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More than Two Thirds of all Pakistanis Believe that Education Leads to Political Awareness and Better Leadership Choices: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

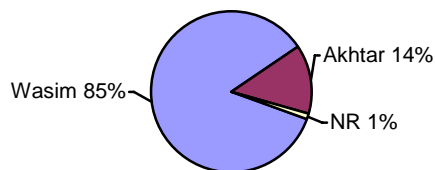
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, a vast majority of all Pakistanis (85%) think, that education helps in spreading political awareness amongst the masses which in return leads to better leadership choices made by these people. On the other hand 14% believe education has no affect on people's choices for leaders during elections and 1% gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were read out an opinion of two fictional friends regarding education and political awareness and were asked “*Wasim is of the opinion that through education a person gets more politically aware which helps the person to chose a better leader for the country instead of making wrong choices. On the other hand his friend Akhtar believes education does not have any affect on choosing a political leader. Whose view do you relate to?*” Eighty five percent (85%) believe that education helps a person to make better political choices and hence agreed with Wasim, where as 14% agreed with Akhtar on education having no affect on a person's ability to choose better leadership for the country. The remaining 1% gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal that while a proportionately higher percentage of ruralites (88%) as compared to their urban counterparts (81%) are of the opinion that education helps in choosing better leaders.

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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)

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 2768 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during December 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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