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We are in the process of reviewing, cross-checking and revising/editing the material presented here. Please feel free to use the revised version for any research and teaching purpose.

DISCLAIMER

We have made efforts to standardize the samples and question wording wherever comparisons are made across years. However it still leaves room for improvement. We will join our readers in bringing greater refinement in all stages of research as we look ahead to future work on the same subjects.



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HIGHLIGHTS

PART 1: From the years 2005 to 2010, there was a **consistent decrease in the percentage of people that felt that religion was highly influential** in the every day lives of Pakistanis. **It fell from 53% in 2005 to 24% in 2010. However, interestingly this percentage shot up again in 2011 to 43%.**

PART 2: This section of the survey represents the many and varied opinions of people regarding several aspects of their religion. These differences are inevitable considering the multiple ethnicities and backgrounds present in the country. However, with regard to strict Haddood Laws, most people are of the opinion that they should be enforced strictly even with reference to punishments like amputation, stoning to death etc. **(73% were in favor of their application)**

PART 3: If generalized, one would assume from the information in this part of the report that the people of Pakistan are comfortable and even support the propagation of religion by the Government in several different ways. For example, **72% of the sample population asked replied that they are in favor of a separate category on the ID cards for religion and in another question 73% of the people asked also felt that the Government can and should collect Zakat. Even the Shariat bill found 65% support from the sample population.**

PART 4: This part of the report deals with the opinions of people regarding transmission of religious programs and general broadcasts during the religious months of Moharram and Ramadan. **64% of the people felt that only religious programs should be broadcasted in Moharram, whereas 70% of the people felt that only religious programs should be broadcasted in the month of Ramadan.**

PART 5: This is reflective of people's personal and everyday religious acts such as how much they pray, fast etc. **An overwhelming majority of 73% replied that they regularly say their Jumma in the mosque.**



PART 1:

**VIEWS ON RELIGION AND ITS
INFLUENCES ON EVERYDAY LIFE**

Section 1:

**Influence of Religion on the Pakistani
Society**

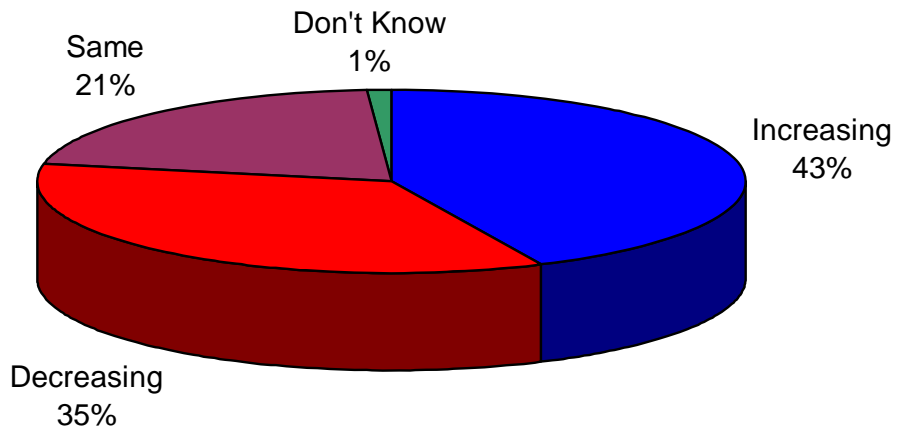
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Section 1: **Influence of Religion on the Pakistani Society**

Influence of Religion on Everyday Life

Question: In your view, is the influence of religion increasing or decreasing in Pakistan?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2011

Comparative Data

Percent of Respondents

	2005	2006	2009	2010	2011
Increasing	53%	42%	34%	24%	43%
Decreasing	23%	21%	35%	44%	35%
Same	24%	36%	29%	31%	21%
Don't Know	-%	-%	3%	1%	1%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010 and 2011



PART 2:

**PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS
BELIEFS AND OPINIONS**

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Section 1: **Personal Opinions**

Section 2: **Hadood Laws**

SECTION 3: **Sects**

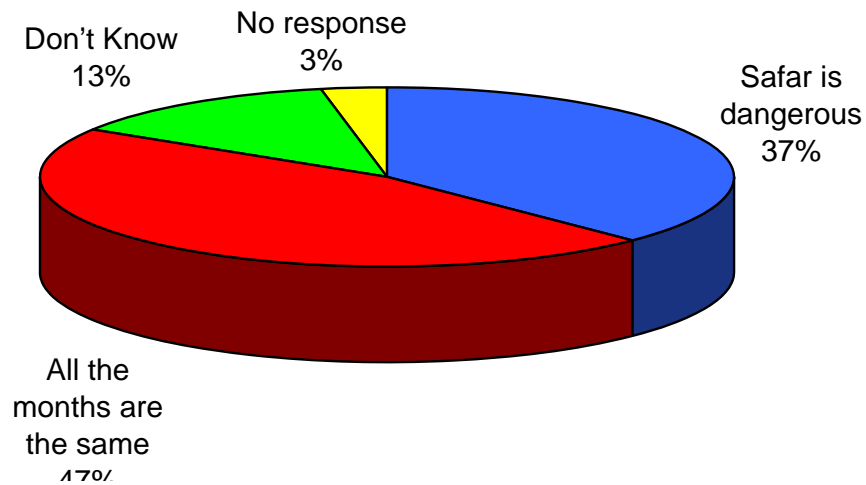
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Section 1: **Personal Opinions**

The month of 'Saffar'

Question: Some people believe the Islamic month of Saffar is a month of disaster, whereas others disagree and claim that all months are the same. What is your opinion on this?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010

Percent of Respondents

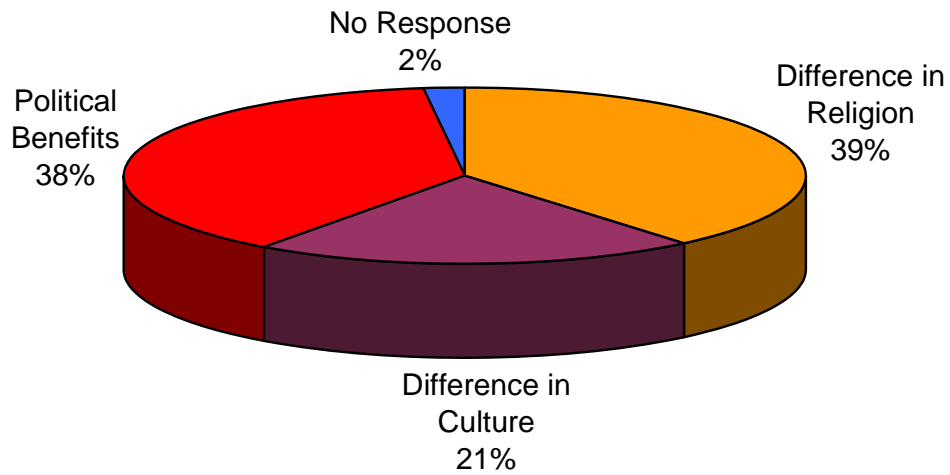
	2010
Saffar is disastrous	37%
All months are same	47%
Don't know	13%
No Response	3%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010



