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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.

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OPINION POLLS - HIGHLIGHTS

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May 25, 2015

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70%

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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)

May 26, 2015

Overwhelming majority of Pakistanis in favor of government involvement for the redistribution of wealth.

According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 78% Pakistanis are in favor of heavy taxes on the rich for redistribution of wealth; 21% are not in favor. (This press release is Part 5 of a series on Taxation. This series has been released by Gallup Pakistan in anticipation of the annual budget)

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May 28, 2015

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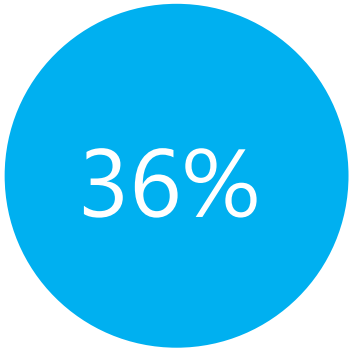
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Islamabad— May 25, 2015

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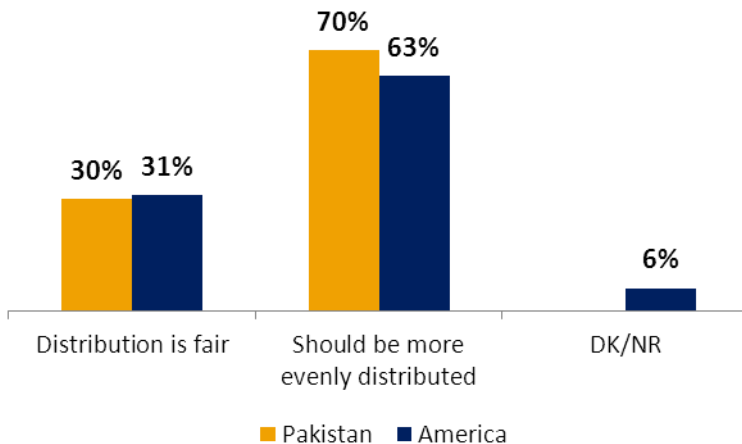
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “In your opinion the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?” In response to this question, 30% respondents said the current distribution is fair, whereas 70% said that wealth should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of people.

This question was also asked in America, by Gallup USA (not affiliated with Gallup Pakistan) during April 2015. Responding to this question, 31% American respondents said that the current distribution is fair, while 63% said that wealth should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of people, and 6% did not have any opinion. Perceptions among both Pakistanis and Americans are quite similar about the distribution of wealth in their countries, with only a difference of 7% in the respondents from both countries who believe wealth should be more evenly distributed.

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 1574 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during March 16- March 23, 2015. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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MAJORITY OF PAKISTANIS FEEL THAT WEALTH SHOULD BE MORE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED IN PAKISTAN.



Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?

ECONOMY Taxation
SOURCE: GALLUP AND GILANI SURVEYS · SAMPLE SIZE: 1574



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Islamabad - May 26, 2015

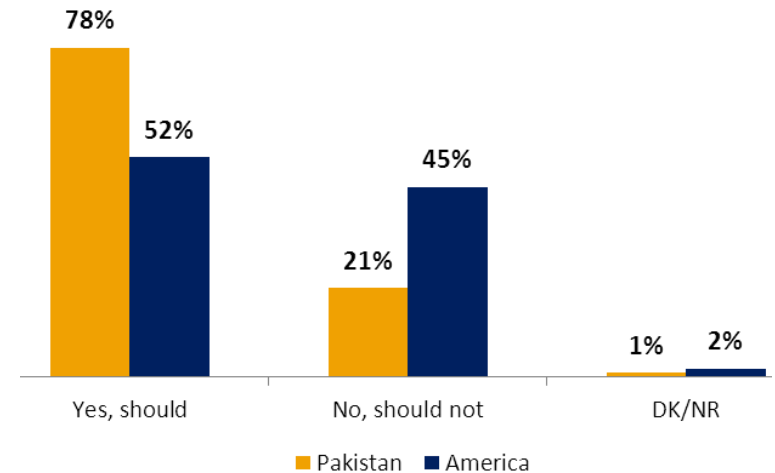
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “People feel differently about how far a government should go. Here is a phrase which some people believe in and some don't: Do you think our government should or should not redistribute wealth by heavy taxes on the rich?” In response to this question, 78% respondents said that government should redistribute wealth by heavy taxes on the rich, while 21% respondents said that government should not tax the rich heavily to redistribute wealth, and 1% did not respond.

