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ALMOST 3 QUARTERS OF PAKISTANIS (72%) THINK THAT MARRYING SOMEONE FROM A DIFFERENT RELIGION WOULD BE DIFFICULT; WOMEN, RURAL RESIDENTS, AND ADULTS UNDER THE AGE OF 30 MORE LIKELY TO THINK SO: GALLUP & GILANI PAKISTAN

تقریباً تین چوتھائی (72%) پاکستانیوں کا خیال ہے کہ اُن کی برادری / کمیونٹی میں مختلف مذہب سے تعلق رکھنے والے فرد سے شادی کرنا مشکل ہے۔ اس حوالے سے رائے رکھنے والوں کی شرح خواتین، دیہی علاقوں میں رہنے والے افراد اور 30 سال سے کم عمر کے افراد میں زیادہ پائی گئی۔

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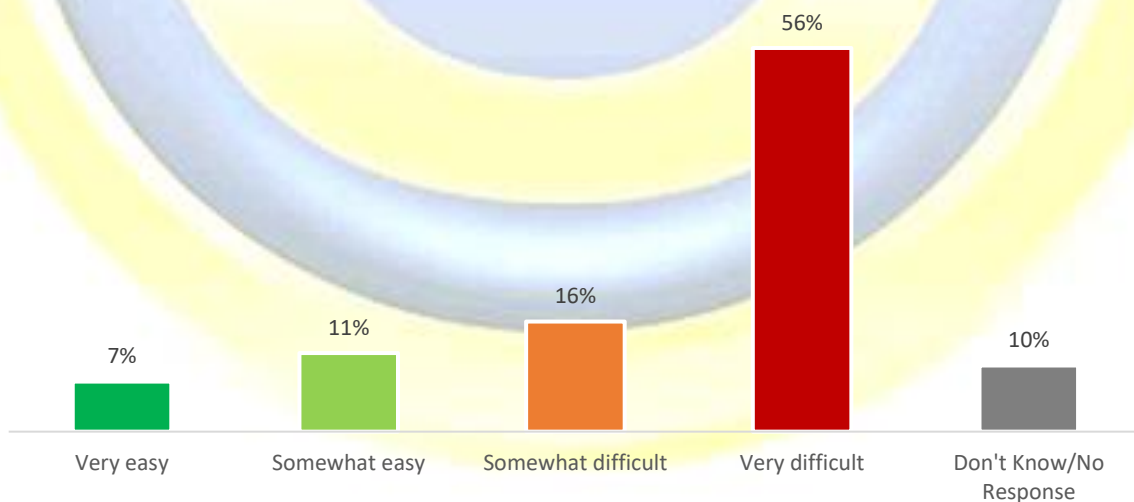
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According to a survey conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, almost 3 quarters of Pakistanis (72%) think that marrying someone from a different religion would be difficult. Survey findings revealed that women were 15% more likely to think that marrying someone from a different religion would be difficult in their community, as compared to men. Rural respondents were 6% more likely to hold a similar belief, relative to their urban counterparts. Adults between the ages of 18 and 29 were also the most likely (77%) to think that such a marriage would be difficult in their community.

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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 someone from a different religion." In response, 7% said 'Very easy', 11% said 'Somewhat easy', 16% answered 'Somewhat difficult', 56% responded 'Very difficult', and 10% either did not know or gave no response.