Clashes and Conflicts in Society

Question: There have been several clashes between Muslims and the western civilization. What do you think motivates these actions?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010

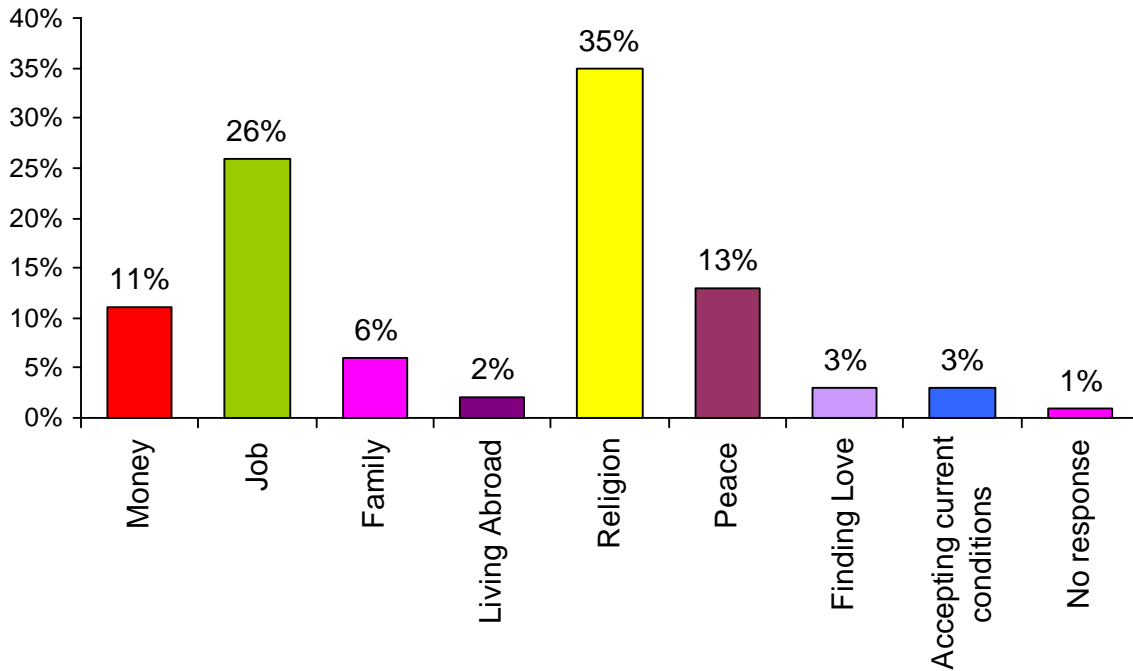
	<i>Percent of Respondents</i>
	2010
Difference in religion	39%
Difference in culture	21%
Political benefits	38%
No response	2%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010



Contentment of Life

Question: What is the one thing that will give you most satisfaction in life?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010

	<i>Percent of Respondents</i>
	2010
Money	11%
Better job	26%
Close to family	6%
Living abroad	2%
Religion	35%
Peace in world	13%
Finding love	3%
Accepting the current conditions & remaining happy	3%
Others	0%
Don't know / No response	1%

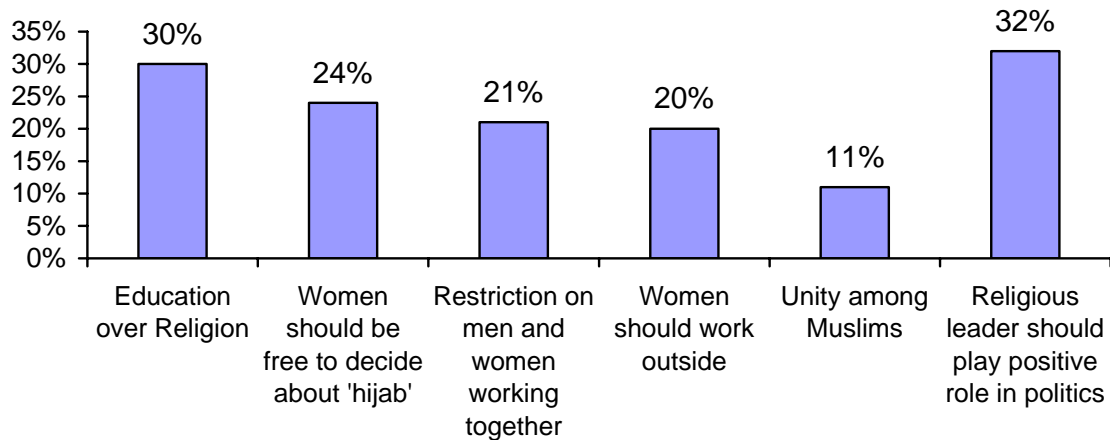
Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010



Personal Opinions

Question: To what extent do you agree to the following statements regarding religion?

Agreement Level on Religious Positions



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010

Percent of Respondents who agree with follow state

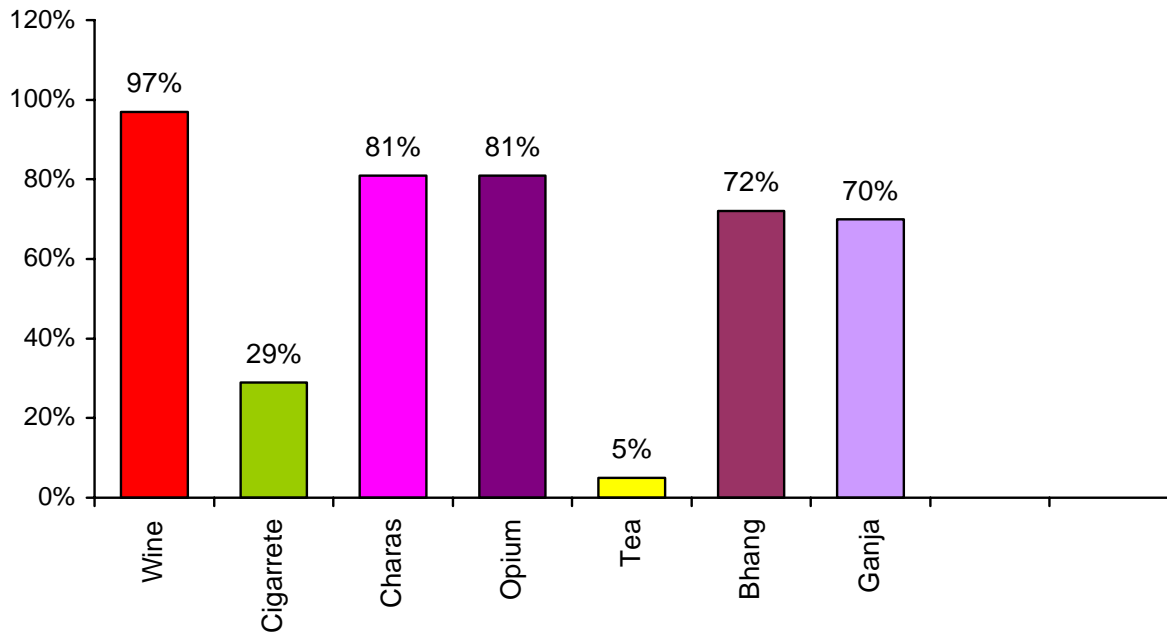
	2010
Our schools emphasize more on secular rather than religious education	30%
Women should be allowed to make an independent decision regarding wearing/not wearing hijab	24%
There should be restrictions on men and women working together	21%
Women should be allowed to work outside the house	20%
I see unity among Muslims all over the world	11%
Religious leader should play positive role in politics	32%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2010



Opinions on the Forbidden

Question: Which of the following according to you are ‘haram’, allowed and just wrong i.e. discouraged?



