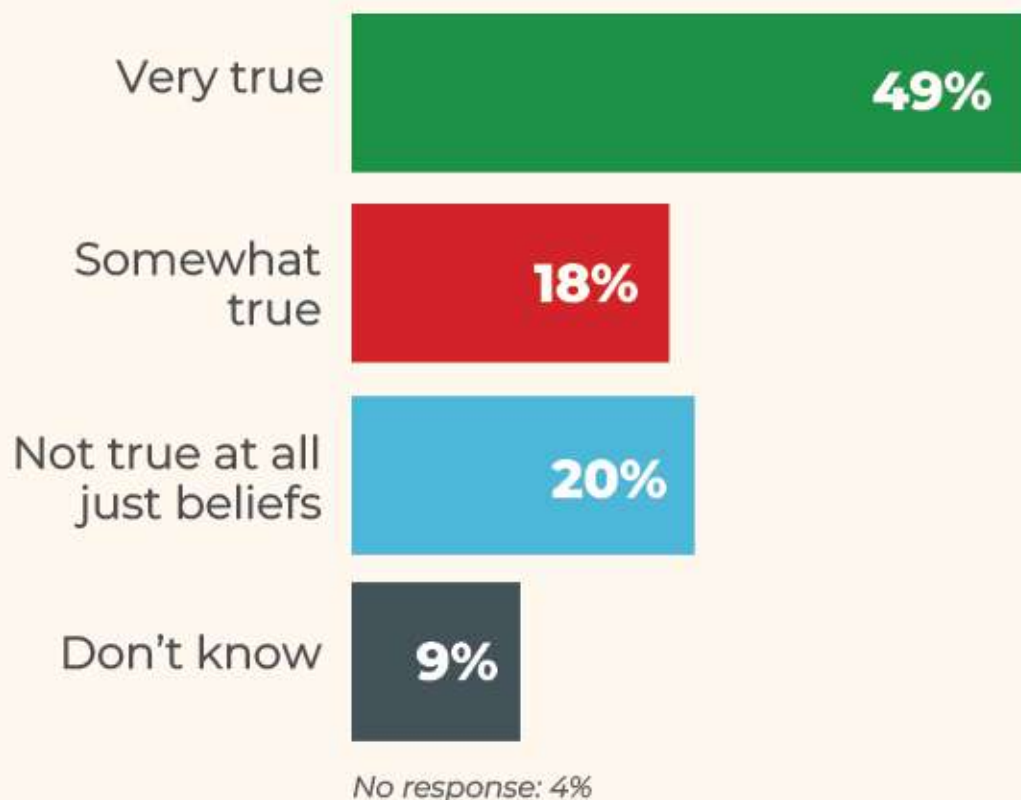


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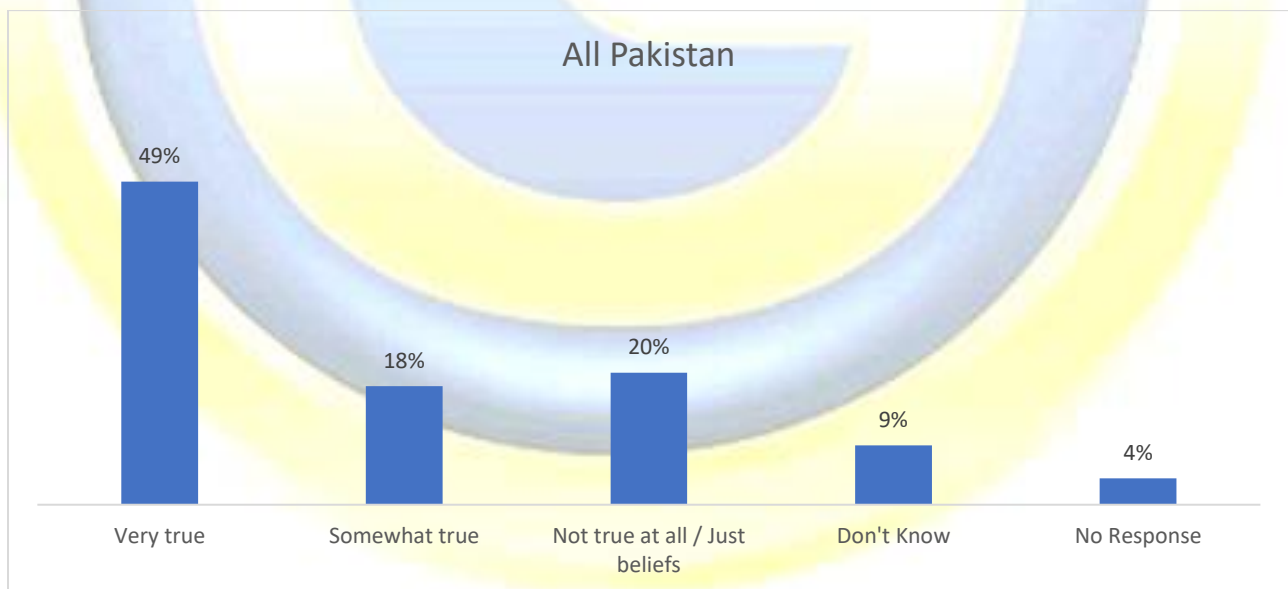
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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan survey, almost half of Pakistanis (49%) strongly believe pregnant women should not go outside during a lunar eclipse; agreement even higher among women (58%) and rural residents (51%).