This question was also asked in America, by Gallup USA (not affiliated with Gallup Pakistan) during April 2015. Responding to this question, 52% American respondents said that government should redistribute wealth by taxing rich people heavily, while 45% respondents said that government should not try to redistribute wealth through heavy taxes on the rich, and 2% did not respond. While public opinion about government involvement in the redistribution of wealth was split almost evenly in America, overwhelming majority of Pakistanis favored government involvement through heavy taxation.

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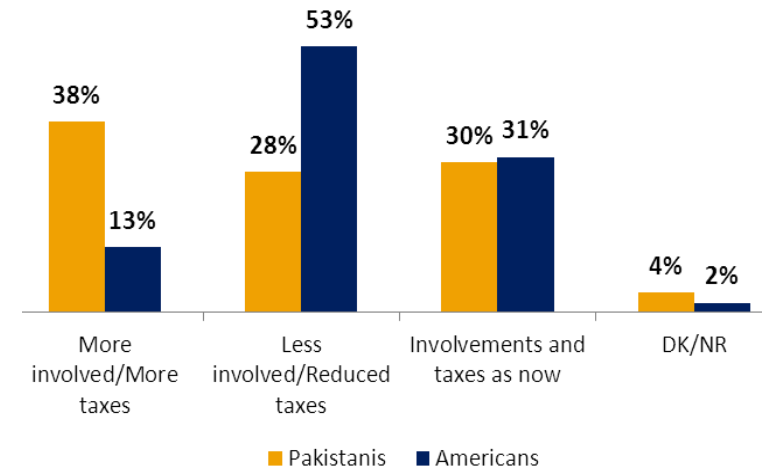
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “Would you rather have more government involvement in addressing the nation's problems if that meant more taxes, less government involvement in addressing the nation's problems in order to reduce taxes or government involvement and taxes about as we have them now?” In response to this question, 38% respondents said that they would rather have more government involvement in solving the nation's problems even if it meant more taxes, 28% respondents said that they would rather have less government involvement and reduced taxes, while 30% want involvement and taxes to remain as it is and 4% did not respond.

This question was also asked in America, by Gallup USA (not affiliated with Gallup Pakistan) during September 2013. Responding to this question, 13% American respondents said that they would rather have more government involvement and more taxes, 53% respondents said that they would prefer reduced government involvement and less taxes, while 31% would prefer taxes and involvement as it is now and 2% did not give an opinion.

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38% PAKISTANIS WANT GOVERNMENT TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN SOLVING THE NATION'S PROBLEMS EVEN IF IT REQUIRES INCREASED TAXES.



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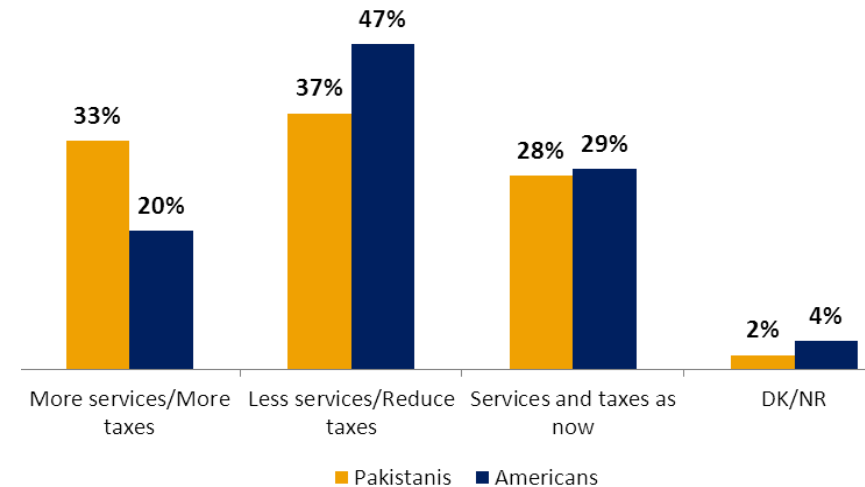
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This question was also asked in America, by Gallup USA (not affiliated with Gallup Pakistan) during September 2013. Responding to this question, 20% American respondents said that they would rather have more government services and more taxes, 47% said they would rather have less services and reduced taxes, while 29% prefer taxes and services as they are now and 4% did not respond.

