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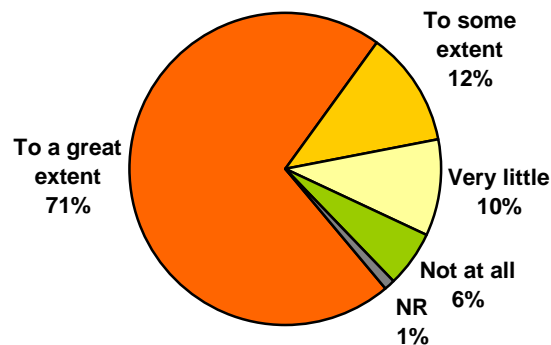
Half of the Nation (53%) is Deprived of Electricity For More Than Eight Hours a Day: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, load shedding has become one of the most serious problems Pakistanis seem to be struggling with in this scorching heat as majority of Pakistanis (83%) have claimed to be affected by this to a great or some extent. As the mercury level rises, the time slots of power outages have also increased. Half of the nation (53%) has claimed to live without electricity for more than 8 hours in a day, 28% said 6-8 hours, 12% said 3-5 hours while 8% seem to be without electricity for 1-2 hours every day.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*To what extent have you been affected by the recent intensity of heat and load shedding in the country?*” Majority (71%) claimed to have been affected to a great extent, 12% said to some extent and 10% claimed to have been affected very little. Only 6% of the respondents said they have not been affected by the heat intensity and load shedding to any extent where as 1% gave no response. The survey findings show that a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites (93%) as compared to their rural counter parts (76%) claimed to have been affected to a great or some extent by load shedding and scorching temperatures. It is also revealed that a higher number of respondents from Sindh and Balochistan feel affected by load shedding and heat related problems to a great extent.

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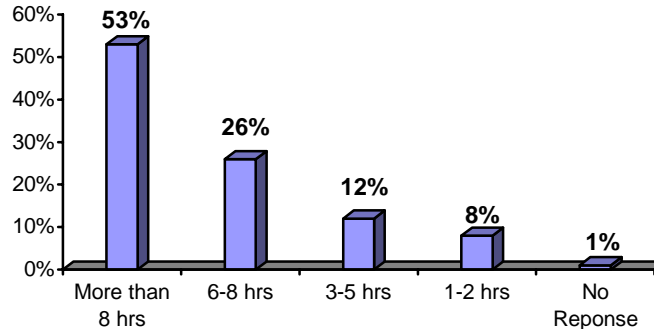
Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

To find out how many hours do the people suffer from load shedding, the respondents were asked “*What is the usual duration of load shedding in your area?*” More than half of all Pakistanis (53%) claimed to be without electricity for more than 8 hours a day. Twenty eight percent (28%) claimed to

bare the brunt of load shedding for 6-8 hours, 12% said 3-5 hours while 8% seem to be without electricity for 1-2 hours every day. One percent (1%) gave no response.

While almost equal number of urbanites and ruralites claim to be out of power for 6-8 hours, a significantly higher percentage of ruralites than urbanites said they are without electricity for more than 8 hours.

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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 2577 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during July 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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