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? - Pregnant women should not go outside?”***. In response, 49% said ‘very true’, 18% said ‘somewhat true’, 20% rejected this belief, calling it ‘not true at all/just beliefs’, 9% said they don’t know, and 4% gave no response.

The persistence of these traditional beliefs, particularly among women and rural populations, highlights the need for focused health education.

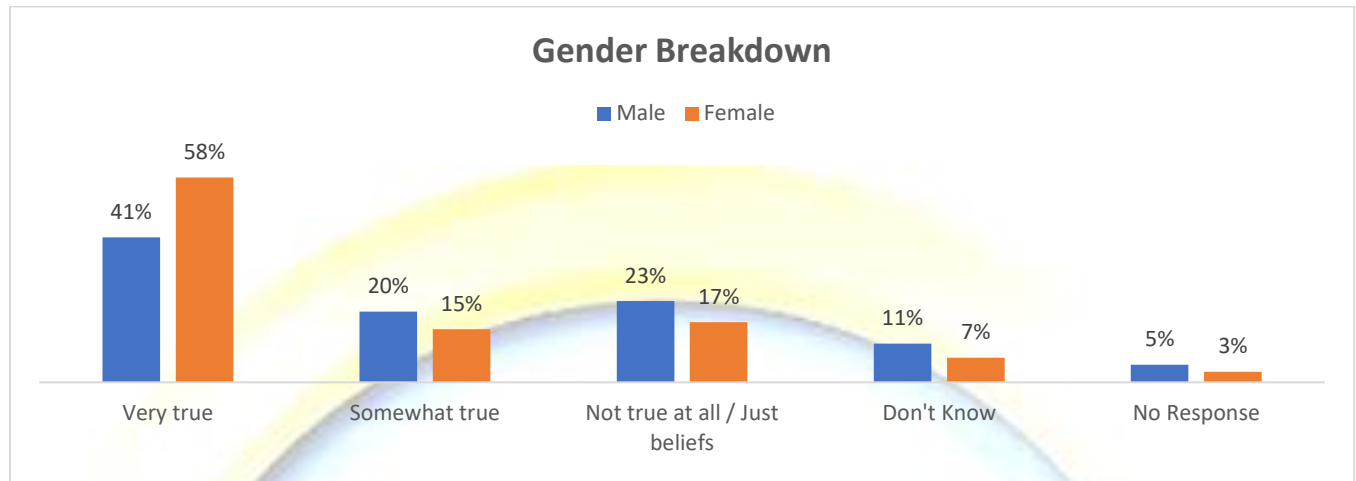
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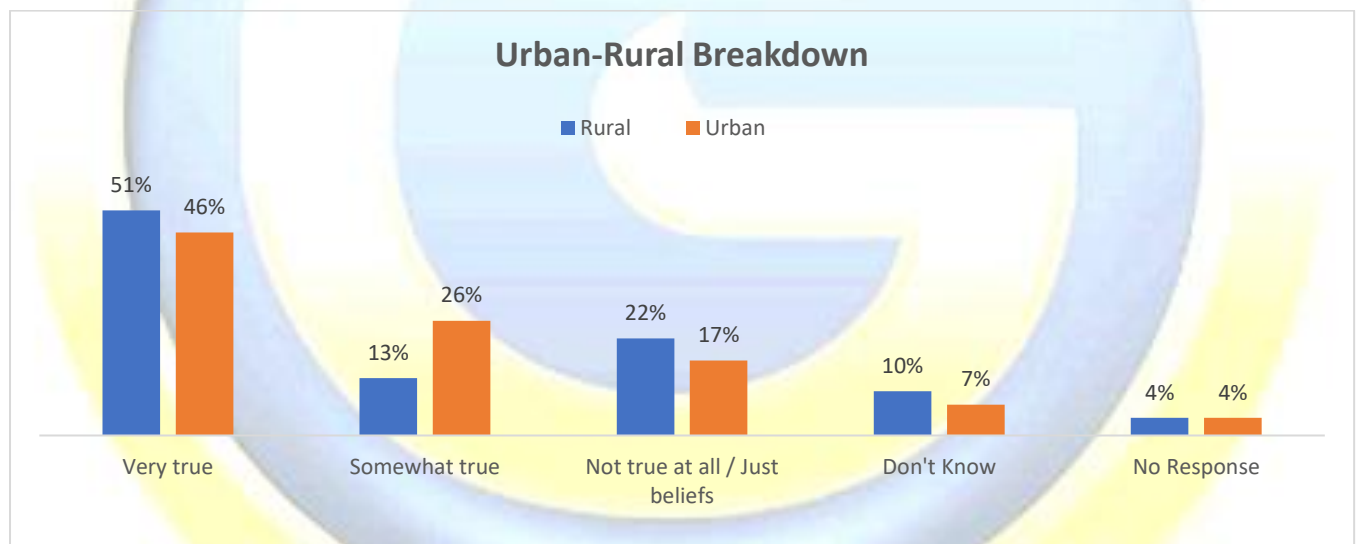
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 753 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from September 12, 2025 to September 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: The belief is considerably stronger among women. 58% of women say it is “very true” compared to 41% of men. Men are slightly more likely (23%) than women (17%) to reject the belief entirely.



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Urban-Rural Breakdown: The view is more prevalent among rural residents. 51% of rural respondents believe the statement is “very true,” compared to 46% of urban residents.



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