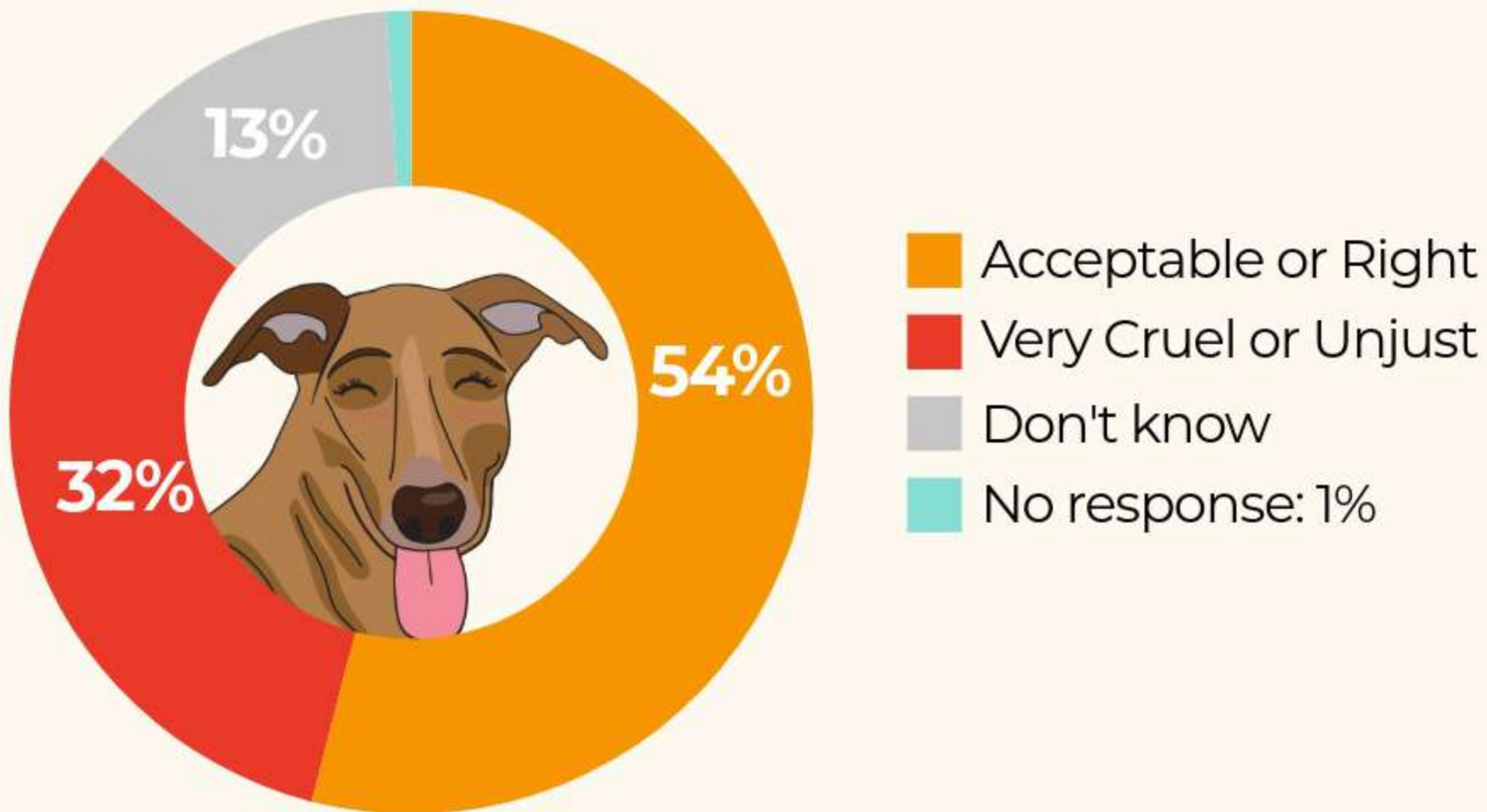


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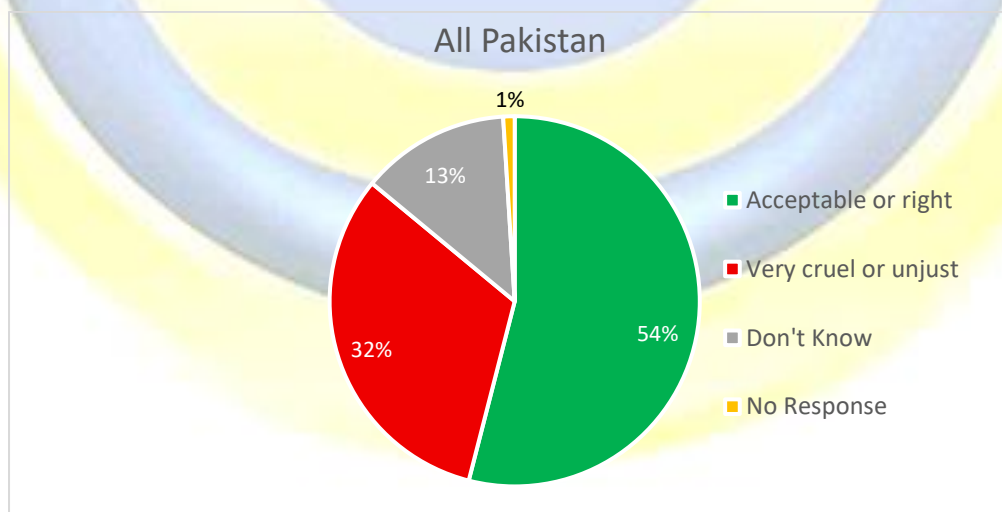
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According to a survey conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, a majority of Pakistanis (54%) consider the government's practice of killing stray dogs in large numbers to protect people as acceptable, while 32% view it as cruel or unjust.

A nationally representative sample of adult Pakistanis from across the country was asked the following question: ***"Some people think that the government's practice of killing stray dogs in large numbers to protect people is acceptable, while others believe this method is cruel and unjust. What is your opinion on this practice?"***. In response, 54% of respondents said the practice is 'acceptable or right', while 32% said it is 'very cruel or unjust'. A further 13% reported that they 'do not know', and 1% respondents gave 'no response'.

Overall, the survey indicates that while a majority of Pakistanis accept the government's culling of stray dogs for safety reasons, opinion is nuanced. Older and less-educated respondents tend to be more supportive, whereas more educated and younger respondents express higher ethical concerns or uncertainty, demonstrating the complex interplay between safety, ethics, and societal perspectives.

