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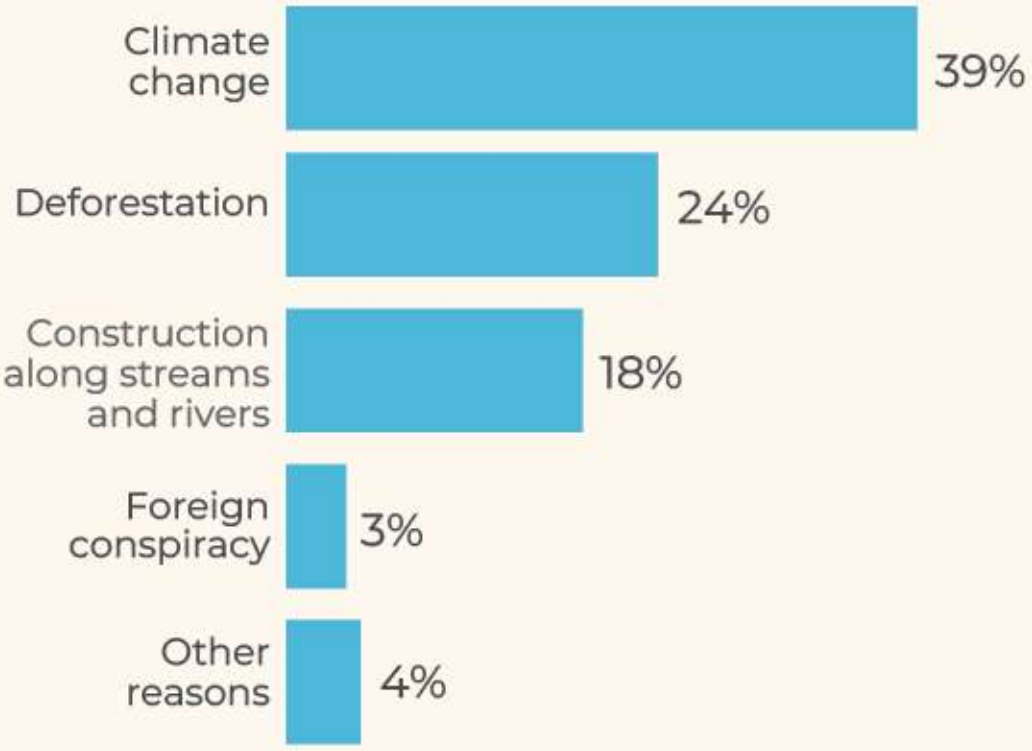

Don't know/ No response: 12%

Question: In your opinion, what is the major reason for the increase in incidents like cloudbursts??

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Climate Change Blamed Most for Cloudbursts — Nearly 4 in 10 (39%) Pakistanis Cite Climate Change as Primary Reason for Rising Incidents; Deforestation (24%) Is Second Leading Cause. (Gallup & Gilani Pakistan)

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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan survey, climate change blamed most for cloudbursts, nearly 4 in 10 (39%) Pakistanis cite climate change as primary reason for rising incidents; deforestation (24%) is second leading cause.

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women across the country was asked the question, ***"In your opinion, what is the major reason for the increase in incidents like cloudbursts?".*** In response, a majority of Pakistanis (39%) attributed the recent rise in cloudburst incidents to climate change, followed by 24% who pointed to deforestation and 18% who believed construction along streams and rivers is responsible. A minority cited foreign conspiracy (3%) or other reasons (4%), while 12% stated they did not know.

These findings show that most Pakistanis recognize environmental issues—especially climate change and deforestation—as key drivers of cloudbursts, highlighting growing public awareness and the need for urgent environmental action.

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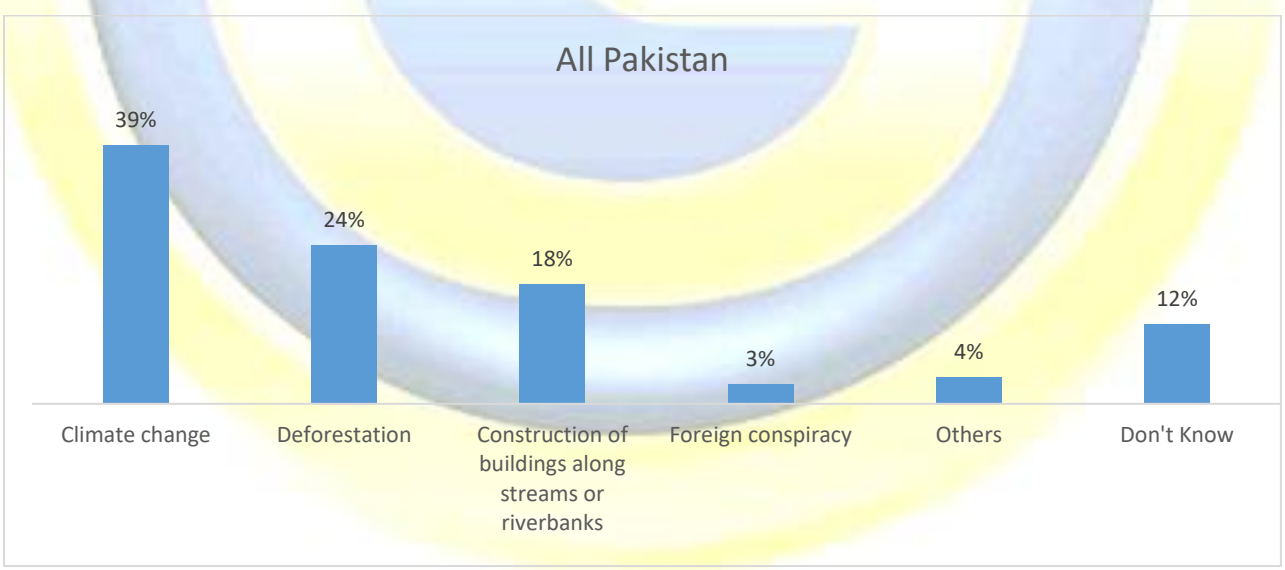

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The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 323 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from August 20, 2025 to August 21, 2025. 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).

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

Best Regards,
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