Percentage of Respondants that considered the above mentioned commodities ‘Haram’

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2009

	Haram	Considered Bad	Allowed	No Response
Wine	97%	2%	0%	1%
Cigarette	29%	64%	6%	1%
Charas	81%	17%	1%	1%
Opium	81%	17%	1%	1%
Tea	5%	18%	76%	1%
Bhang	72%	24%	2%	1%
Ganja	70%	27%	2%	1%

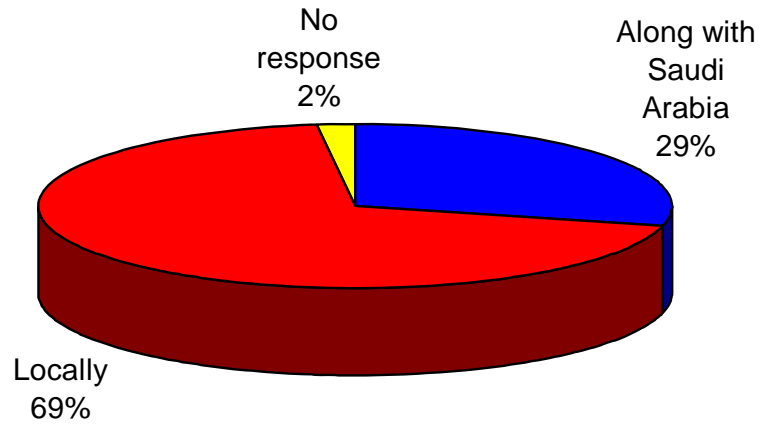
Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2009



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EID

Question: Do you think that Pakistanis should commemorate Eid with the people of Saudi Arabia or in accordance with their own spotting of the moon?



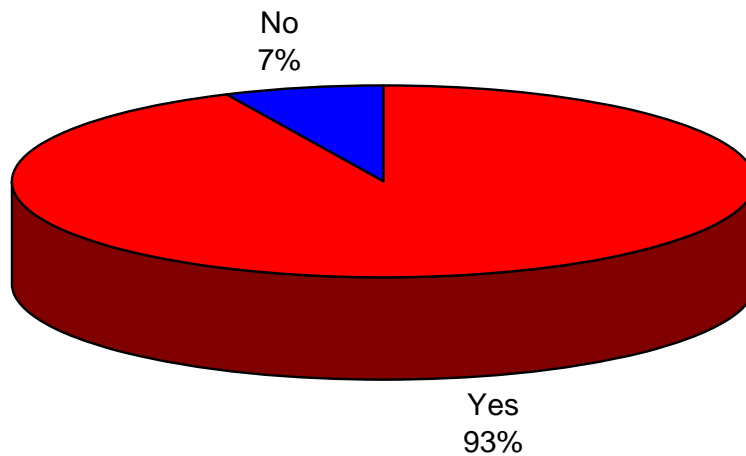
Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2003



Section 2: **Hadood Ordinance**

Islamic Punishment

Question: Should the hands of robbers be cut for theft according to Islamic punishments or not? What is your view regarding this issue?

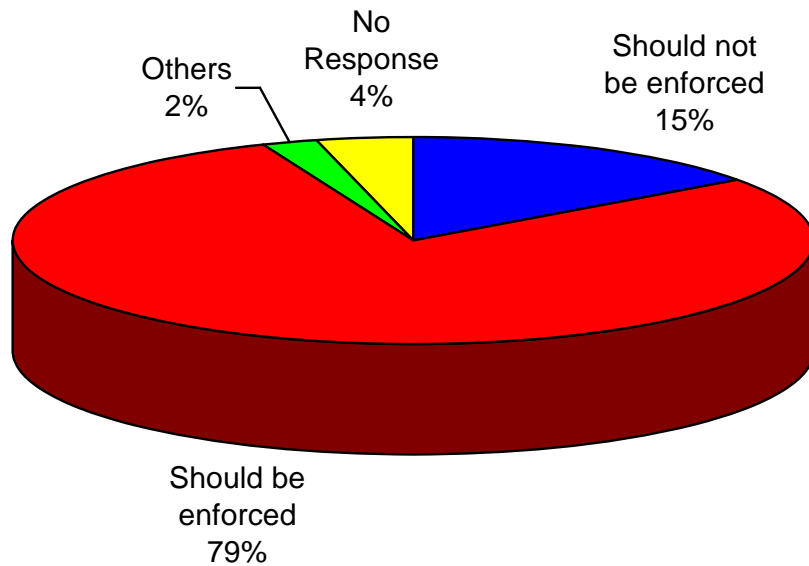


Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2003



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Q11. Some people maintain that the Haddood Laws ordained by Shariat (for example the amputation of hands in cases of theft and stone killing for adultery) are very oppressive and uncivilized and should be discarded in contemporary times. However, others are of the view that these penalties are absolutely necessary to purify the society from crimes. What do you think?



Percent of Respondents

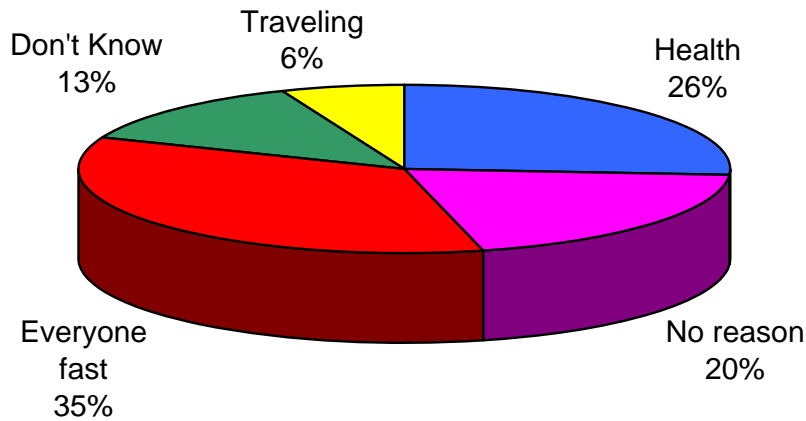
	1989
Should not be Enforced	15%
Should be Enforced	79%
Others	2%
No Opinion	5%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1989



PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND OPINIONS

Question: Why is it that some people choose not to fast in Ramadan?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005

Comparative Data

Percent of Respondents

	2004	2005
Health	18%	26%
No reason	15%	20%
Everyone Fasts	38%	35%
Traveling	-%	6%
Don't Know	-%	13%
Others	29%	-%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2004 and 2005



PART 3:

**RELIGIONS
POLITICS AND LEADERS**

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Section 1: **Relationship Between Religion
And Politics**

Section 2: **Zakat**

SECTION 3: **Sharit Bill (from 1982)**

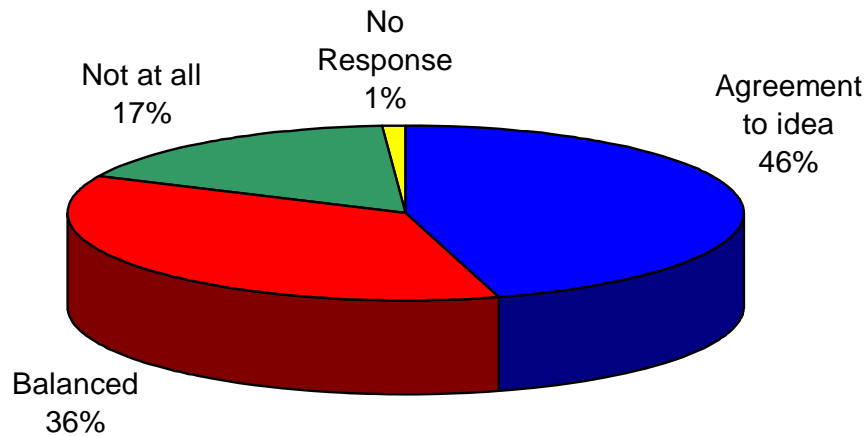
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Section 1: **Relationship between Religion and Politics**

Separation of Religion and other National Institutions

Question: Some people are of the view that religion and army must be separated. What is your own outlook in this regard?



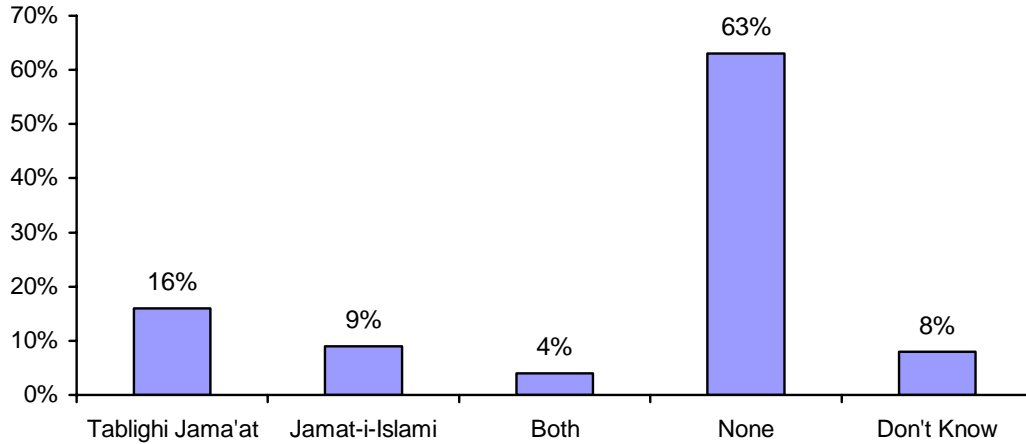
Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2004

	<i>Percent of Respondents</i>
	2004
Agreement	46%
Balanced	36%
Not at all	17%
No Response	1%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2004



Question: Has anyone from the Tablighi Jamat or Jamat-i-Islami come to your house to extend an invitation to join their organization?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005

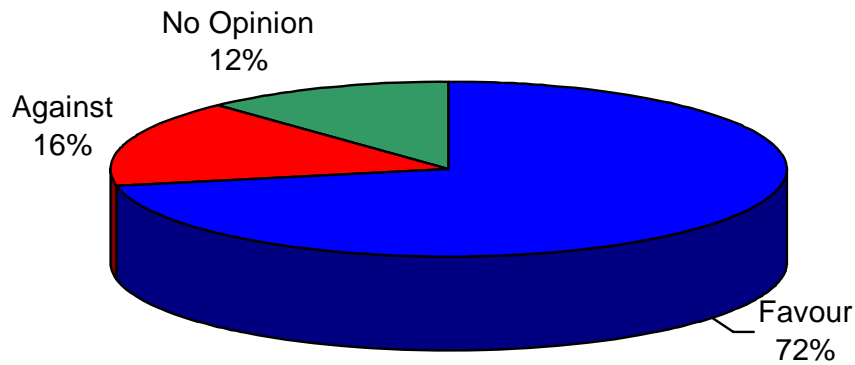
Percent of Respondents

	2005
Tablighi Jamat	16%
Jamat-i-Islami	9%
Both	4%
None	63%
Don't know	8%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005



Question: Nowadays there is great discussion on whether there should be a separate category for religion on the National Identity Card. What are your views regarding this issue?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1993

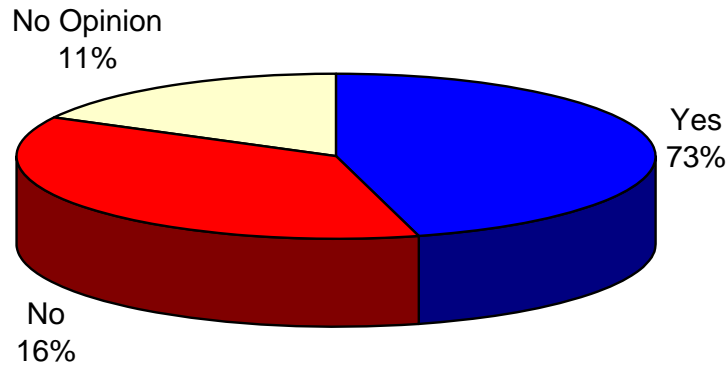
	1993
Favor	72%
Against	16%
No Opinion	12%
No response	0%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1993



Section 2: **Zakat**

Question: According to you does the Government have a right to collect Zakat and Ushr money?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1979

