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60% of Pakistanis Oppose Sindh Governments' Decision of Removing Uniform Dress Code from Educational Institutes: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

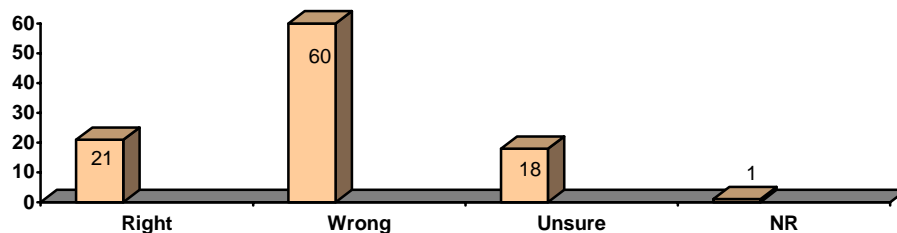
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of all Pakistanis (60%) are in the favor of having a compulsion of wearing uniform in educational institutes and hence they think that Sindh governments' recent decision of removing this rule is incorrect; 21% believe the decision is right whereas 18% are unsure and 1% gave no response. The results in both rural and urban Sindh are almost identical and fairly close to the national average.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "*Recently Sindh government has removed the compulsion of wearing uniform in schools and colleges. Do you think it is right or wrong?*" Twenty one percent (21%) support the recent decision of the Sindh government whereas 60% believe it is a wrong decision. The remaining 18% of the respondents were not sure whether uniform should be made compulsory in educational institutes or not and 1% gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal, that the support for removal of uniform in Sindh is 24%, opposition stands at 58% and 18% said they did not know. There was no statistical difference in the rural and urban Sindh opinion on this issue.

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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 2780 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.

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