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### From the Editor

Dear Reader,

Gilani Research Team now brings to you a collection of daily polls in the form of a weekly cyberletter, which gives you the opportunity to read opinions of the Pakistani public on various socio-political issues.

We hope it will be of interest to you.

If you have any further questions in this regard, please feel free to contact us.

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April 5, 2010

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April 6, 2010

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April 9, 2010

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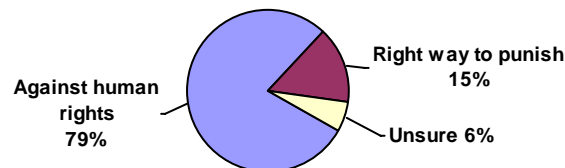
Islamabad, April 5, 2010

According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of all Pakistanis (79%) oppose inhumane attitude of the police force towards criminals as they believe torturing them is against human rights, whereas 15% believe it is the only way to make criminals realize their mistake. The remaining 6% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Some people believe that it is against human rights for the police to torture criminals whereas others believe that it is the right way to deal with criminals so that they would not commit the same wrong again. What is your viewpoint?*” Seventy nine percent (79%) said torturing criminals is against human rights while 15% believe it is alright to torture criminals. The remaining 6% of the respondents were not sure of their opinion regarding this issue.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in opinion of people from across various demographics except that a slightly higher percentage of Pakistanis above the age of 50 (25%) are in the favour of giving severe punishment to the criminals.

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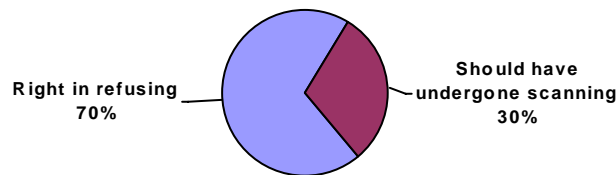
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, amongst the 36% who claim to be aware about the recent incident of two Pakistani women denying body scan at the Manchester airport, 70% are of the view that it was the right thing for these women to do, whereas 30% believe that every country is entitled to have their own set of rules and regulations and therefore these women should have gone through the process of body scanning.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "Recently two female Pakistani passengers travelling from Manchester to Pakistan refused to go through the process of computerized body scanning. Have you heard or read about it?" Thirty six percent (36%) said they have heard or read about it whereas 64% of the respondents claimed to be unaware of this incident.

In a follow up question the respondents were asked "(Asked of those who were aware of the incident) The Pakistani women, who refused body scanning, claimed that their religion does not allow such scanning, which is why they refused. Do you think it was right of them to refuse or should they have agreed to be scanned since every country has its own rules and regulations?" Seventy percent (70%) said these women did the right thing by not undergoing scanning whereas 30% believe they should have followed the rules and gotten themselves scanned. The data reveals that a proportionately higher percentage of ruralites (75%) as compared to their urban counterparts (64%) claimed to be in favour of these Pakistani women who refused body scanning. It is also seen that a comparatively higher percentage of men (74%) support these women's decision.

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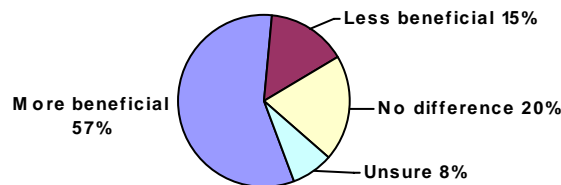
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than half of all Pakistanis (57%) consider Madrassah education (Religious Schools) to have more benefits as compared to regular schooling for children to become both good human beings and good Muslims. Others claim that studying in Madaris is less beneficial (15%), or there is no difference (20%) and 8% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "To be a good human being and a good Muslim, is getting education from a madrassah more beneficial, less beneficial or is there no difference as compared to studying from regular schools?" Fifty seven percent (57%) claimed it is more beneficial, 15% said it is less beneficial, whereas 20% believe there is no difference between studying in a Madrassah or in a regular educational institution. The remaining 8% of the respondents were unsure.

