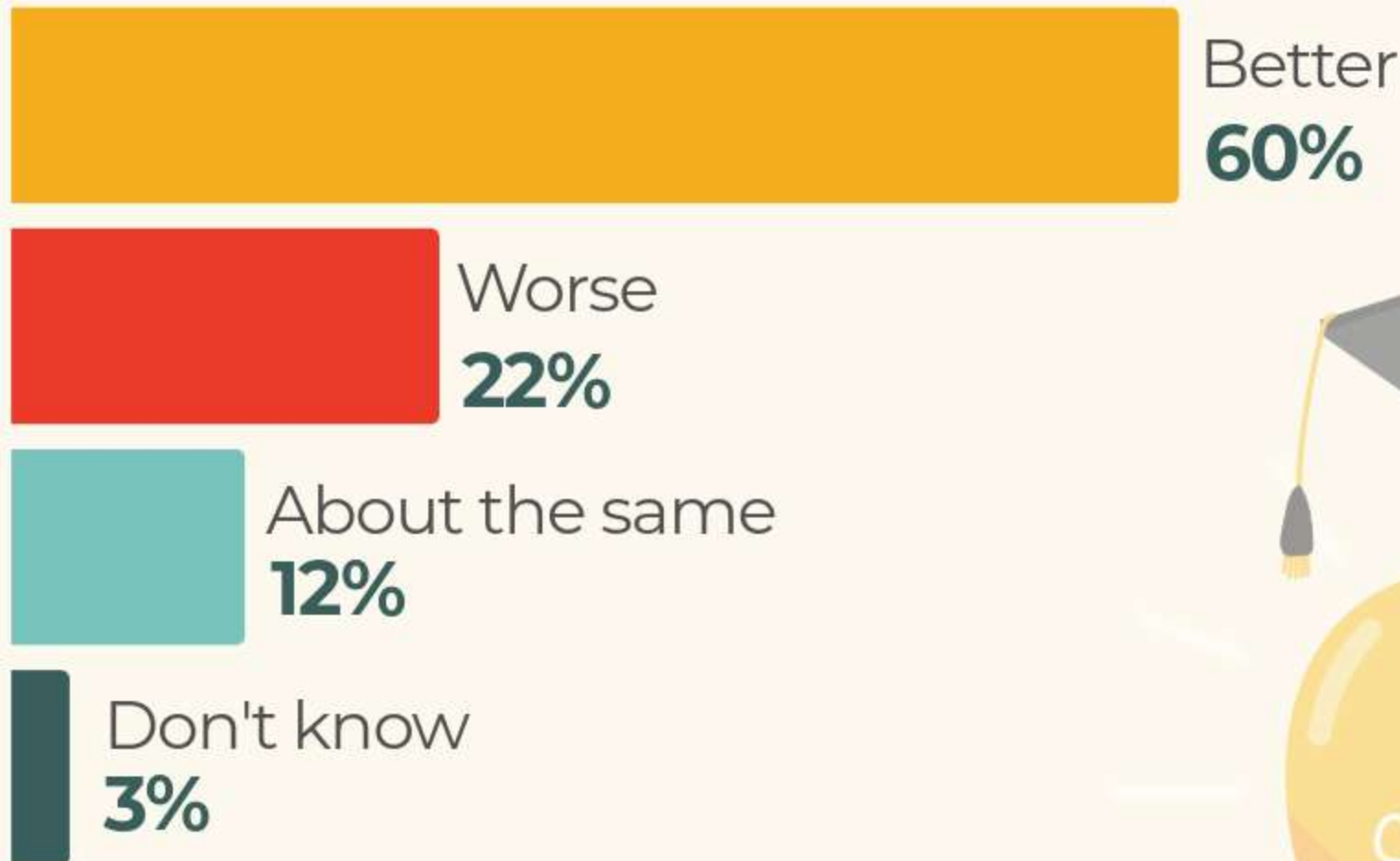


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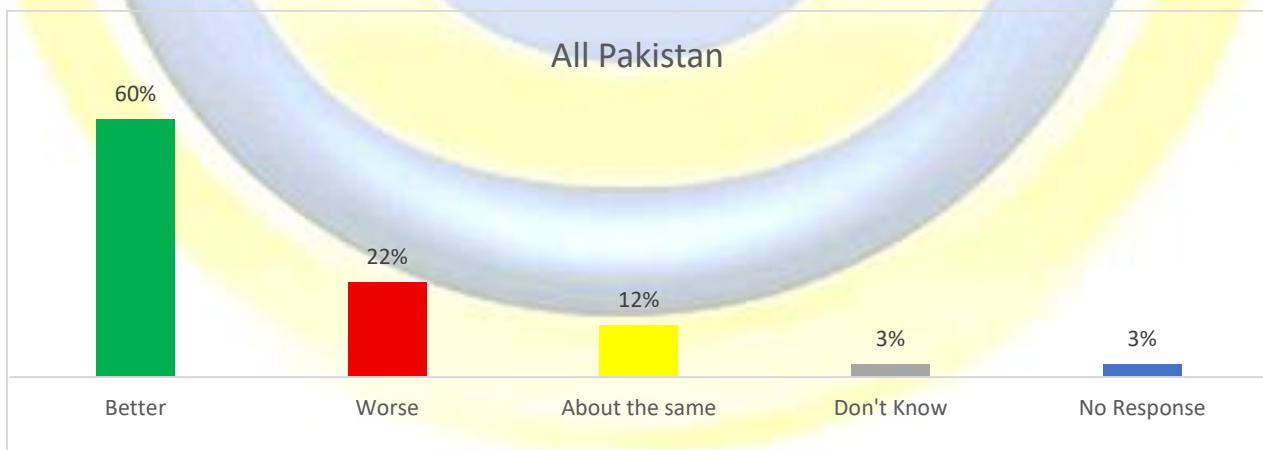
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According to a survey conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, a majority (60%) of Pakistanis feel that they and their immediate family are better off in terms of educational attainment compared to their parents.

A nationally representative sample of adult Pakistanis from across the country was asked the following question: ***“As an individual, do you feel that you and your immediate family are better off, worse off, or about the same compared to your parents (previous generation) in the following aspects? - In terms of educational attainment?”*** In response, 60% said they are better off, 22% said they are about the same, 12% said they are worse off, 3% said don’t know, and 3% gave no response.

