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## More than 6 in 10 Pakistanis still believe that the coronavirus is not as dangerous as it is made out to be: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan

Please state the extent to which you agree or disagree with the given statement? "Corona Virus is not as dangerous as it is made out to be"

### ALL PAKISTAN

COMPLETELY AGREE 37%

AGREE TO AN EXTENT 27%

DISAGREE TO AN EXTENT 13%

COMPLETELY DISAGREE 15%

Don't Know/No Response Not Included

### TREND ANALYSIS





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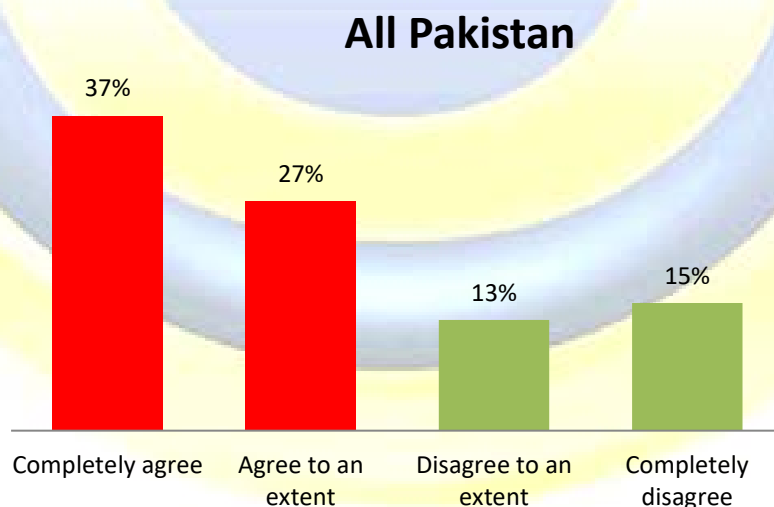
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According to a survey conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, 64% Pakistanis think that the coronavirus is not as dangerous as it is made out to be.

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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, “Please state the extent to which you agree or disagree with the given statement? Corona Virus is not as dangerous as it is made out to be” In response to this question, 37% completely agreed, 27% agreed to an extent, 13% disagreed to an extent while 15% completely disagreed. 8% did not know or did not respond.

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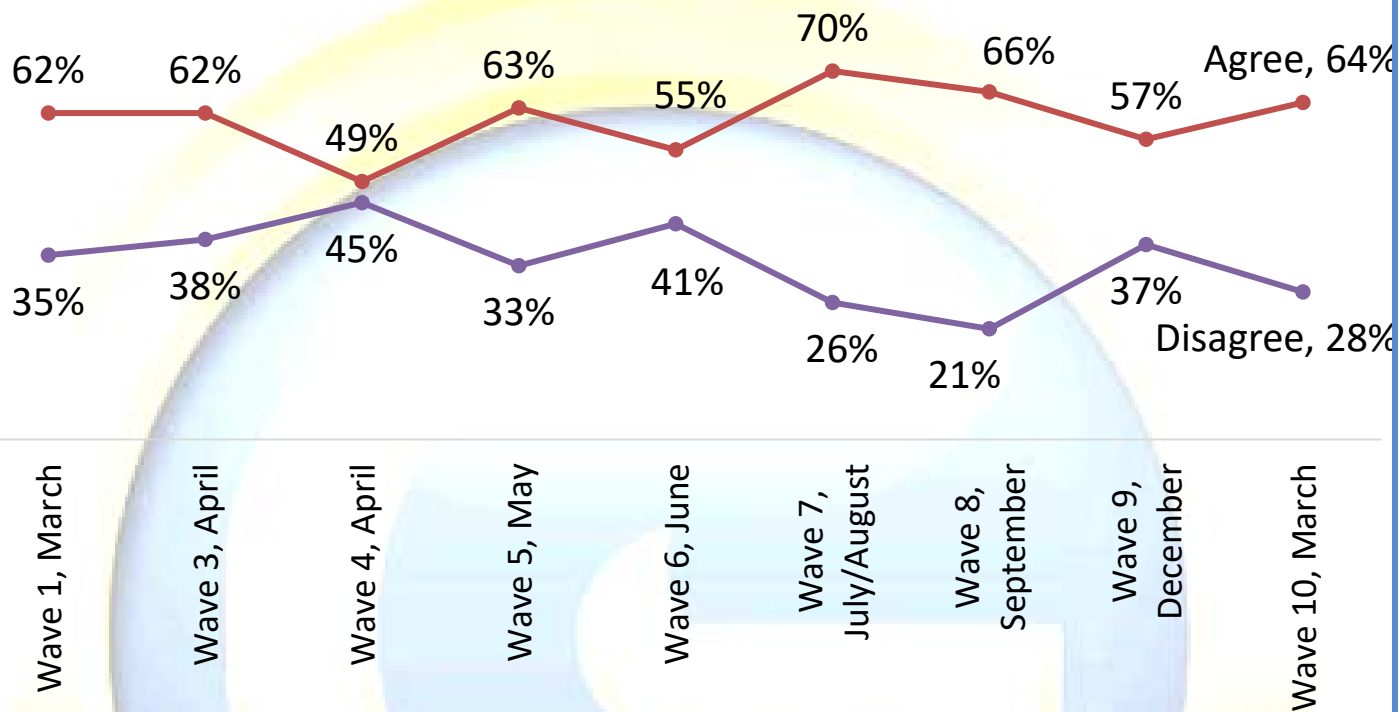
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## Trend Analysis:

Despite the onset of the third wave of the virus, 64% Pakistanis still think that the threat is being exaggerated. This is even higher than the number at the start of the pandemic. This belief that the threat was exaggerated had reduced in April 2020 and June 2020 however, after a dip to 57% in December 2020, as of March 2021, the number has risen to 64%, which is a concerning figure.

### Trend Analysis



### Rural urban breakdown

|       | Urban | Rural |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Agree | 65%   | 62%   |

### Gender Breakdown

|       | Male | Female |
|-------|------|--------|
| Agree | 64%  | 61%    |

### Provincial Breakdown

|       | Punjab | Sindh | KP  |
|-------|--------|-------|-----|
| Agree | 61%    | 66%   | 63% |

### Age Breakdown

|       | Under 30 | 30-50 | 50+ |
|-------|----------|-------|-----|
| Agree | 64%      | 64%   | 57% |

The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1,590 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, during March 19, 2021 – April 6, 2021. The error margin is estimated to be approximately  $\pm 2-3$  percent at the 95% confidence level. The methodology used for data collection was phone interviews. Respondents hailed from over 100 districts of Pakistan.



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

*Best Regards,  
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