The findings of the survey reveal that a proportionately higher percentage of rural respondents (63%) as compared to urban respondents (43%) consider Madrassah education as more beneficial for children to become a good human being and a good Muslim.

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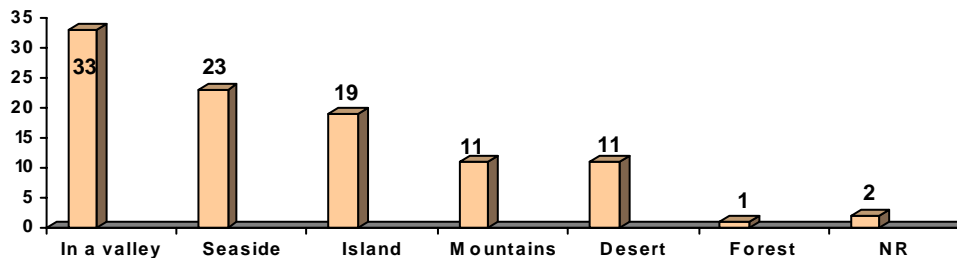
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A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "Suppose you are given the opportunity to choose from the following locations, which one would you really like for living?" Thirty three percent (33%) said they prefer living in a valley, 23% said they would want to live near a sea, 19% claimed they prefer living on an island, 11% said on mountains, and another 11% said they prefer deserts. The remaining 3% of the respondents said they would like to live in a forest or gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal that seashores and mountains are preferred by a comparatively higher percentage of urbanites while a higher percentage of ruralites claimed to prefer living on an Island.

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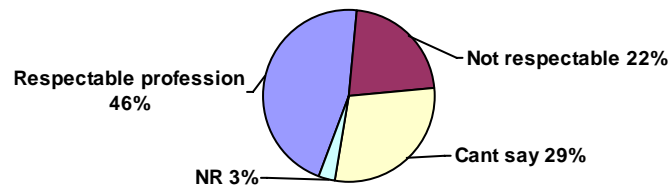
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, nearly half of all Pakistanis (46%) consider nursing as a respectable profession, 22% think it is not a reputable career and 32% were either unsure or gave no response. The poll also shows that the support for boys wanting to join nursing is much higher (70%) as compared to encouraging girls who would like to pursue nursing career (40%). Regarding the availability of professional training colleges for nursing in Pakistan, 42% believe there are good institutes, 32% say there are no good colleges and 26% did not know or gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "Generally what do you think of Nursing profession?" Forty six percent (46%) believe it is a respectable profession whereas 22% think it is not. The remaining respondents were either unsure about nursing profession (29%) or gave no response (3%). It is seen that the percentage of respondents from Sindh, particularly rural Sindh (68%) who consider nursing as a reputable career is higher than the national average.

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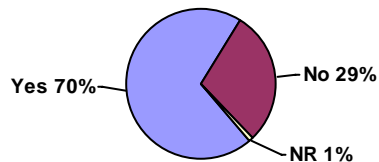
In a follow up question the respondents were asked "Do you think there are good training colleges in Pakistan for Nursing?" Forty two percent (42%) said yes, 32% said there are no good colleges, whereas 26% of the respondents either did not know or gave no response.

To find out how public feels about nursing as a profession for boys and girls, the respondents were asked "Suppose a girl or a boy from your household wants to go into nursing, would you encourage them or not? (Separate response for boy and girl)" Seventy percent (70%) claimed they would support their boys to go into nursing, 29% would not encourage them and 1% gave no response. The findings reveal that a higher percentage of respondents from rural areas (76%) as compared to urban respondents (57%) are in favour of nursing profession for boys.

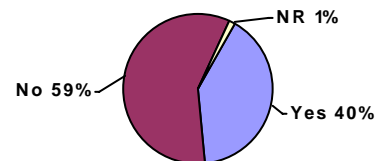
When asked about girls of their households wanting to join nursing profession, comparatively only 40% said they would support them whereas 59% would not, and 1% gave no response. It is seen that a slightly higher percentage of urbanites (45%) as compared to ruralites (37%) claimed they would encourage their girls to take up nursing career.

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