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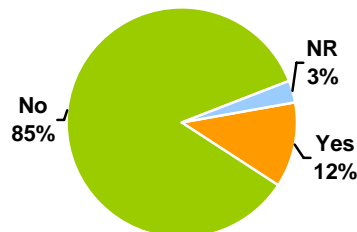
Very Few Mosques Are Believed to Provide a Separate Praying Area for Women: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of all Pakistanis (85%) said that mosques situated in their local areas do not have any sort of reserved place for women to take part in the congregational prayers, while 12% claimed their local mosques do. The survey shows that Punjab is believed to have maximum number of mosques with female praying areas.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Is there a place reserved for women to pray in your local mosque?*” Majority (85%) said no and 12% of the respondents claimed that mosques in their local areas do have a place to accommodate women for congregational prayers. Three percent (3%) gave no response.

“Is there a place reserved for women to pray in your local mosque?”



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

The data reveals that a proportionately higher percentage of respondents from urban areas (17%) compared to ruralites (9%) said that their local mosques have an area reserved for women. It is also seen that comparatively Punjab seems to have more mosques which provide an area for women to pray.

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 2677 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during February 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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