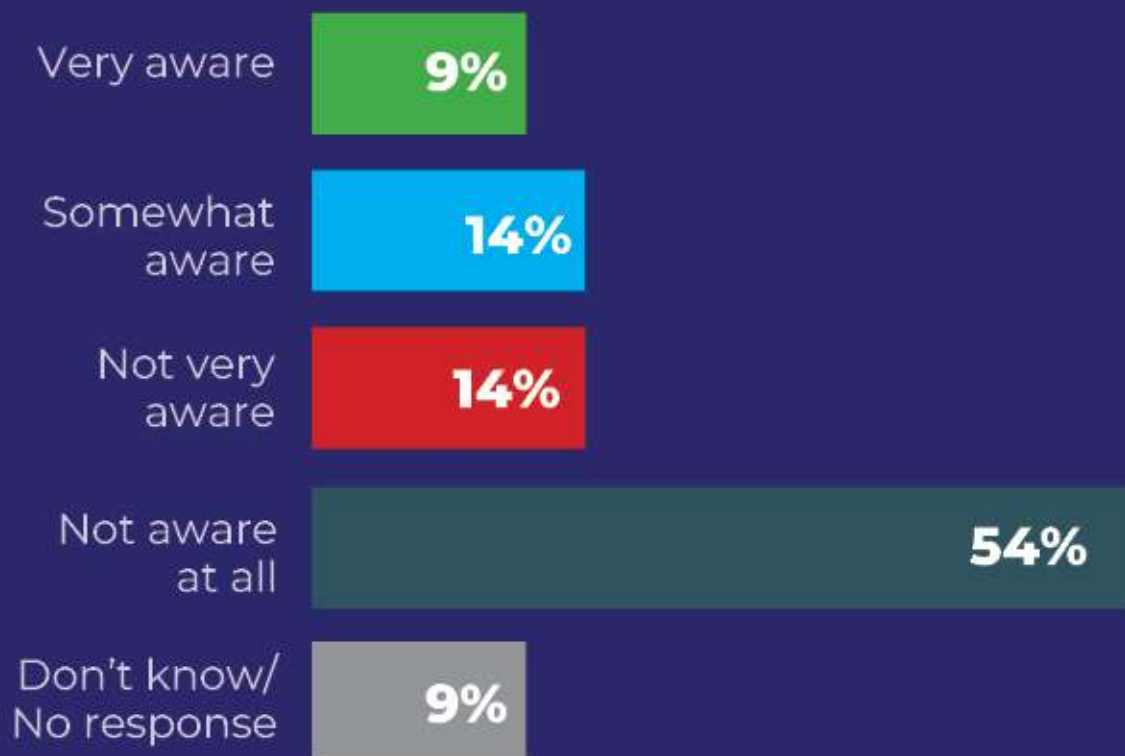


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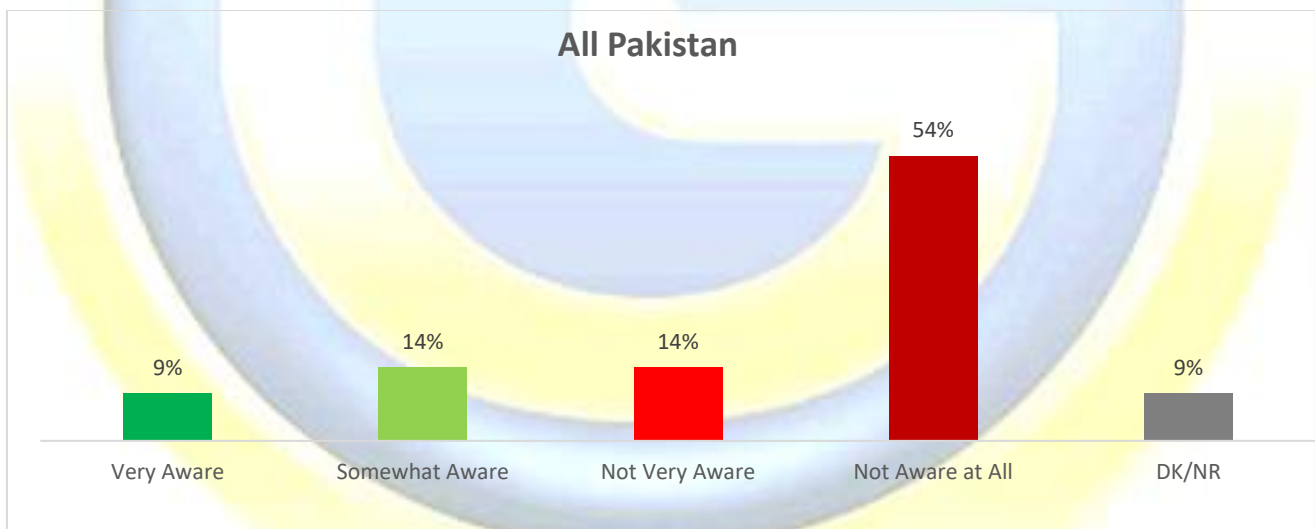
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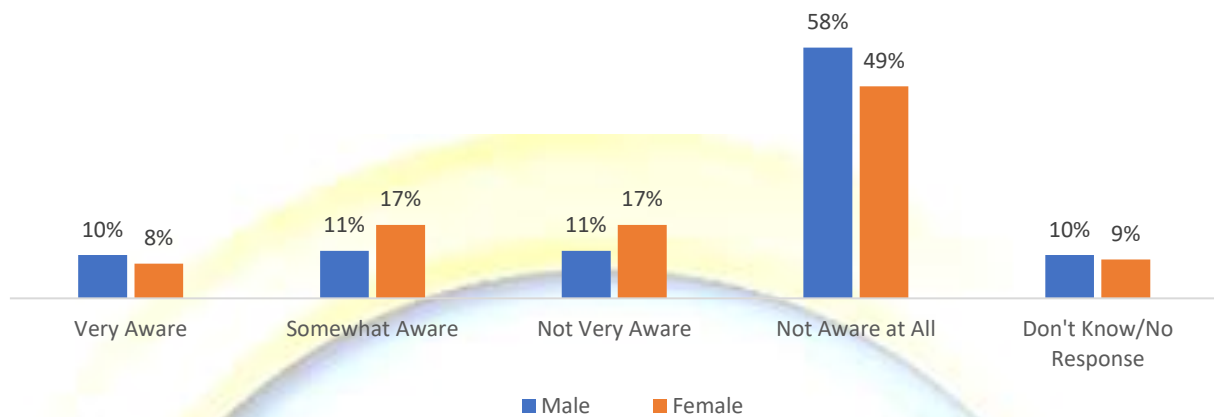
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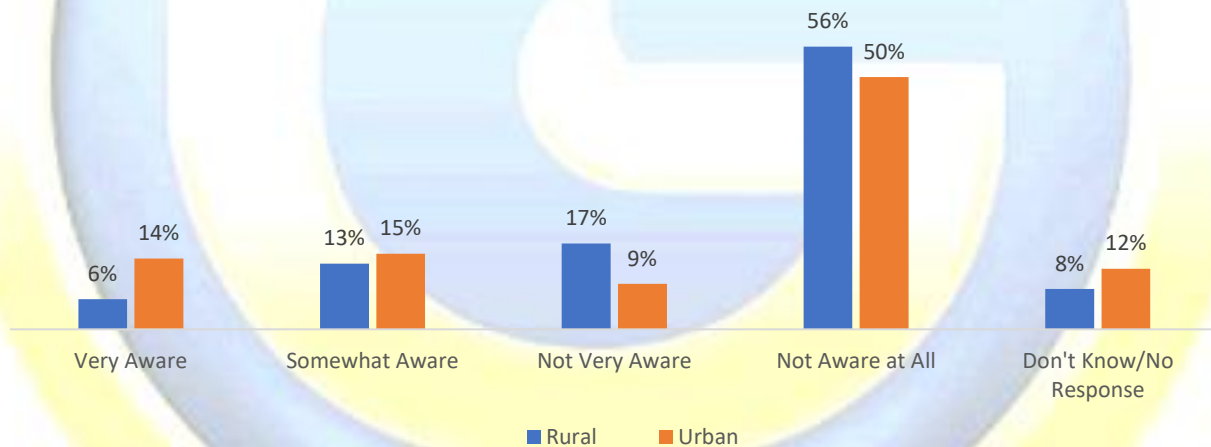
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 785 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from 17th January – 22nd January 2025. 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: 49% females have no awareness regarding Clause 18 in the Nikkahnama, which allows the wife the right to initiate divorce (Talaq-e-Tafweez). 58% of men also expressed similar sentiments.



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Urban-Rural breakdown: A higher proportion of rural residents (56%) expressed unawareness about Clause 18 in the Nikkahnama, compared to their urban counterparts (50%).



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