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Question: Please tell us how easy would you say it is to do the following in your community: Marrying a person belonging to a different sect like a Shia sect marrying a Sunni sect.



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19% Somewhat difficult

40% Very difficult

Don't know/no response: 13%



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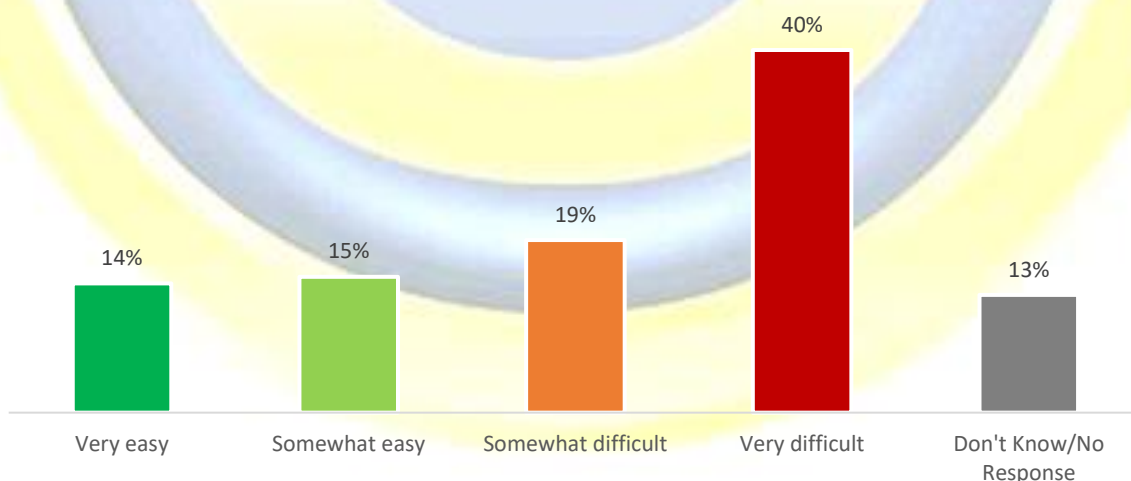
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According to a survey conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, 3 in 5 Pakistanis (59%) think that marrying someone from a different sect would be difficult. Survey findings found that men were 13% more likely to think that marrying someone from a different sect would be easy in their community, in comparison with women. Urban respondents were 7% more likely to hold a similar belief, relative to their rural counterparts.

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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the country was asked the question, “Please tell us how easy would you say it is to do the following in your community: Marrying a person belonging to a different sect like a Shia sect marrying a Sunni sect.” In response, 14% said ‘Very easy’, 15% said ‘Somewhat easy’, 19% answered ‘Somewhat difficult’, 40% responded ‘Very difficult’, and 13% either did not know or gave no response.

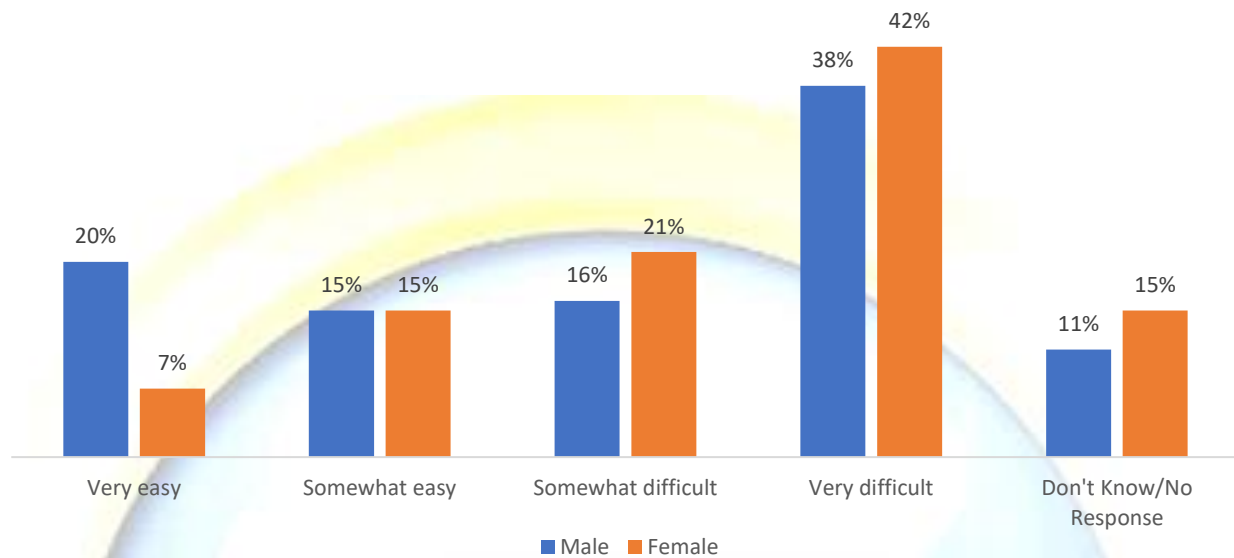
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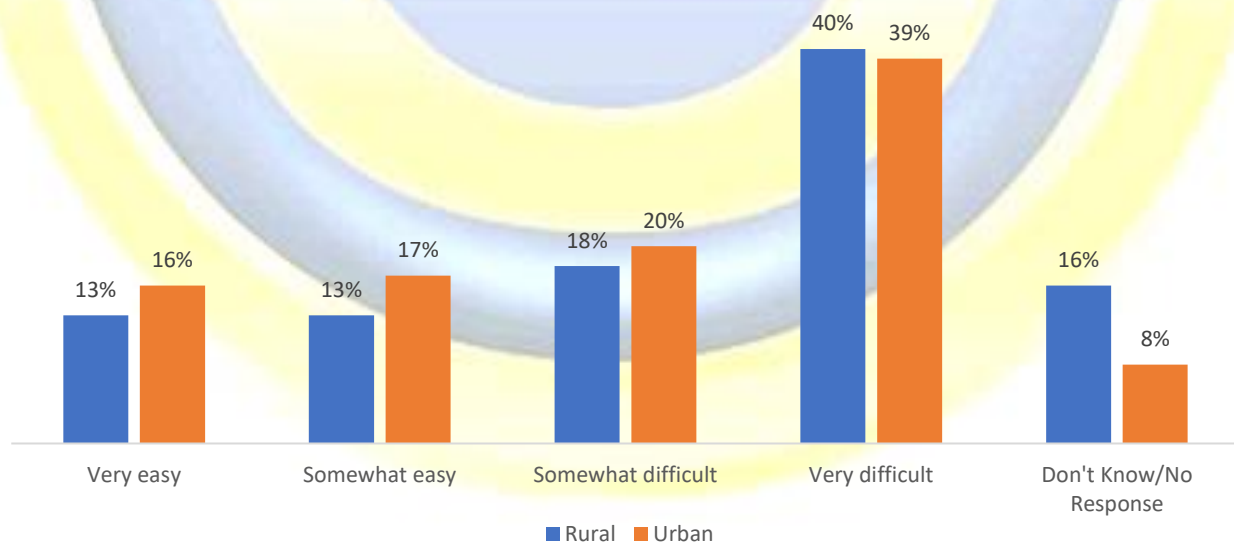
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 755 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from 28th June - 10th July 2024. The error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ percent at the 95% confidence level. The methodology used for data collection was telephonic surveys (CATI).

