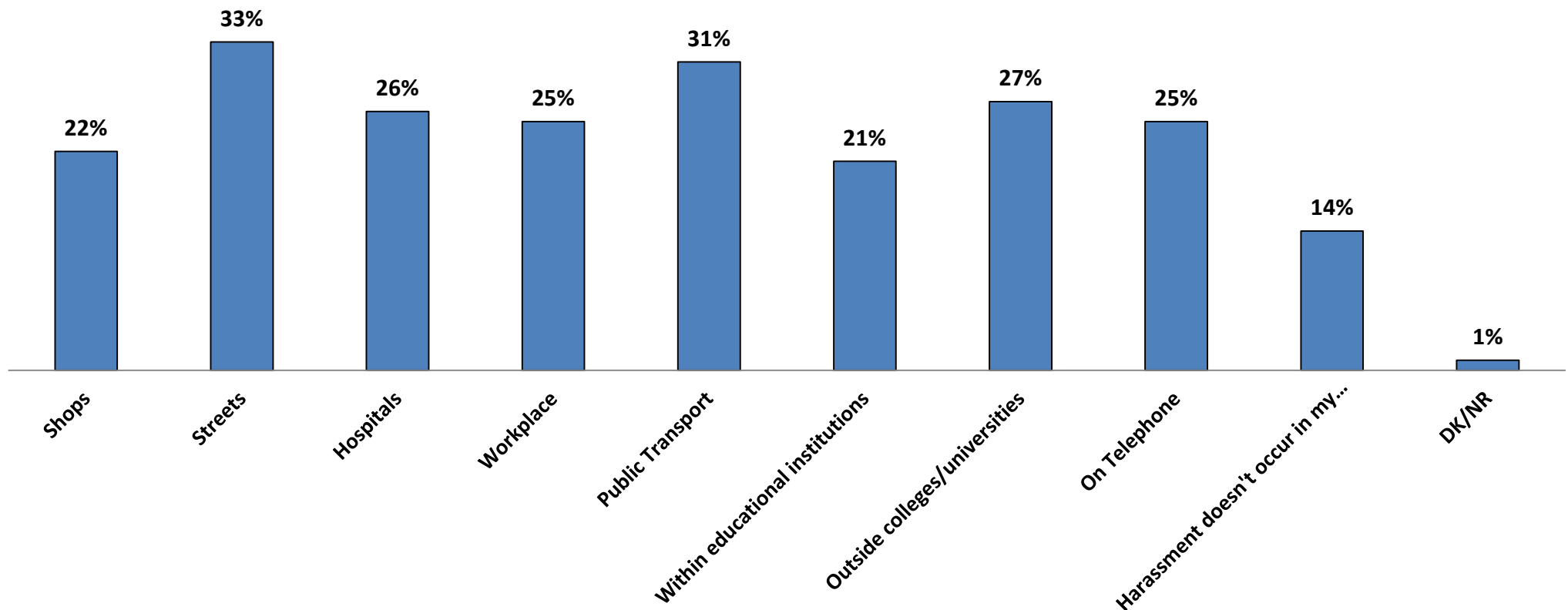


Source: Gallup Pakistan National Public Opinion Poll. November 06 –November 11, 2017 (Sample size: 857 women from across Pakistan)



Item 1.2: Key Finding

Question: Where in your city/area are acts of harassment against women more prevalent?
(Multiple responses possible)

