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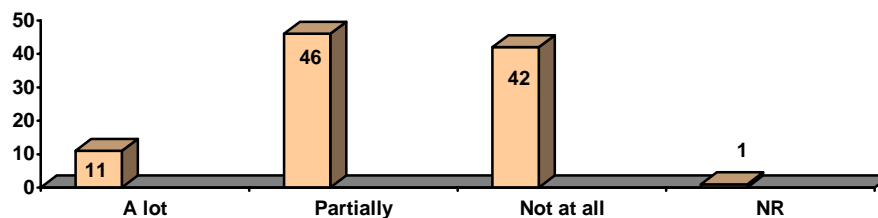
Views on Palmistry; 57% Have Some Belief that Fate is Hidden in the Lines of One's Hands: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, many Pakistanis appear to have some level of faith in palmistry; 11% believe in it strongly, 46% believe in it partially, while 42% do not believe in it at all and 1% gave no response. However, only 19% claimed to have had their hands read whereas 81% have never tried finding out their fate through palmistry. Amongst those who have had their hands read, a vast majority (93%) said that the palmist was completely accurate or at least partially accurate and 7% said the palmist was completely inaccurate. Interestingly, it appeared that people from urban areas in Pakistan have a stronger belief in palmistry.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Some people believe that everyone’s fate is written in the lines of their hands. To what extent do you believe in this?*” Eleven percent (11%) said they believe in it a lot, 46% claimed to believe in it partially, and 42% said they do not believe in hand reading at all. The remaining 1% of the respondents gave no response. The data reveals that a significantly higher percentage of urbanites (51%) as compared to their rural counterparts (29%) claimed to believe that one’s fate is written in the lines of one’s hands. It is also seen that, interestingly, belief in palmistry is significantly higher in Sindh (52%).

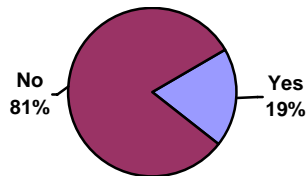
*“Some people believe that everyone’s fate is written in the lines of their hands.
To what extent do you believe in this?”*



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

In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*Have you ever had your hand read by someone to find out about the lines on your hands?*” Nineteen percent (19%) said they have, whereas 81% claimed to have never had the lines on their palms read. Again it is seen that the practice of getting hands read and finding out about one’s fate is higher amongst urbanites (32%) as compared to ruralites (12%). It also shows that younger people are more desirous to find out what their fate holds for them.

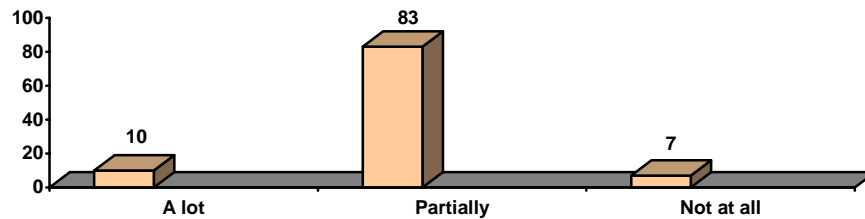
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Amongst those who claimed to have consulted someone about the lines in their hands, 10% said that whatever the palmist (hand reader), they consulted, told them about their fate, was all true, 83% claimed the palmist was partially correct in his reading, whereas 7% said that whatever the hand reader told them about the lines in their hands was all incorrect.

“(Those who have had their hands read) To what extent do you think that whatever that hand reader told you about your fate by reading the lines on your hands was correct?”



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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 2761 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during February 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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