Overall, the survey demonstrates that a majority of Pakistanis perceive educational advancement compared to their parents, particularly among women, older adults and higher-educated respondents. These insights reflect generational, gender, and educational differences in perceived intergenerational educational progress and may guide policymakers in understanding public perceptions of education and access.

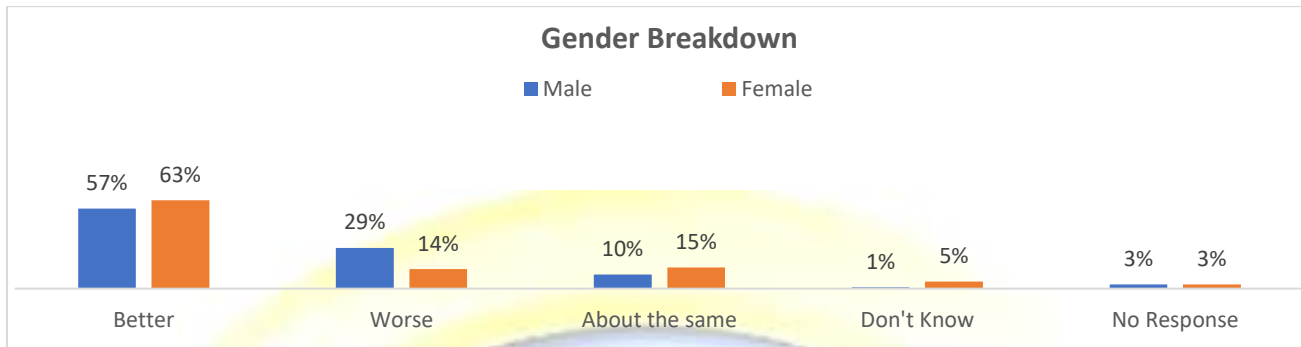
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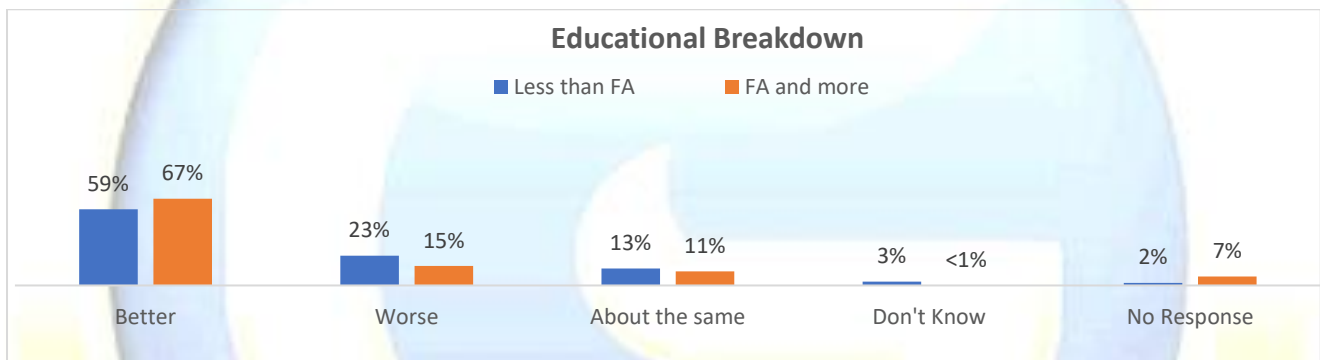
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 761 respondents across urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from 26 March 2026 to 01 April 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: Support for being better off educationally is slightly higher among women (63%) compared to men (57%), while men are more likely to report being worse off (29%) than women (14%).



