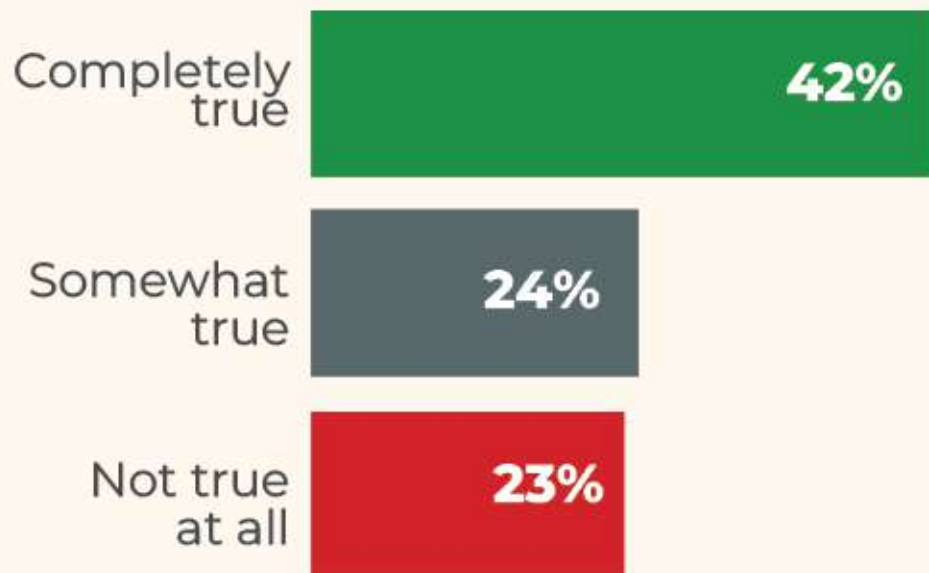


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Opinion Poll International Country-wise Overseas Pakistanis

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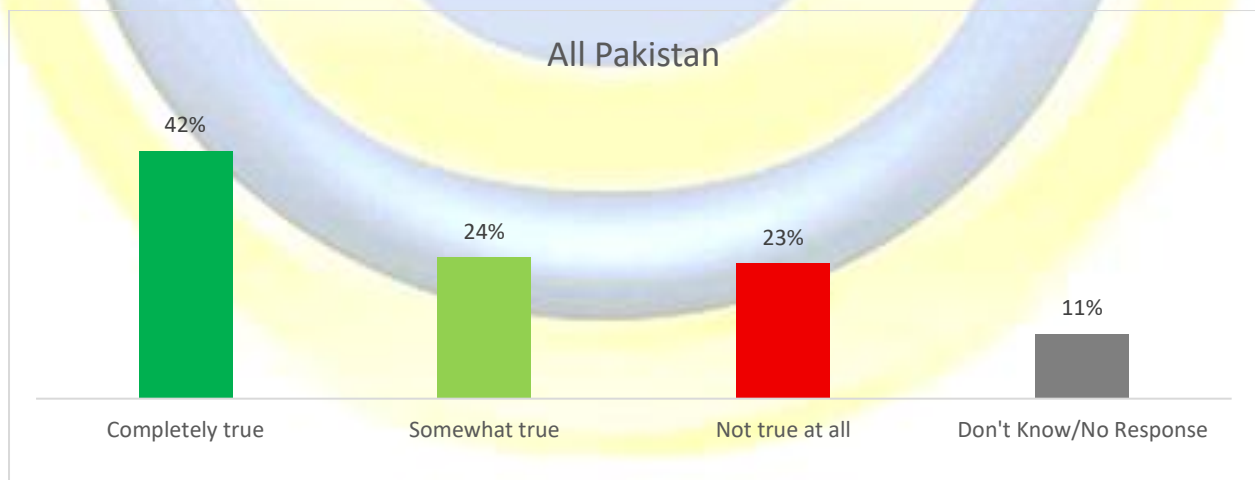
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the country was asked the question, *“People have different opinions about those who move abroad. Some say they possess certain characteristics compared to those who stay in the country - They are more intelligent?”*. In response to this question, 42% believe it is ‘completely true’ that people who move abroad are more intelligent than those who stay in the country. A further 24% of respondents said this statement is ‘somewhat true’, 23% feel this is ‘not true at all’, and only 11% were either unsure or did not respond.

The perception that emigrants are more intelligent reflects a broader societal belief that migration offers exposure, skills, and opportunities that may not be as accessible within Pakistan.

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Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan
(www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk; www.gilanifoundation.com)

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 930 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from March 07, 2025 to March 23, 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).



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