Across gender: Pakistani men were 13% more likely to think that marrying someone from a different sect would be easy in their community, relative to the women who were surveyed (22%). Meanwhile, women were 9% more likely to think that marrying someone from a different sect is difficult, as compared to men (54%).



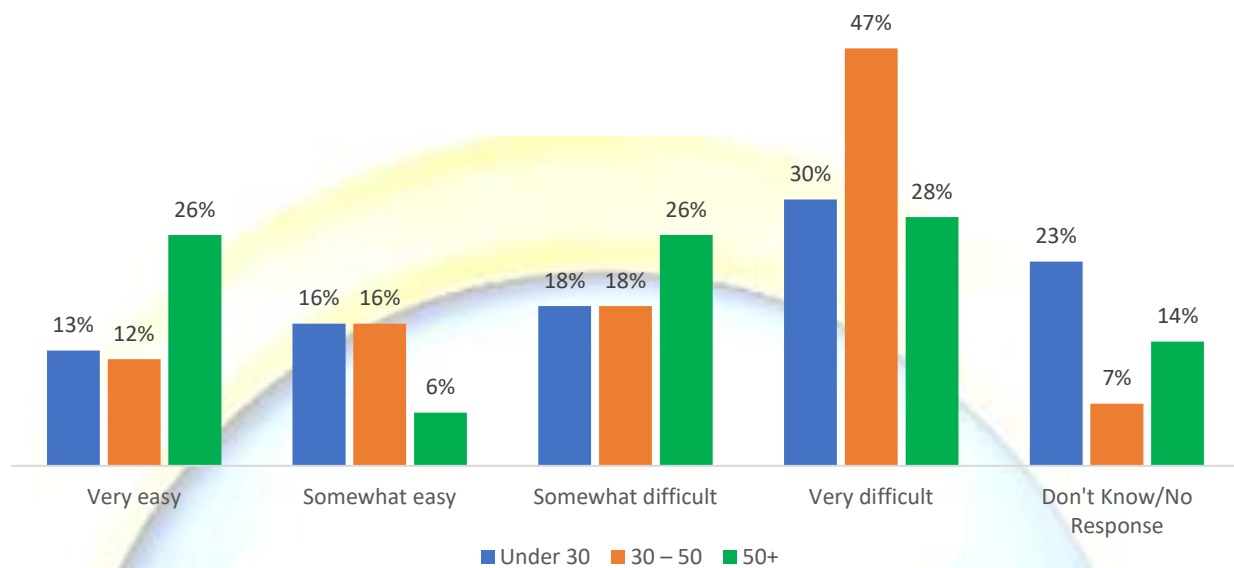
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Across rurality: Urban residents of Pakistan were more likely (33%) to think that marrying someone from a different sect is easy in their communities, relative to rural residents (26%). There was a minimal difference noticed in the difficulty rating by residents of both areas.



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Across age groups: Pakistani adults between the ages of 30 and 50 were the most likely (65%) to think that it is difficult to marry someone from a different sect, followed by adults over the age of 50 (54%), and adults aged 18 to 29 being the least likely to think this would be difficult (48%).



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