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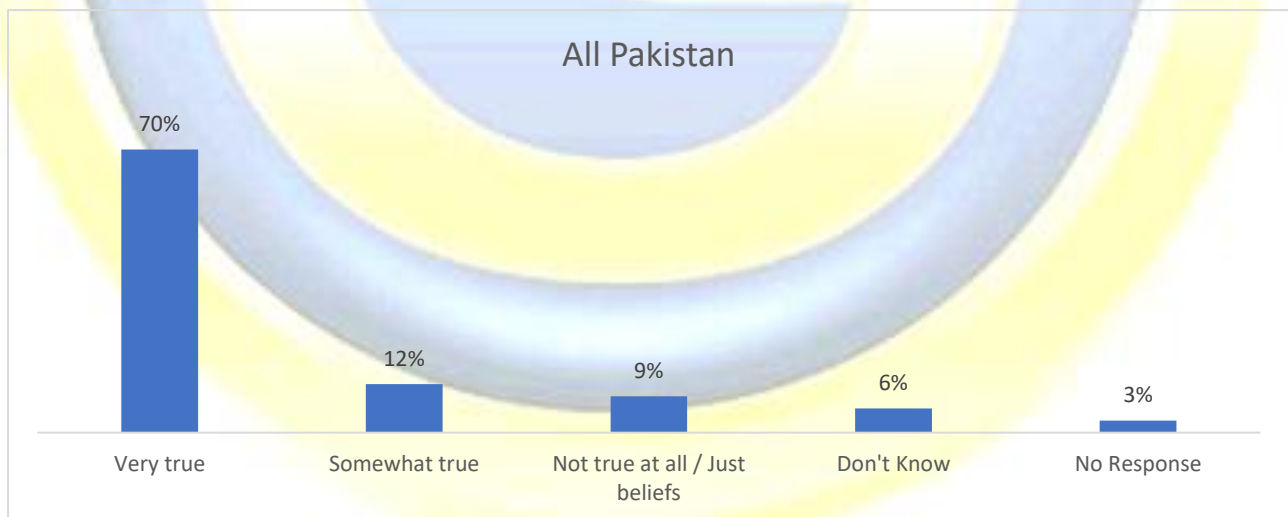
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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan survey, an overwhelming majority of Pakistanis (82%) believe in focusing on prayers during a lunar eclipse, with this belief particularly prevalent among women (86%).

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women across the country was asked the question, ***“Different people follow different practices during a lunar eclipse. In your opinion, how true are the following? - During a lunar eclipse one should focus more on prayers and supplications?”***. In response, 70% said it is ‘very true’ that one should focus more on prayers and supplications during a lunar eclipse, 12% said ‘somewhat true’, 9% said that is ‘not true at all or just beliefs’, while 6% said they don’t know, and 3% gave no response.

These results highlight the continued importance of spiritual observance in response to natural phenomena across Pakistan. The especially high adherence among women suggests that family influences play a central role in shaping such beliefs.

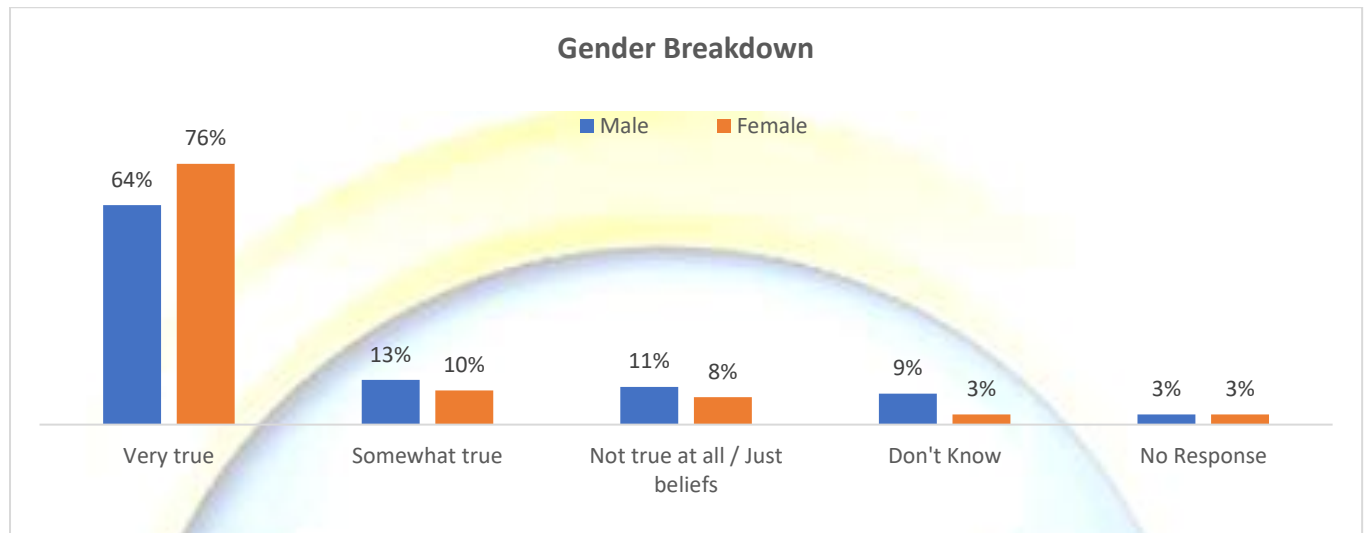
Question: Different people follow different practices during a lunar eclipse. In your opinion, how true are the following? - During a lunar eclipse one should focus more on prayers and supplications?



Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan
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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 753 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from September 12, 2025 to September 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).

Gender Breakdown: Belief in focusing on prayers during a lunar eclipse is notably higher among women (86%) compared to men (77%). This difference suggests that women may be more likely to uphold or transmit spiritual and cultural practices within families. Their stronger adherence highlights the influential role women play in preserving traditional values related to religious observances.



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