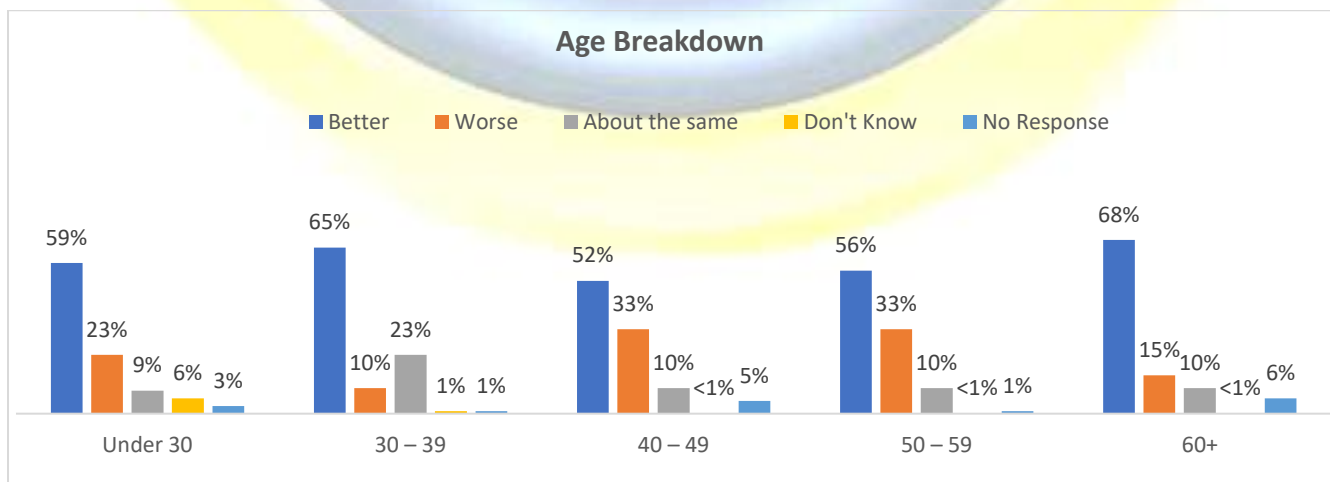
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Educational Breakdown: Respondents with FA and above education report the highest sense of being better off (67%), compared to 59% among respondents with less than FA education. This highlights the role of education in shaping perceptions of intergenerational progress.



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Age Breakdown: Younger adults under 30 report 59% being better off educationally, while respondents aged 30–39 report the highest optimism at 65%. Middle-aged groups (40–59) show a mixed pattern, with 52–56% feeling better off, and the oldest group (60+) reports 68% feeling better off compared to their parents.



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