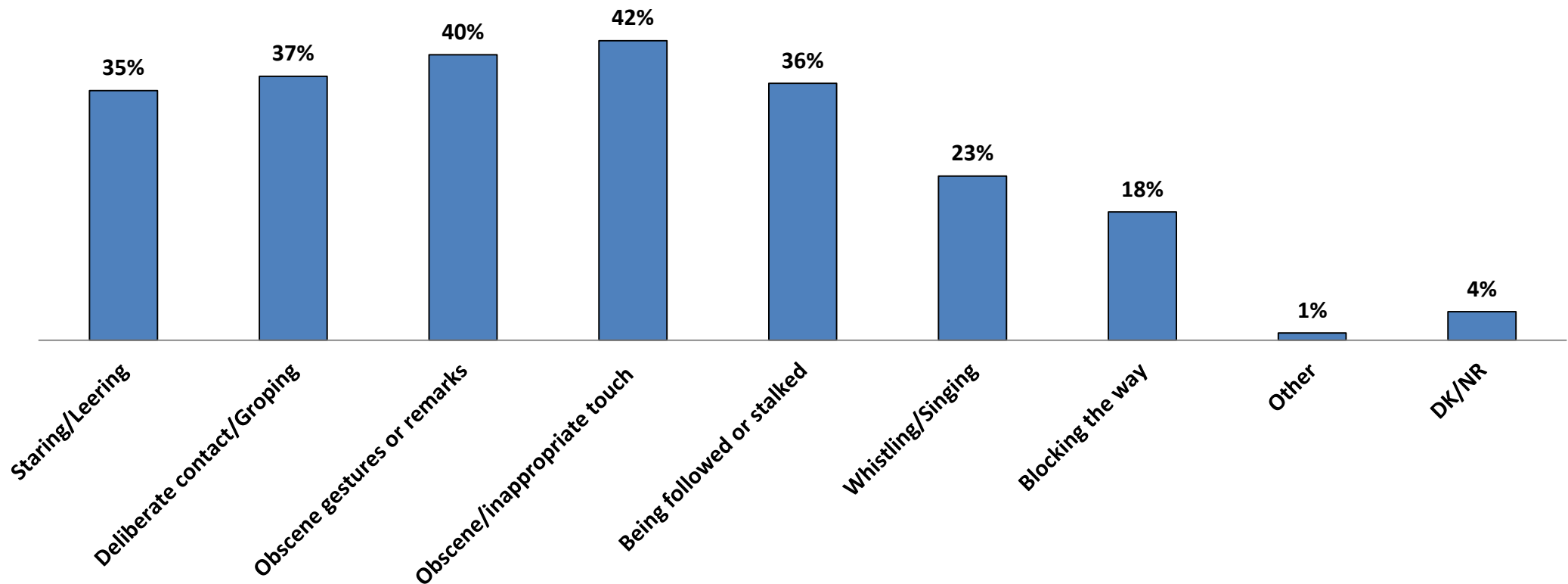


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Item 1.3: Key Finding

Question: Please tell us what harassment is in your opinion? (Multiple Responses Possible)



Source: Gallup Pakistan National Public Opinion Poll. November 06 –November 11, 2017 (Sample size: 1708)



Item 1.4: Key Finding

Question: Have you ever experienced the following; You are in public and feel awkward because of staring by men.

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WOMEN | OTHERS

DECEMBER 18, 2017

EVERY 1 IN 5 PAKISTANI WOMAN CLAIMS TO HAVE EXPERIENCED INAPPROPRIATE GAZES BY MEN IN PUBLIC THAT MADE HER UNEASY. TWICE AS MANY URBAN THAN RURAL WOMEN HAVE BEEN VICTIMS TO SUCH FORM OF HARASSMENT.

Have you ever experienced the following; You are in public and feel awkward because of staring by men?



TOTAL

21%



URBAN

30%



RURAL

15%

SOURCE: GALLUP & GILANI SURVEYS - SAMPLE SIZE: 857
Nationally Representative Sample covering both rural and urban respondents across Pakistan's four provinces.



Source: Gallup Pakistan National Public Opinion Poll. November 06 –November 11, 2017 (Sample size: 857 women from across Pakistan)



Item 1.5: Key Finding

Question: Have you ever experienced the following; Received prank calls or wrong number phone calls which did not stop despite your protest

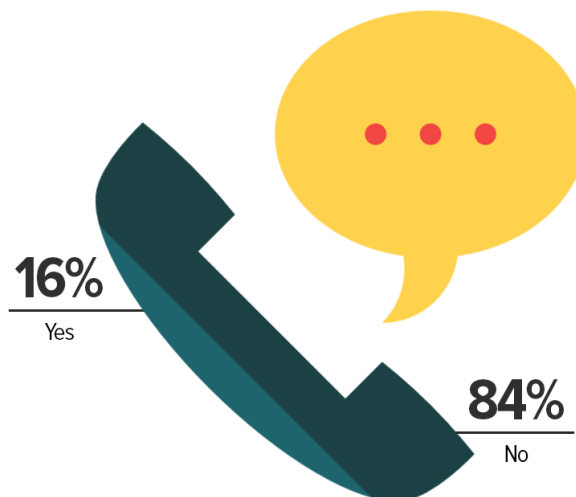
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WOMEN | OTHERS

DECEMBER 19, 2017

16% PAKISTANI WOMEN CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY UNWANTED AND HARASSING PHONE CALLS.