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OPINION DIVIDED AMONG PAKISTANIS ABOUT INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES CORRESPONDING WITH INCREASED TAXES.



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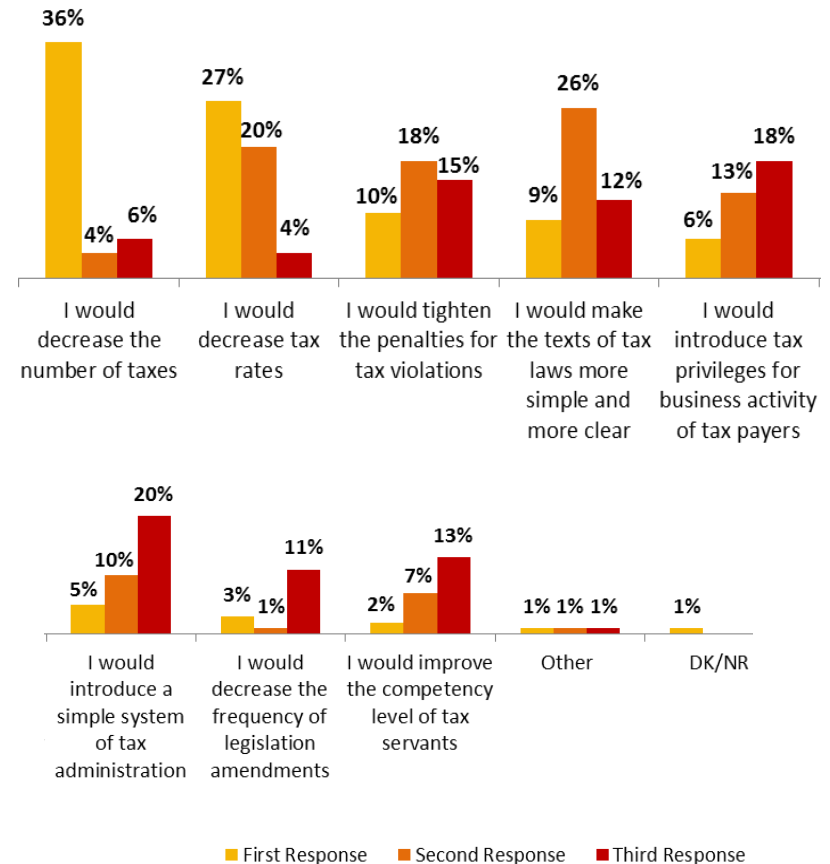


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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “If you were on a decision maker position in a state agency, which would be your three primary actions?” In response to this question, 36% respondents mentioned decreasing the number of taxes as their first action, while 4% respondents mentioned it as the second action and 6% mentioned it as the third action. Decreasing tax rates was the first response for 27% respondents, while it was the second response for 20% respondents and third for 4% respondents. Tightening penalties for tax violations was the first response for 10% respondents, while it was the second response for 18% respondents and the third response for 15% respondents. Making tax laws clearer and simpler was the first response for 9% respondents, while it was the second response for 26% respondents and the third response for 12% respondents. Introducing tax privileges for business activity of tax payers was the first response for 6% respondents, while it was the second response for 13% respondents and the third response for 18% respondents. Introducing a simple system of tax administration was the first response for 5% respondents, while it was the second response for 10% respondents and the third response for 20% respondents. Decreasing the frequency of legislation amendment was the first response for 3% respondents, while it was the second response for 1% respondents and the third response for 11% respondents. Improving the competency level of tax servants was the first response for 2% respondents, while it was the second response for 7% respondents and the third response for 13% respondents.