Percent of Respondents

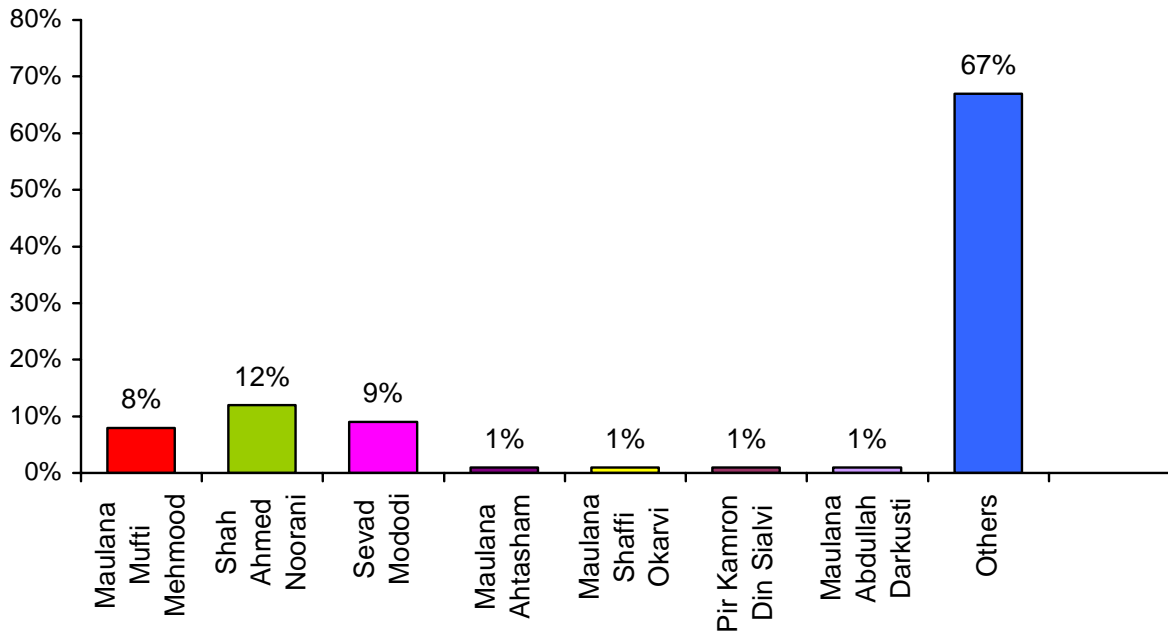
	1979
Yes	73%
No	16%
No Opinion	11%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1979



Religious Leadership

Question: Which religious scholars do you like the most?



Percent of Respondents

	1979
None	1%
All	1%
Local Religious Leader	15%
Maulana Mufti Mehmood	8%
Shah Ahmeed Noorani	12%
Seyad Maududi	9%
Maulana Ahtsham-Ul-Thanvi	1%
Maulana Shaffi Okarvi	1%
Pir Kamron Din Sialvi	1%
Maulana Abdulla Darkusti	1%
Others	50%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1979

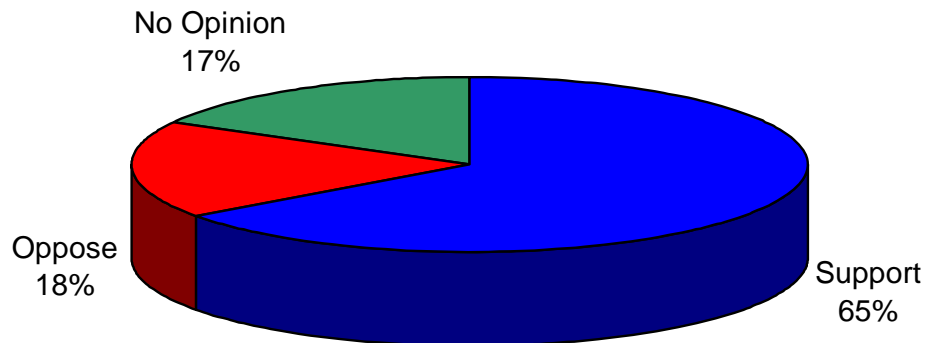


Section 3: **Shariat Bill (from 1982)**

Question: Recently, the National Assembly passed the Shari at Bill. This bill has a lot of supporters; whereas it has faced opposition as well. Do you personally oppose or support the bill?

	All
Support	65%
Oppose	18%
No Opinion	17%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1991



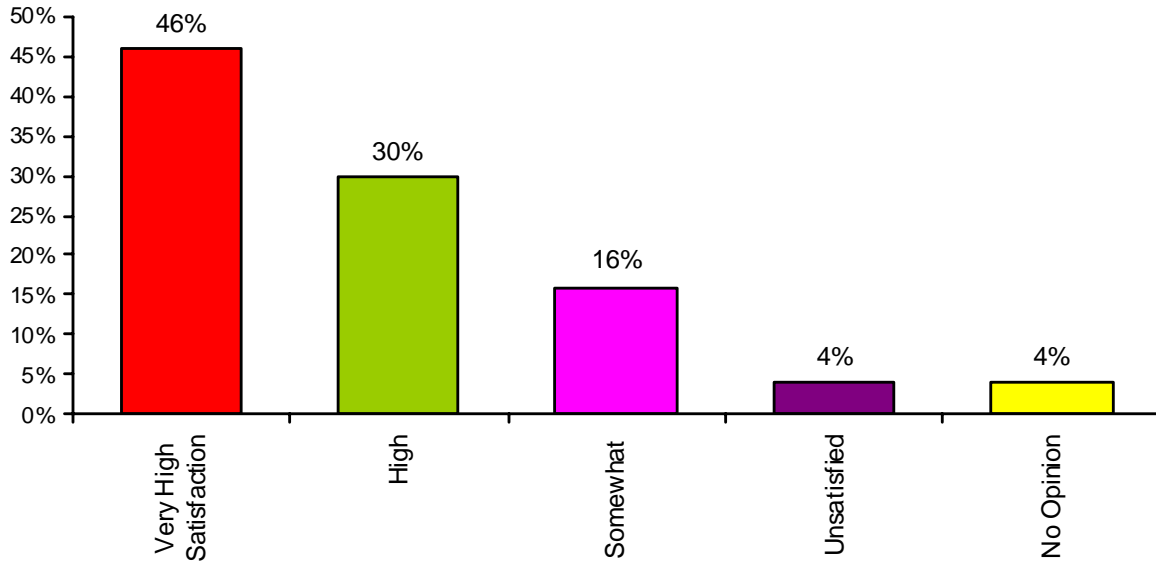


Question: Among those supporting the Shariat Bill, some are satisfied with the recently approved Bill but others are not fully satisfied. To what extent are you satisfied?

Percent of Respondents

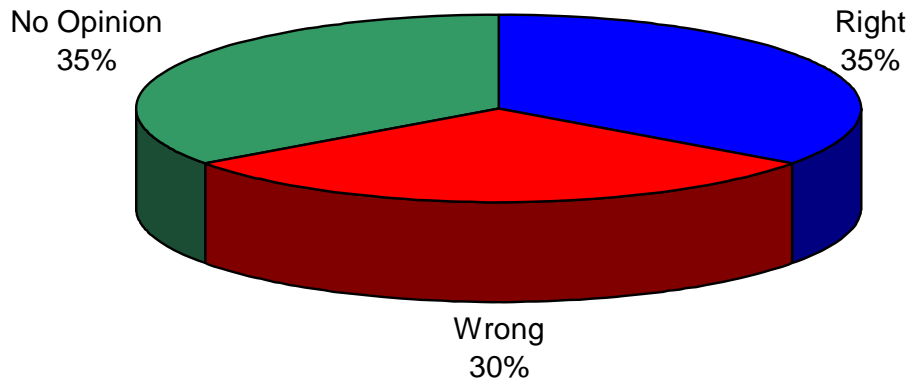
	All
Very High Satisfaction	46%
High	30%
Somewhat	16%
Un-Satisfied	4%
Very Un-Satisfied	-
No Opinion	4%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1991