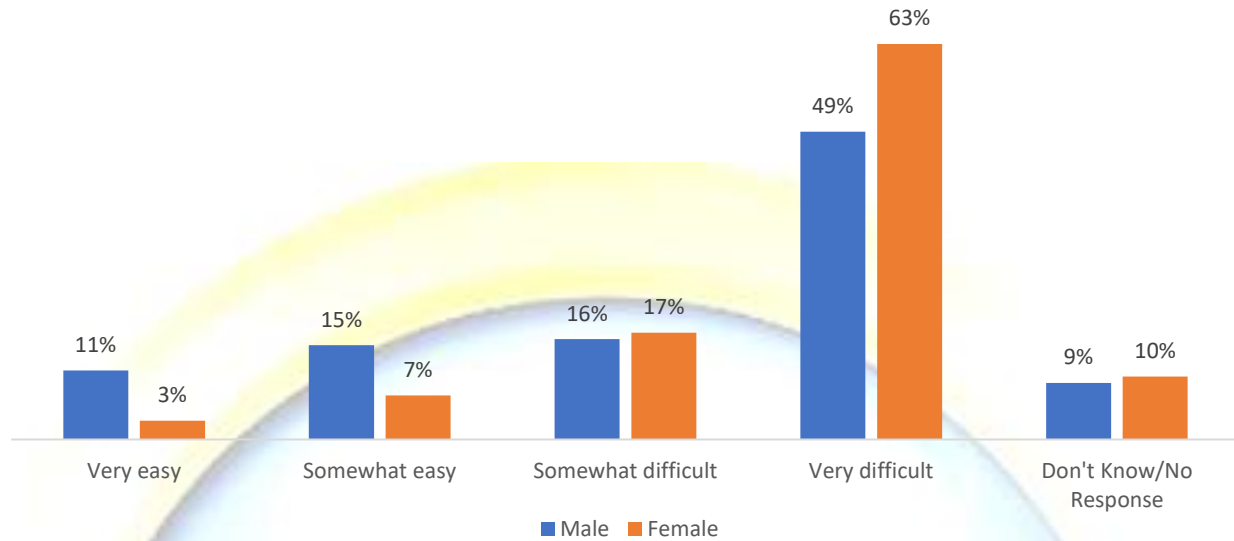
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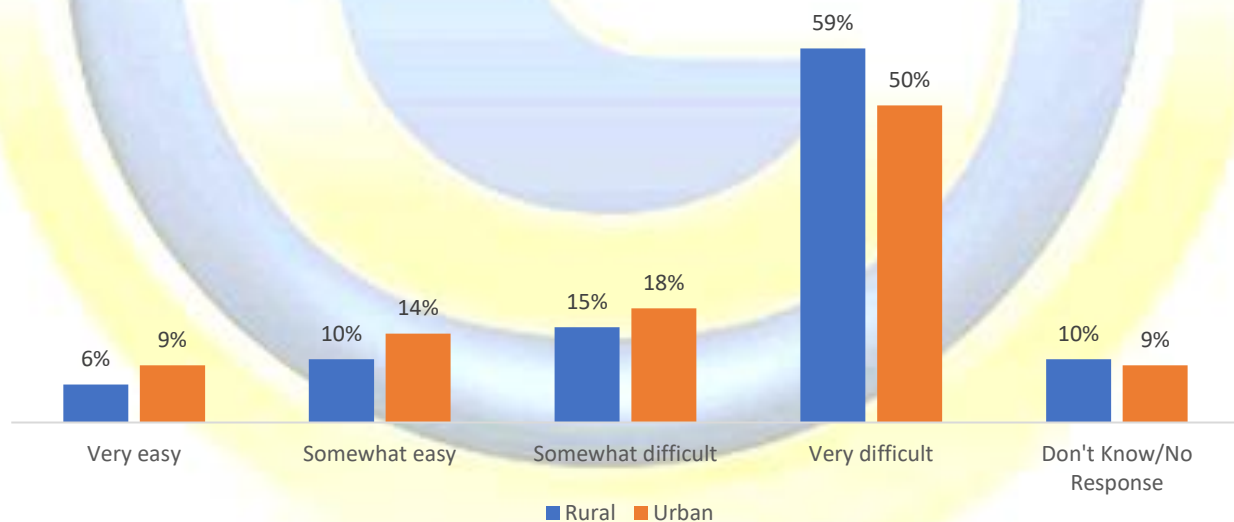
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 755 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from 28th June - 10th July 2024.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

Across gender: Pakistani women were 15% more likely to think that marrying someone from a different religion would be difficult in their community, relative to the men who were surveyed (65%).



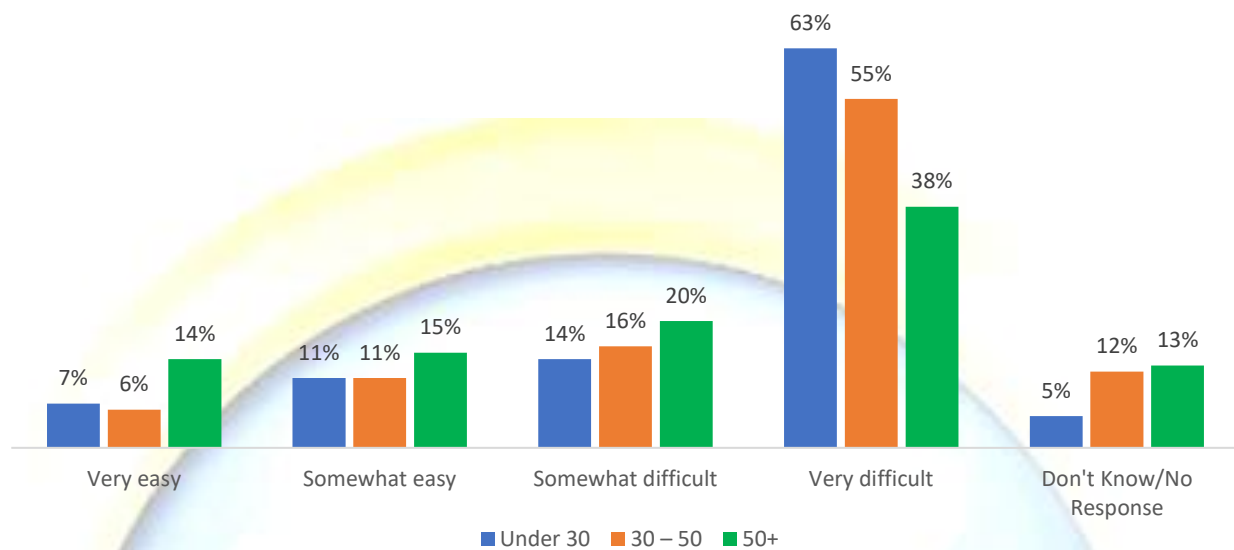
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Across rurality: Rural residents of Pakistan were more likely (74%) to think that marrying someone from a different religion is difficult in their communities, relative to urban residents (68%).



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Across age groups: Pakistani adults under the age of 30 years were the most likely (77%) to think that it is difficult to marry someone from a different religion, followed by those between 30 and 50 years of age (71%), and adults over the age of 50 being the least likely to think this would be difficult (58%).



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

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