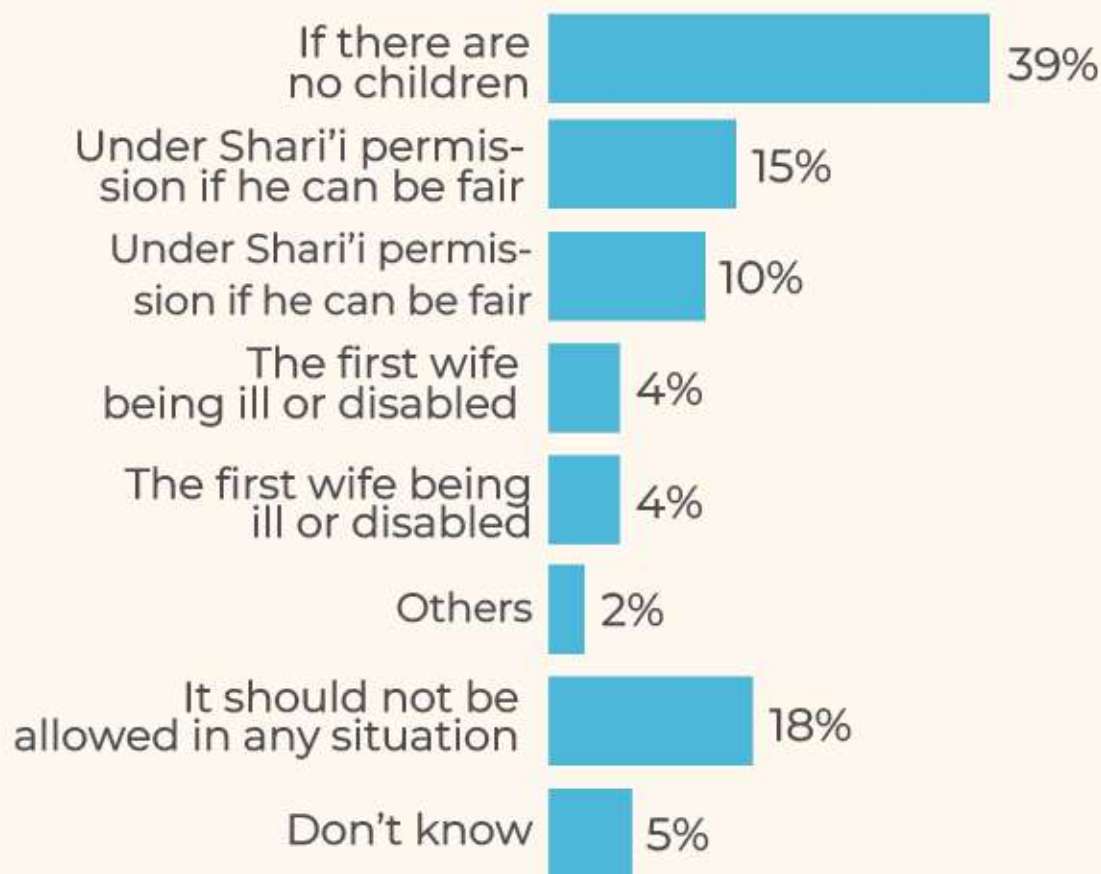
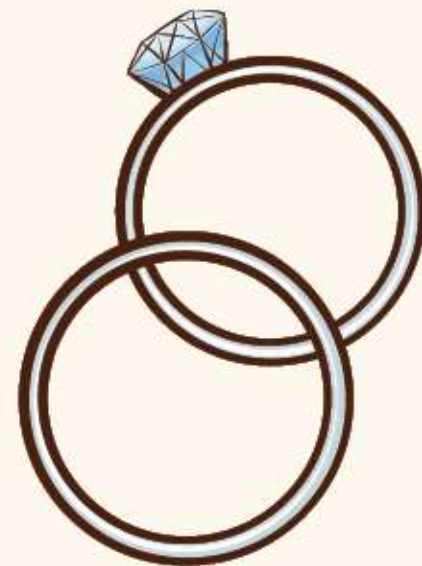


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Press release 8 on Marriage and Domestic Harmony in Pakistan 'Public Views on Conditions for a Second Marriage'

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(Islamabad), 14th November 2025

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A nationally representative sample of married men and women across the country was asked the question, **"In your opinion, under what conditions should a man be allowed to marry a second time?"**. In response, 39% of Pakistanis believed a man should only be allowed to marry a second time 'if there are no children from the first marriage'. Another 15% said second marriage should be permitted only 'under Shari'i permission if he can be fair', and 10% favored allowing it 'with the consent of the first wife'. 4% each mentioned either 'the first wife being ill or disabled', or 'a lack of mental compatibility between spouses'. Smaller proportions cited other specific reasons, while 18% said 'a man should not be allowed to marry again under any circumstances'. Additionally, 5% said they 'did not know', and 3% 'gave no response'.

These results indicate that while most Pakistanis support strict conditions on second marriages, a notable share opposes the practice entirely, reflecting a strong emphasis on family stability and child welfare in public opinion.

Question: In your opinion, under what conditions should a man be allowed to marry a second time?



Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan
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