Question: Some religious parties and Ulema have rejected the Shariat Bill presented by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and have demanded that the Bill which was already passed by the Senate, be presented. Do you think this demand by the Ulema is right or wrong?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1991

Percent of Respondents

	All
Right	35%
Wrong	30%
No Opinion	35%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1991



PART 4:

RELIGIONS AND THE MEDIA

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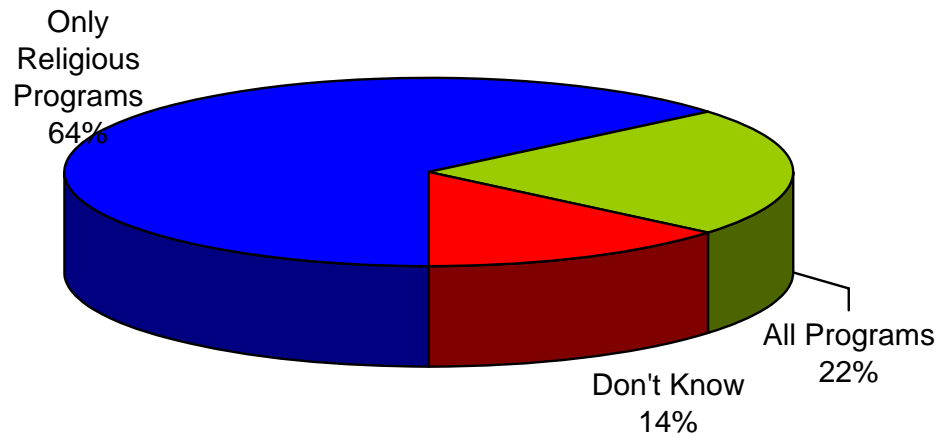
Section 1: **Moharram Transmission**

Section 2: **Ramadan Transmission**



Section 1: **Moharram Transmission**

Question: Some people believe that during Moharram only religious programmes should be shown on TV, while others believe that all types of programmes should be telecasted. What is your opinion in this regard?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2006

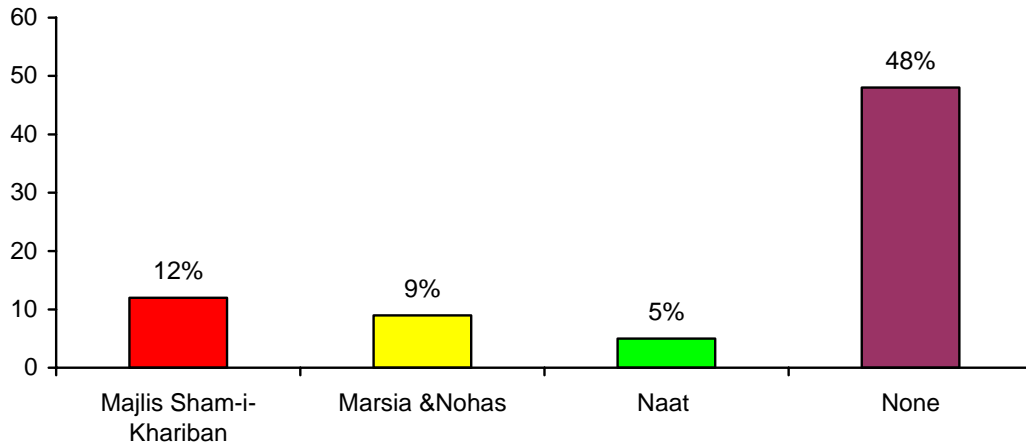
Percent of Respondents

	2006
Only Religious Programs	64%
All Programs	22%
Don't Know	14%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2006



Question: Which special programmes of Moharram did you like most on tv?



Percent of Respondents

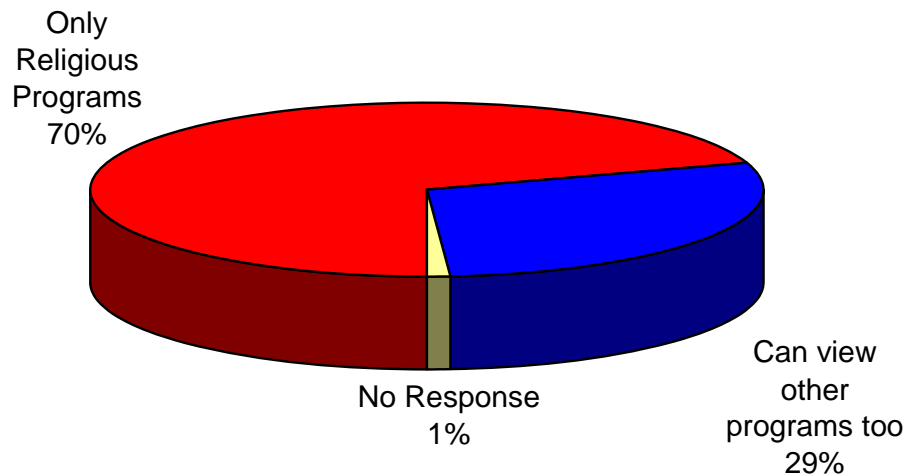
	2006
Majlis Sham-i-Khariban	12%
Marsia & Nohas	9%
Naat	5%
None	48%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2006



Section 2: **Ramadan Transmission**

Question: Some people believe that only religious programs should be viewed during the month of Ramadan, and the television should be turned off when broadcasting music shows and dramas. However, there are people that believe there is no harm in viewing dramas and other programs during Ramadan. What is your opinion regarding this?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2008

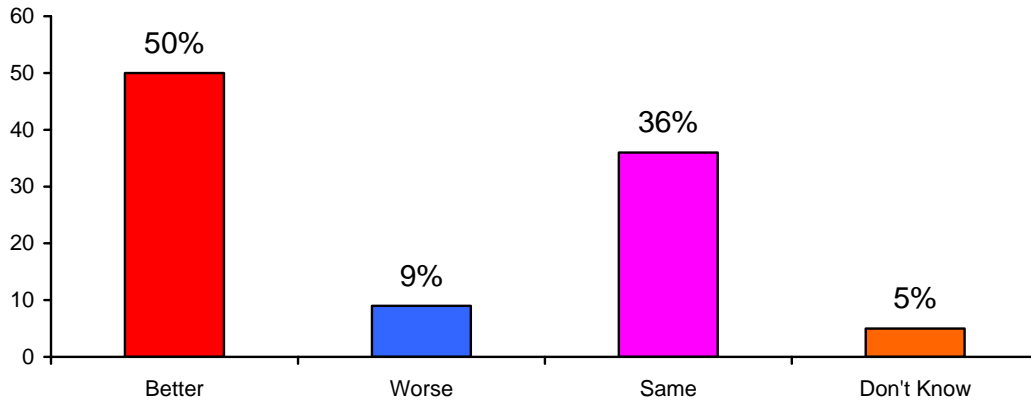
Percent of Respondents

	2008
Only religious programs	70%
Can view other programs too	29%
No Response	1%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2008