Have you ever experienced the following; Receiving prank calls or wrong number phone calls which did not stop despite your protest



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Source: Gallup Pakistan National Public Opinion Poll. November 06 –November 11, 2017 (Sample size: 857 women from across Pakistan)



Item 1.6: Key Finding

Question: Have you ever experienced the following; *Been followed by a man while you were walking to or around your home, office or market*

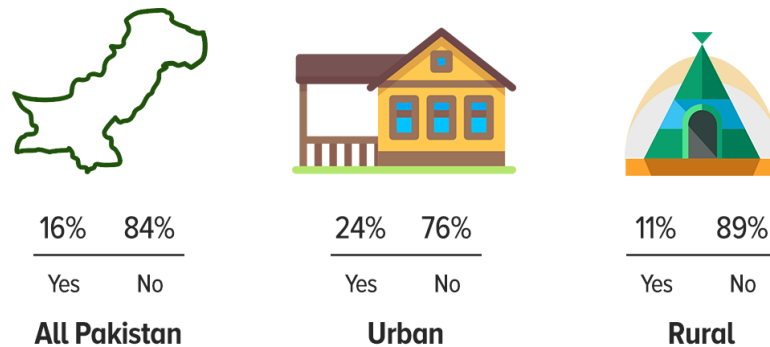
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WOMEN | OTHERS

DECEMBER 20, 2017

STREET HARASSMENT: EVERY 1 IN 4 URBAN PAKISTANI WOMAN SAYS SHE HAS BEEN STALKED BY MEN ON HER WAY TO HOME, OFFICE OR THE MARKET.

Have you ever experienced the following; Been followed by a man while you were walking to or around your home, office or market



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Nationally Representative Sample covering both rural and urban respondents across Pakistan's four provinces.



Source: Gallup Pakistan National Public Opinion Poll. November 06 –November 11, 2017
(Sample size: 857 women from across Pakistan)



Item 1.7: Key Finding

Question: How have fears of harassment affected your use of public transportation? (Multiple responses possible)

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SOCIAL | SOCIAL MOBILITY

DECEMBER 21, 2017

1 IN 2 PAKISTANI WOMEN SAY THEY REDUCED THEIR COMMUTE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT DUE TO FEARS OF HARASSMENT. 34% SAY THEY DON'T TRAVEL UNACCOMPANIED AND 29% SAY THEY WEAR A HIJAB WHILE TRAVELLING.

How have fears of harassment affected your use of public transportation?
(Multiple responses possible)



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Nationally Representative Sample covering both rural and urban respondents across Pakistan's four provinces.



Source: Gallup Pakistan National Public Opinion Poll. November 06 –November 11, 2017
(Sample size: 857 women from across Pakistan)



Item 1.8: Key Finding

**Question: Why does harassment happen to women?
(Open-Ended/Multiple responses possible)**

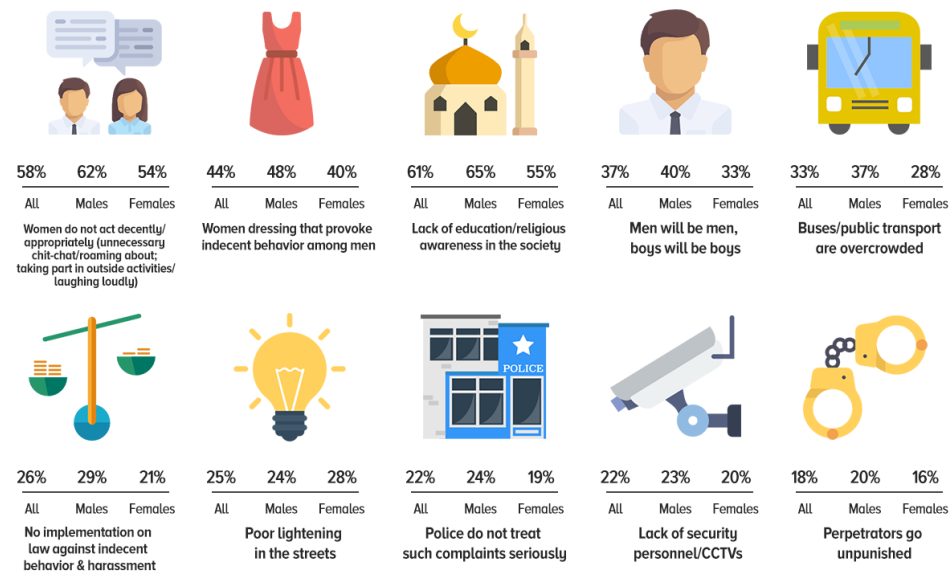
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WOMEN | OTHERS

DECEMBER 22, 2017

3 IN 5 PAKISTANIS CITE LACK OF EDUCATION AND LACK OF RELIGIOUS AWARENESS AS THE MOST PREVALENT CAUSE OF WOMEN HARASSMENT. 62% MEN BELIEVE THE DISPLAY OF INDECENT BEHAVIOR BY THE WOMEN TO BE THE PRIMARY REASON.

