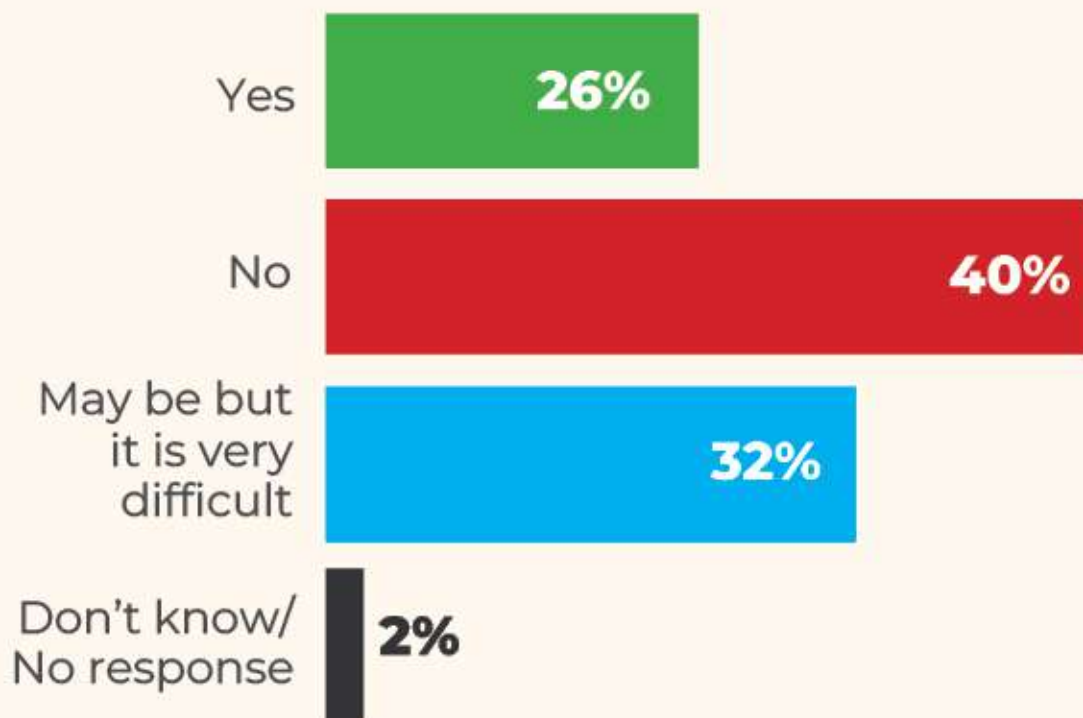


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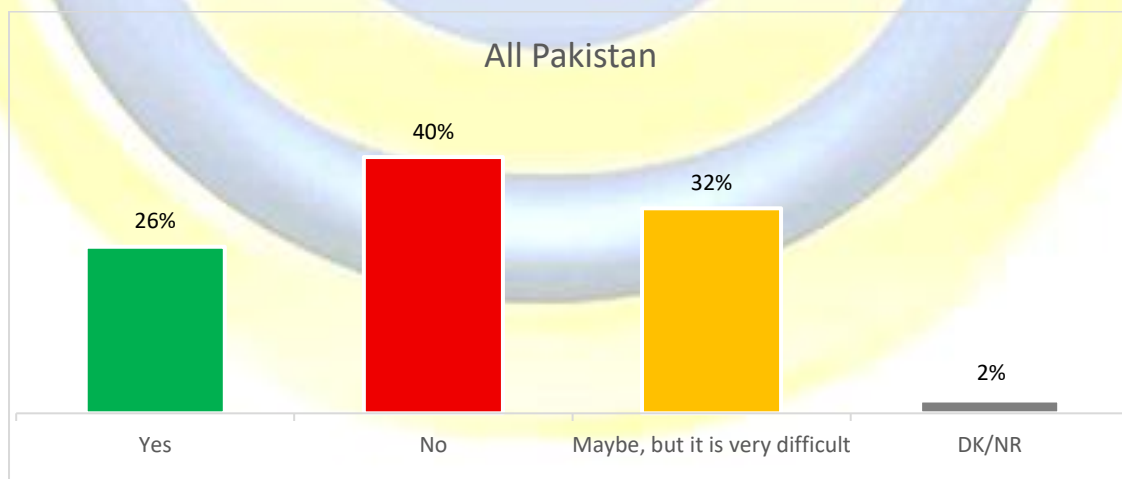
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A nationally representative sample of married men and women across the country was asked the question, ***"Given today's circumstances, can a man treat both wives fairly after a second marriage?"***. In response, 26% of respondents believed that fair treatment is possible, while 40% said it is not possible. An additional 32% felt it may be possible but is very difficult, and only 2% did not give a definite answer.

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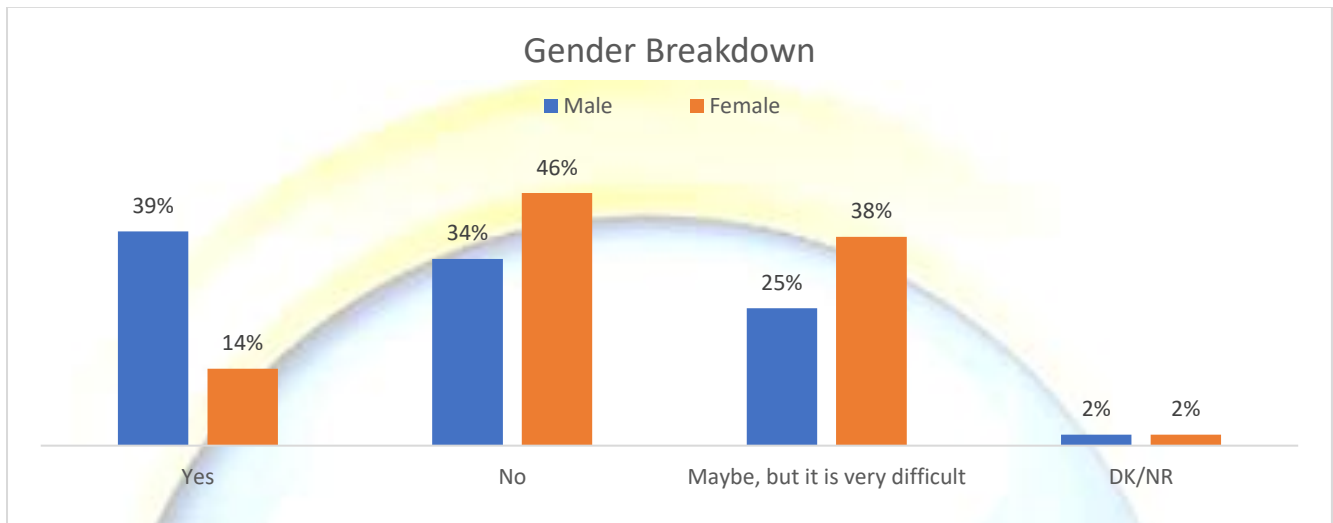
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The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 579 married men and women, in urban and rural areas of all four provinces 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: Among men, 39% believe fair treatment is possible, compared to just 14% of women. In contrast, 46% of women say fair treatment is not possible, compared to 34% of men. Women are also more likely than men to believe that, while possible, it is very difficult for a man to treat both wives fairly (38% vs. 25%).



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