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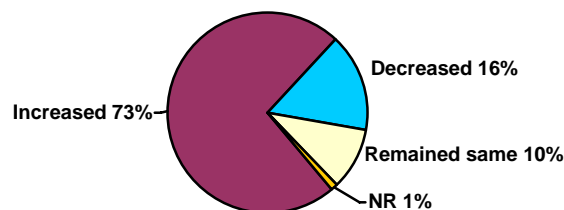
Two third Claim Terrorism Has Increased in the Country; Views Are Split on Government's Efficiency in Curbing Violence: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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In the past year or two the whole of Pakistan has been struggling with large scale violence and terrorism. To find out people's perceptions on the rate of terrorism and the government's initiatives to fight it, a Gilani Research Foundation survey was carried out by Gallup Pakistan. According to this survey, more than two third (73%) of all Pakistanis believe that the rate of terrorism has increased incredibly in Pakistan, 16% said it has decreased, 10% said it is the same, and 1% gave no response. Commenting on the current government's ability, 44% believe they have completely failed. Forty four (44%) believe they have been successful in curbing terrorism to some extent while 9% claim the government has been highly successful.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "*In your view, has the rate of terrorism increased, decreased, or remained the same?*" Seventy three percent (73%) believe it has increased, 16% said it has decreased, whereas 10% said the rate of terrorism in the country has remained the same. One percent (1%) of the respondents gave no response. The data reveals that an equally high percentage of people across all demographics claimed terrorism has increased.

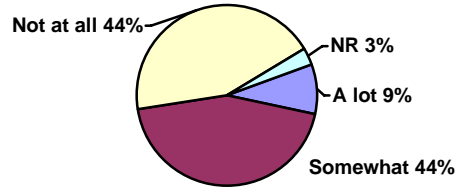
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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

To find out what the public feels about the government's actions in decreasing such terrorist acts within the country, the respondents were asked "*In your view, to what extent has the current government been successful in controlling terrorism?*" Views are split between those who said that the government has failed to do its part in controlling the current crisis (44%) and those who believe the government has been successful to some extent (44%). Only 9% claimed the government has been extremely successful in controlling terrorism and 3% of the respondents gave no response. More than half of all urbanites (56%) seem to be disheartened with the current government's actions in curbing terrorism whereas majority of rural respondents (48%) expressed some hope by stating the government has been successful in their war against terrorism to some extent.

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2765 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during October 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

Gallup Pakistan proposes that its poll results be attributed as Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. This is to distinguish our polls from polls on Pakistan sometimes released by other organizations not part of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com) and referred to by the same title. Also please see necessary Disclaimer on our website (www.gallup.com.pk). Gallup Pakistan takes responsibility for only its own polls on Pakistan.

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