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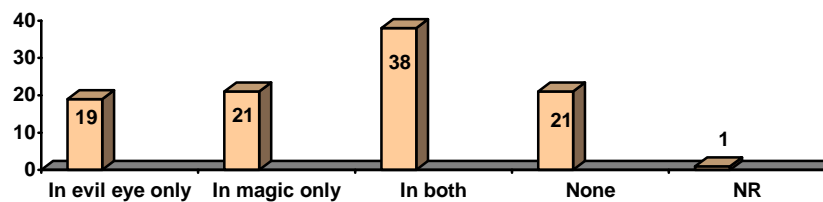
Views on Evil Eye & Magic; 3 out of 4 Believe in Both or at least in One of Them: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a recent Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than two thirds of all Pakistanis (78%) claim to believe in both evil eye and magic while the remaining 22% do not believe. Amongst various reasons for people to do magic on others, jealousy tops the list as cited by 43%, followed by revenge (32%), for fulfillment of one's personal needs and wishes was cited by 22% and 3% cited other reasons or gave no response. A vast majority (84%) do not support magic in any situation while 14% believe it is allowed to perform magic as long as it does not harm any one and 2% gave no response. About penalizing sorcerers, 83% support harsh punishment, 12% either claim the penalty should not be harsh or believe in not punishing the sorcerers at all and 5% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Nowadays evil eye and magic are frequently talked about on TV and radio shows. Do you personally believe in evil eye and/or evil eye?*” Nineteen percent (19%) claimed to believe in only evil eye, 21% believe in only magic, 38% said they believe in both evil eye and magic, whereas 21% said they do not believe in any of these. The remaining 1% of the respondents gave no response. It is seen that a significantly higher percentage of people from urban Sindh (54%) believe in both evil eye and magic.

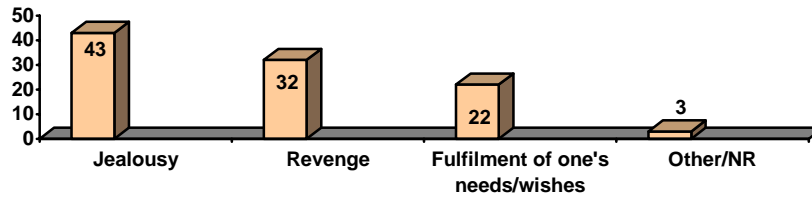
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In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*In your view what is One of the biggest reasons for doing magic on someone?*” Forty three percent (43%) said Jealousy is the main reason, 32% believe it is revenge which makes a person get magic done on someone, and 22% believe magic is done to fulfil personal needs and wishes (such as greed for land or money). The remaining 3% of the respondents think there are other reasons or gave no response.

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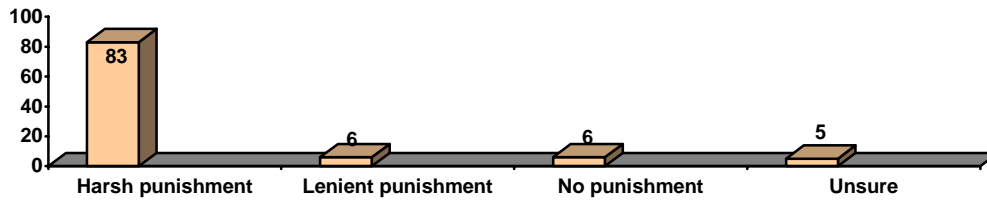


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When the respondents were asked whether in their opinion if it is justified to do magic in order to fulfil one’s wishes and not for harming others, a vast majority (84%) claimed that doing magic is not okay in any situation, while 14% believe that for personal wishes doing magic is justified and 2% gave no response. A slightly higher percentage of urbanites (18%) as compared to ruralites (12%) support magic when it is done for fulfilment of personal wishes.

When asked *“In your opinion what kind of punishment should be given to the sorcerers?”* Eighty three percent (83%) said they should face harsh penalties, while only 6% feel the punishment should not be too harsh and another 6% said they should not be punished at all. The remaining 5% of the respondents were unsure. A proportionately higher percentage of ruralites would like these sorcerers to be given strict punishment.

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2805 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during January 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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