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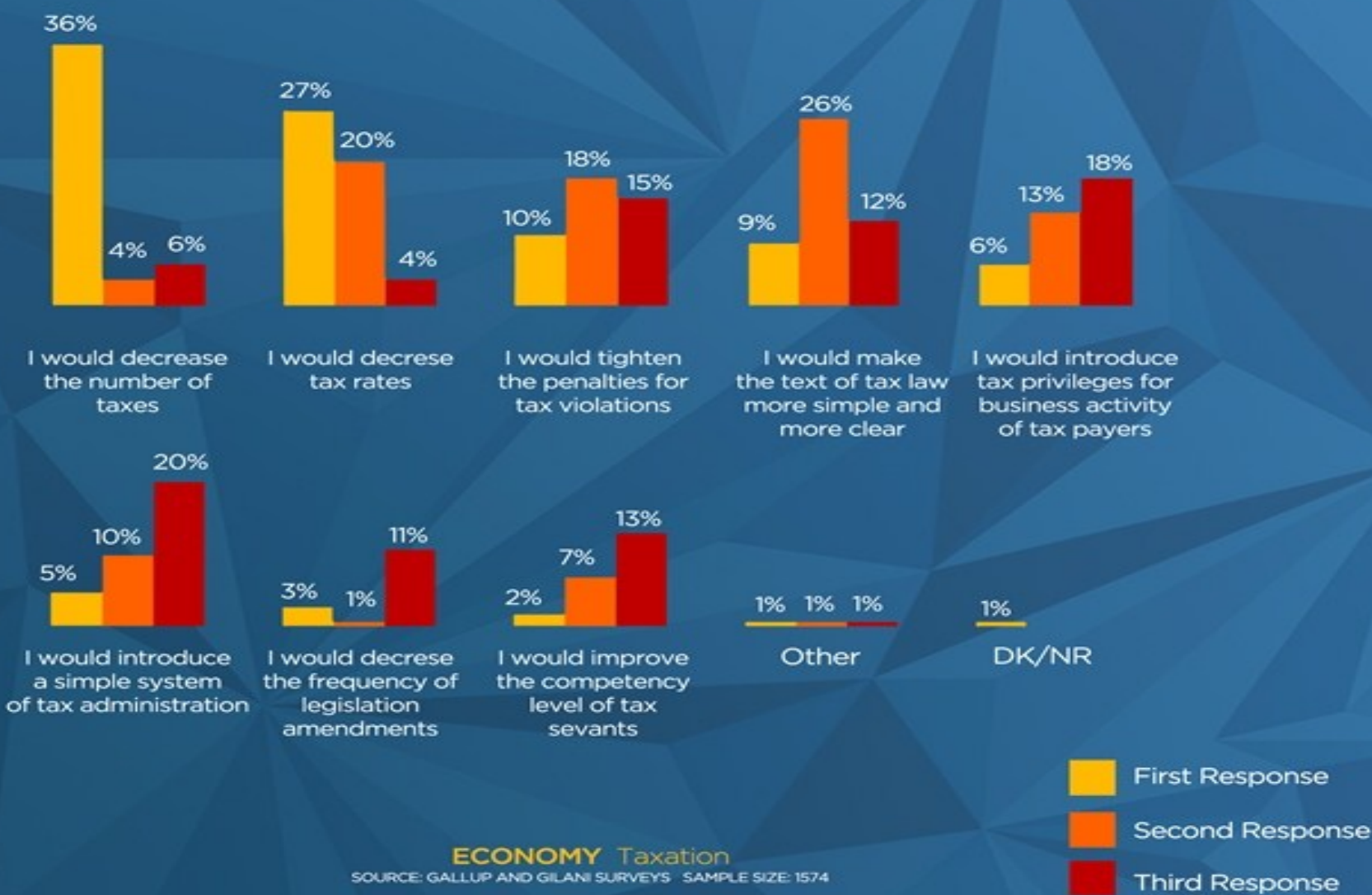


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MAJORITY PAKISTANIS WOULD FOCUS ON REFORMING THE TAX SYSTEM IF THEY WERE A DECISION MAKER IN A STATE AGENCY.

If you were on a decision maker position in a state agency, which would be your three primary actions?



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