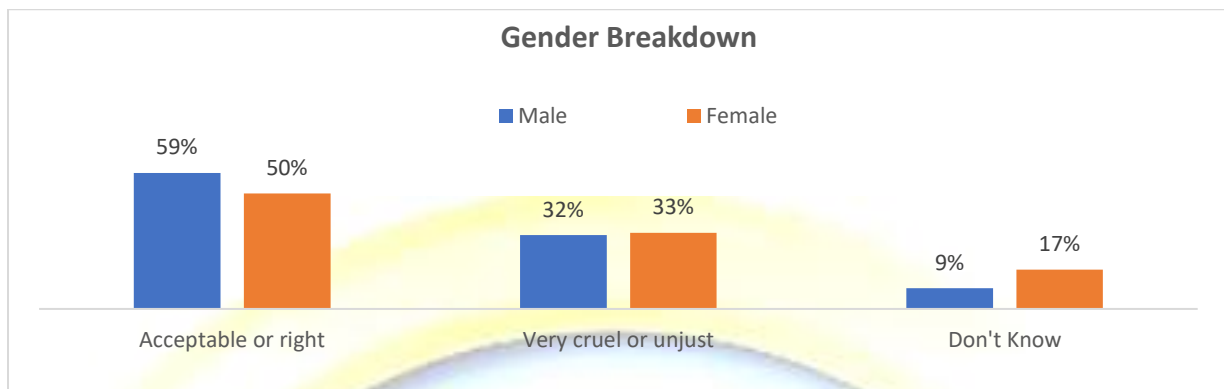
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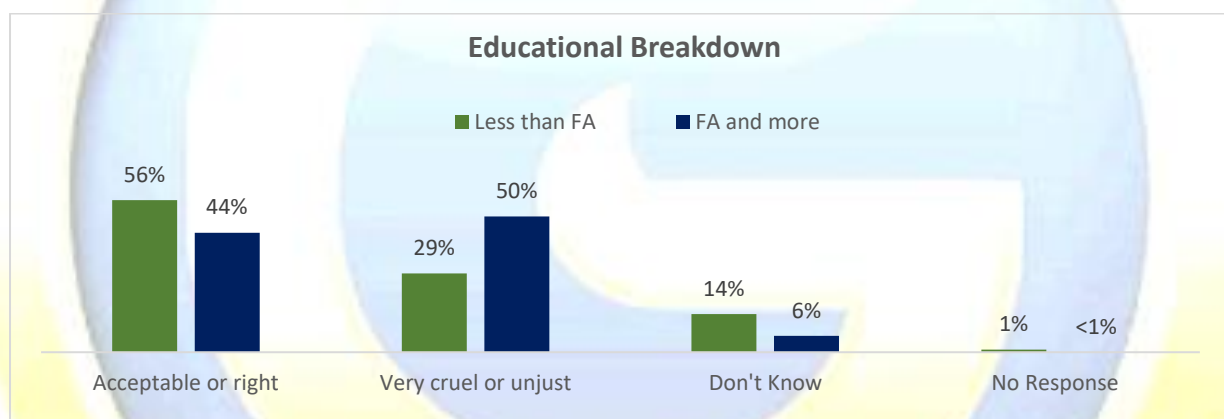
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 780 respondents across urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from 15 January 2026 to 03 February 2026. 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: Men are slightly more supportive (59%) compared to women (50%), while women show marginally higher concern about cruelty (33%) and uncertainty (17%).



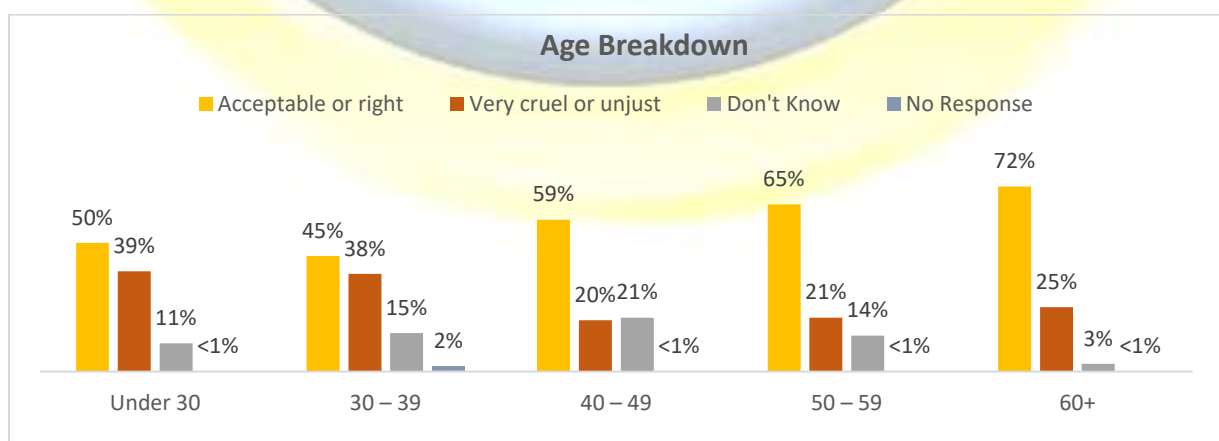
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Educational Breakdown: Acceptance is lower among respondents with FA and above education (44%), while those with less than FA education (56%) show higher approval. In contrast, half of the more educated respondents consider the practice very cruel or unjust (50%), highlighting that education influences ethical perceptions.



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Age Breakdown: Support increases with age. 72% of respondents aged 60+ view the practice as acceptable, compared to 50% among those under 30, indicating greater approval among older adults.



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