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71% Favor Punishing General Musharraf, 15% Oppose, 14% gave No Response in a National Opinion Poll: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a recent Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 71% of a nationally representative sample of Pakistanis support giving harsh or mild punishment to the former President General Musharraf for his unconstitutional steps on November 3, 2007; 52% favor harsh while 19% support mild punishment, 15% favor no punishment and the remaining 14% did not give a view.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Recently Supreme Court has termed the enforcement of emergency on 3rd Nov, 2007 as illegal. Some people believe that Musharraf should be punished for this, while some believe he should not. In your view should he get a harsh, mild, or no punishment?*” Majority (52%) said he should be punished harshly and 19% believe he should be given a mild punishment for this crime. Fifteen percent (15%) of the respondents do not support punishing Musharraf for enforcing emergency on November 3, 2007 while 14% did not give any response.

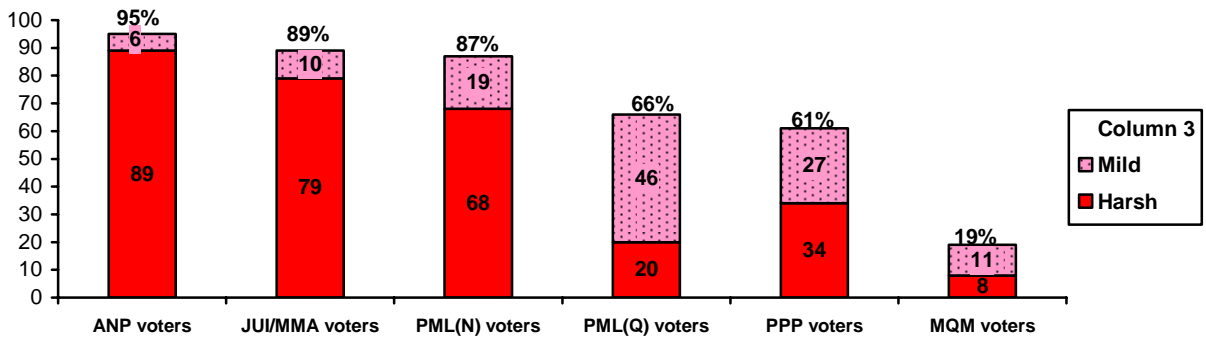
The survey findings also show that while there are no significant differences in views on punishing General Musharraf across gender and age, there are notable differences across political affiliations. Those intending to vote for Muslim League (Nawaz), MMA/JUI and ANP have higher support for punishing Musharraf, above 80%, followed by PPP voters and PML-Q voters (around 60%) and the support is the lowest amongst MQM voters at only 19%.

Question: “*Recently Supreme Court has termed the enforcement of emergency on 3rd Nov, 2007 as illegal. Some people believe that Musharraf should be punished for this, while some believe he should not. In your view should he get a harsh, mild, or no punishment?*”

	Harsh	Mild	No Punishment	No Response
ALL	52%	19%	15%	14%
Voting Intention Wise				
PPP voters	34%	27%	20%	19%
PML-N voters	68%	19%	7%	6%
PML-Q voters	20%	46%	26%	8%
MQM voters	8%	11%	55%	26%
ANP voters	89%	6%	3%	2%
MMA/JUI voters	79%	10%	8%	3%
All other voters	56%	12%	16%	16%

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

Support for Punishing General Musharraf



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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 2926 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during the first half of August 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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