Why does harassment happen to women? (Open-Ended/Multiple responses possible)



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Nationally Representative Sample covering both rural and urban respondents across Pakistan's four provinces.



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Urdu Questionnaire

رائے عامہ سروے

نومبر 2017

Item 1.1 آپ کو کو کبھی بھی مندرجہ ذیل صورتحال کا سامنا کرنا پڑا؟ (ہر ایک کے لیے علیحدہ علیحدہ پوچھیں)

a.	کسی عوامی جگہ (پبلک جگہوں) پر مردوں کی جانب سے ٹکٹکی باندھ کر دیکھنے / گھورنے کی وجہ سے آپ کو خطرہ / تکلیف محسوس ہوئی
b.	خداخواستہ آپ کے گھر، سکول، کالج، دفتر یا مارکیٹ کے اردگرد چلتے یا گھومتے ہوئے کسی آدمی نے آپ کا پیچھا کیا جس کی وجہ سے آپ کو خطرہ / تکلیف محسوس ہوئی
c.	سڑک پر کسی اجنبی شخص یا آدمی کی جانب سے گھٹیا یا غیر اخلاقی بات کا کہا جانا یا چھیڑنے کی کوشش کرنا جس کی وجہ سے آپ کو پریشانی ہوئی
d.	سڑک پر کسی فرد کا آپ کی تعریف کرنے کی کوشش کرنا / پسندیدگی کا اظہار کرنا جو آپ کے لیے پریشانی / تکلیف کا باعث بنا ہو
e.	کسی اجنبی شخص کی جانب سے آپ کے لباس یا ظاہری شکل و صورت پر رائے کا اظہار کرنا جس سے آپ کو پریشانی ہوئی ہو
f.	کسی شخص کی جانب سے آپ کے کپڑے / لباس کا ثقافتی یا مذہبی لحاظ سے نا مناسب ہونے پر رائے کا اظہار کرنا جس سے آپ کو پریشانی ہوئی ہو
g.	آپ کی اظہار نا پسندیدگی کے باوجود فون / موبائل پر غلط کالز / رانگ کالز کا آنا جس سے آپ کو پریشانی ہوئی ہو
h.	پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ یا پبلک جگہوں پر کسی فرد کی جانب سے نامناسب طور پر چھونا جس سے آپ کو پریشانی ہوئی ہو
i.	کسی بھی قسم کا کوئی ناخوشگوار واقعہ رونما ہوا جس کے بعد آپ نے سوچا ہو کہ اگر میں عورت نہ ہوتی تو مجھے ایسے ناخوشگوار واقعہ کا سامنا نہ کرنا پڑتا
j.	کسی پبلک جگہ پر تعاون کی پیشکش کی جس کی آپ کو ضرورت نہ ہو اور آپ کو پریشانی ہوئی ہو

Item 1.2 (سب سے پوچھیں) آپ کے شہر / علاقے میں عورتوں کو ہراساں کرنے کے واقعات سب سے زیادہ کون کون سی

جگہوں پر ہوئے ہیں؟

(ایک سے زائد جوابات ممکن ہیں)

1	دکانوں پر
2	سڑک پر / گھر کے باہر گلی میں
3	کام کرنے کی جگہ پر
4	تعلیمی اداروں میں
5	پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ میں
6	تعلیمی اداروں کے اردگرد
7	بمارے شہر / علاقے میں عورتوں کو ہراساں کرنے کے واقعات نہیں ہوئے
8	دیگر (تحریر کریں) --
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Item 1.3 (سب سے پوچھیں) برائے مہربانی بتائیں کہ آپ کے نزدیک کسی فرد / خاتون کو ہراساں کرنے کا مفہوم کیا

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(ایک سے زائد جوابات ممکن ہیں)