Question: Were the television programs broadcasted in Ramadan better or worse than the previous years?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2006

Comparative Data

	<i>Percent of Respondents</i>		
	2003	2005	2006
Better	59%	64%	50%
Worse	7%	6%	9%
Same	26%	27%	36%
Don't Know	6%	-%	5%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2003, 2005 and 2006



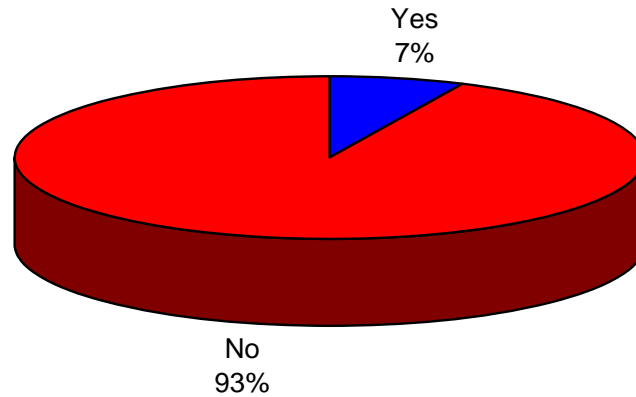
PART 5:

**PERSONAL RELIGIOUS
PRACTICES**

Note: For more details on Methodology please refer to the Methodology Section



Question: Did anyone in your family go for Hajj this year?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2006

Comparative Data

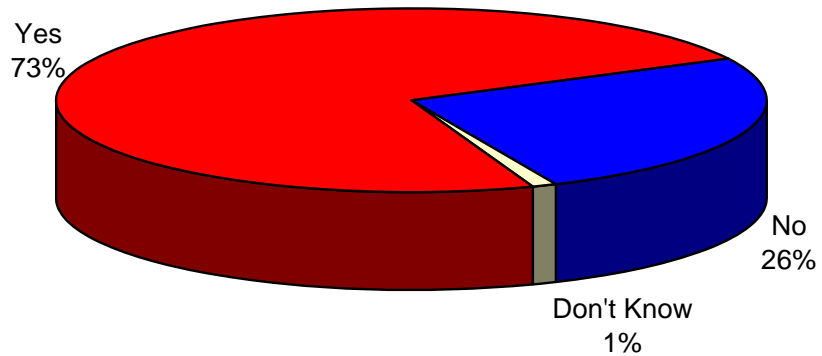
Percent of Respondents

	2001	2006
Yes	6%	7%
No	92%	93%
Don't Know	2%	-

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2001 and 2006



Question: Have you got a chance to visit the mosque for Juma'h prayers last Friday?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005

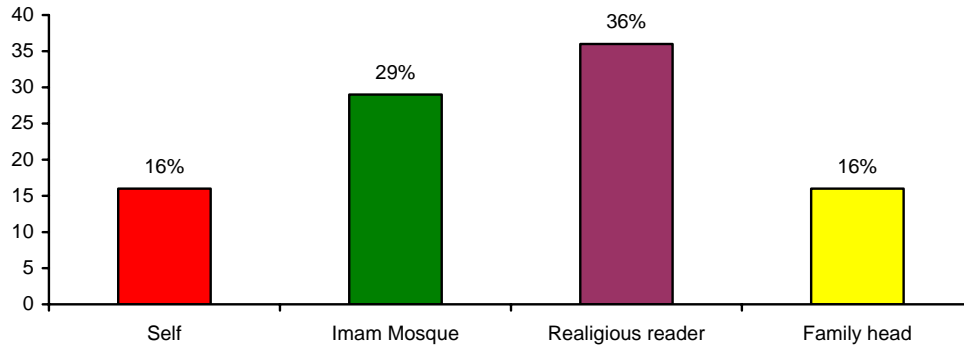
Percent of Respondents

	1991
Yes	72%
No	25%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 1991 and 2005



Question: Whom do you follow in religious matters?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005

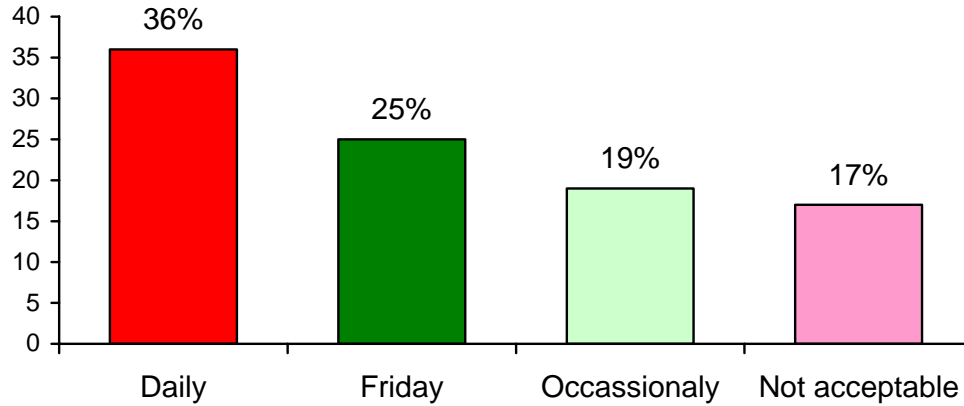
Percent of Respondents

	2005
Self	16%
Imam Mosque	29%
Religious leader	36%
Family head	16%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005



Question: How many times do you usually visit the mosque in your locality?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005

Percent of Respondents

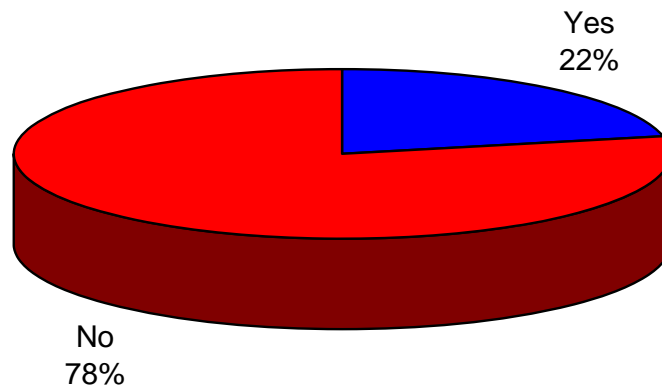
	2005
Daily	36%
Fridays	25%
Occasionally	19%
Not applicable	17%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005



PERSONAL RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Question: Have you participated in the ‘Urs’ of some religious figure during the last one year?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005

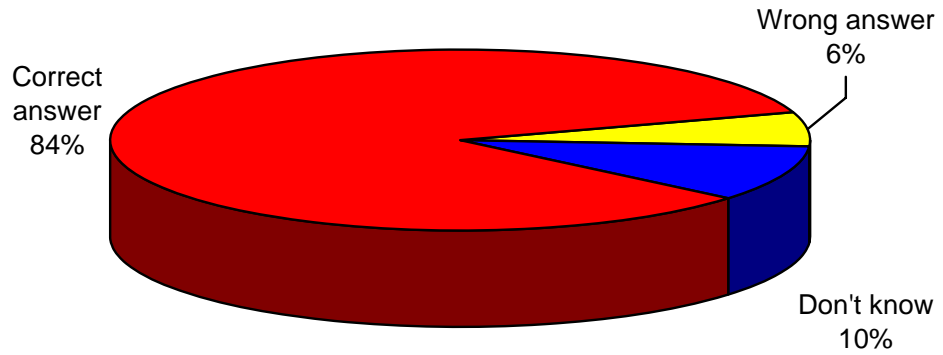
Percent of Respondents

	2005
Yes	22%
No	78%

Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005



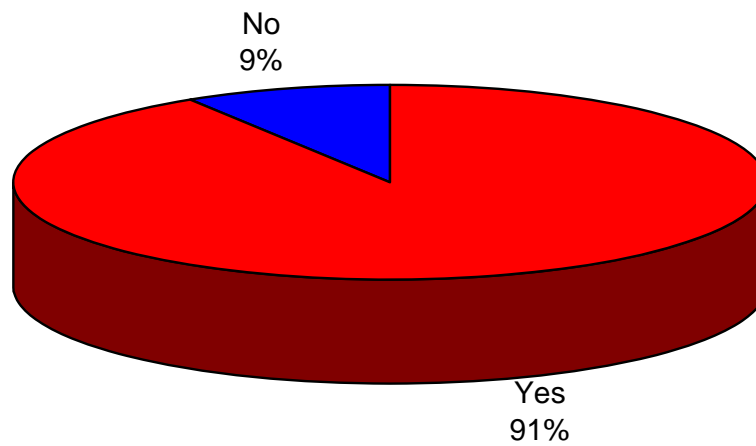
Question: Can you tell what Islamic date it is today?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005



Question: Do you know what Islamic/Hijri month is going on these days?



Source: Gallup & Gilani / National Survey 2005



METHODOLOGY



METHODOLOGY

The results presented here are from multiple *nation wide house hold surveys* carried out by Gallup and Gilani over the last three decades (1980-2010)

- **SAMPLE PROFILE:**

The respondents in these surveys range from *1000-2500 men and women of age 18 years and above* spread across the *rural and urban* areas of the *four provinces* of the country. They represent different age groups, education status and socio economic profile.

Those which are urban only samples have been mentioned.

- **INTERVIEWING MODE:**

Face to Face, in-house interviews

- **SAMPLING METHODOLOGY:**

Multi-stage area probability sampling

- **SAMPLING TOLERANCE:**

Error margin is estimated to be $\pm 2-3\%$ at 95% Confidence level

- **WEIGHTING:**

The data have been weighted to correspond with census distribution of population for the rural and urban areas of all four provinces.

- **SURVEY DATES:**

The respective year in which these surveys were carried out has been mentioned at the bottom of all charts and tables.

- **VALUES/ PERCENTAGES:**

All values given in this report are percentages unless otherwise specified.



• **NOTE ON COMPARATIVE SECTIONS:**

Caution should be taken in interpreting results in comparative sections of the report. The purpose of having comparative data is to show a broad trend in timeline rather than providing a statistical difference in opinions. This caution is based on following major considerations:

- The exact question wordings may vary across the years where comparison is drawn
- The methodology and sample size may vary
- The timeline is not uniform, we have provided data at two or more points in time as available.

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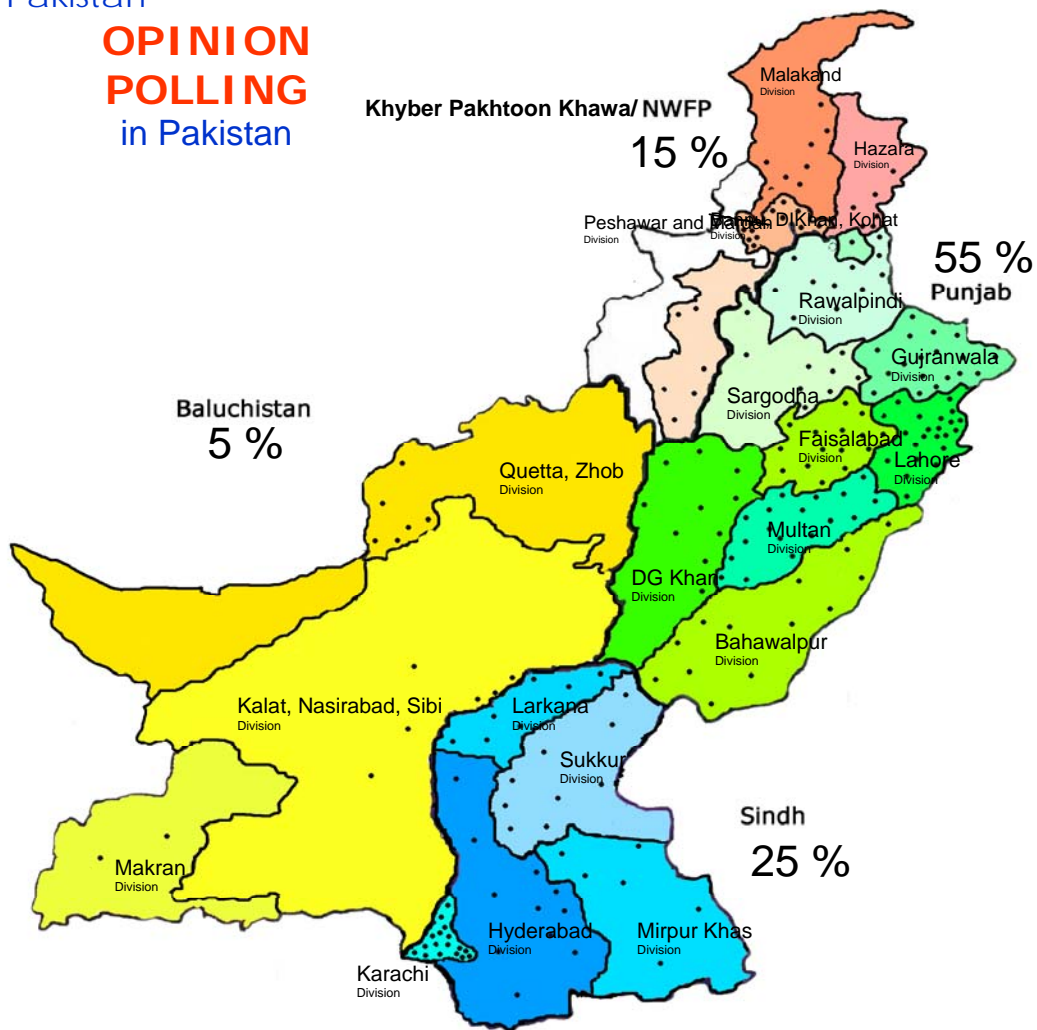
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