1	گھورنا / ٹیڑھی نظروں سے دیکھنا
2	جان بوجھ کر گفتگو کرنے کی کوشش کرنا
3	غیر اخلاقی / نامناسب بات کہنا / ریمارکس
4	غیر اخلاقی / نامناسب انداز میں چھونا / ہاتھ لگانا
5	کسی کا پیچھا کرنا / اس کا تعاقب کرنا
6	سیٹی بجانا / گانا گانا
7	کسی کا راستہ روکنا
8	دیگر (تحریر کریں) --
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آپ کو کو کبھی بھی مندرجہ ذیل صورتحال کا سامنا کرنا پڑا؟ (ہر ایک کے لیے علیحدہ علیحدہ پوچھیں)

Item 1.4 کسی عوامی جگہ (پبلک جگہوں) پر مردوں کی جانب سے ٹکٹکی باندھ کر دیکھنے / گھورنے کی

وجہ سے آپ کو خطرہ / تکلیف محسوس ہوئی؟

Item 1.5 آپ کی اظہار نا پسندیدگی کے باوجود فون / موبائل پر غلط کالز / رانگ کالز کا آنا جس سے

آپ کو پریشانی ہوئی ہو؟

Item 1.6 خداخواستہ آپ کے گھر، سکول، کالج، دفتر یا مارکیٹ کے اردگرد چلتے یا گھومتے ہوئے کسی آدمی

نے آپ کا پیچھا کیا جس کی وجہ سے آپ کو خطرہ / تکلیف محسوس ہوئی؟

Item 1.7 (صرف خواتین سے پوچھیں) برائے مہربانی بتائیں کہ آپ کے خیال میں ہراساں کرنے والے واقعات نے پبلک

ٹرانسپورٹ کو استعمال کرنے کے حوالے سے آپ کو کس طرح متاثر کرتے ہیں؟ (ایک سے زائد جوابات ممکن ہیں)

1	پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ کے استعمال میں کمی واقع ہوئی ہے
2	سفر کرنے کے لیے نقل مکانی کے ذرائع / راستوں میں تبدیلی آئی ہے
3	سفر کرنے کے دوران ہمیشہ کوئی نہ کوئی میرے ساتھ ہوتا ہے / کسی کو ساتھ لے کر جاتی ہوں
4	شام / رات میں اکیلے سفر کرنے سے اجتناب کرتی ہوں
5	سفر کرنے کے دوران حجاب / پردہ کرنے کو ترجیح دیتی ہوں
6	تعلیمی ادارے / نوکری کو تبدیل کر لیا
7	اشد ضرورت کے وقت صرف گھر سے نکلتی / پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ استعمال کرتی ہوں
8	دیگر (تحریر کریں) --
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کسی طرح بھی متاثر نہیں کیا

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Item 1.8. (سب سے پوچھیں) برائے مہربانی بتائیں کہ آپ کے خیال میں عورتوں کے ساتھ ہراساں جیسے واقعات کیوں پیش آتے ہیں؟

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(ایک سے زائد جوابات ممکن ہیں)
خواتین کا لباس جو کہ مردوں میں نامناسب رویے کو ابھارتا ہے
خواتین کا غیر شائستہ/ غیر مناسب رویہ/ غیر محتاط ہونا
(بشمول غیر ضروری بات چیت سے اجتناب نہ کرنا، سرعام اونچی آواز میں بات کرنا یا قہقہے لگانا)
مرد اور لڑکے عادتوں / حرکتوں سے مجبور ہیں (یعنی قصور وار ہیں)
مردوں میں تعلیم کی کمی
بسوں میں گنجائش کا نہ ہونا/ پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ میں رش ہونا
سٹرکوں / گلیوں میں لائٹ، روشنی، سٹریٹ بلب کا نہ ہونا
سیکورٹی اہلکار / سی سی ٹی وی یا سکیورٹی کیمرہ کی کمی
نامناسب رویے اور ہراساں کرنے کے خلاف قوانین پر عمل درآمد کا نہ ہونا
پولیس ہراساں کرنے جیسی شکایات کو سنجیدگی سے نہیں لیتے ہیں
ہراساں کرنے والے ملزمان کو سزا کا نہ ملنا
معاشرے میں تعلیم کی کمی
معاشرے میں مذہب سے دوری / بے راہ روی/خدا کا خوف نہیں
خواتین کا گھر رہنے کی بجائے معاشرے کی سرگرمیوں میں سرعام حصہ لینا



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