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# GALLUP PAKISTAN POLL FINDINGS ON **GENDER ROLES**

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## **Perspective on Gender Roles: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN**

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan majority of the Pakistanis believe that both males and females have different roles to play in the society. In the recent years although women's role has broadened beyond being a housewife, many people still give priority to men in politics, education, employment, and related walks of life.

When the respondents were asked to give their opinion on a number of statements about gender roles 63% of the respondents agreed with the statement that **Boys' education is more important than girls'**; 37% disagreed with it. The percentage of people agreeing with this statement was higher among rurallites (67%) as compared to the urbanites (53%). It must however be noted that more than 90% believe that female children should be educated, nearly half of them believing that, should opportunity be available, they should rise to college education and beyond.

Fifty five percent (55%) of the respondents believe that **Both husband and wife should work**; while 45% said it is wrong for both husband and the wife to work. Interestingly more than 50% of men including those from rural areas agree that both husband and wife should work for a better living.

When the respondents were asked whether **Men are better politicians as compared to women or not**; 67% agree men are better politicians while 33% think otherwise. Surprisingly, more women agree with this statement as compared to men.

In response to the following statement **If jobs are in shortage should men be given priority for employment**; 72% of the respondents believe they should be given priority while 28% disagree.

Eighty three percent (83%) of the respondents think that **To live a happy life women need children**; while only 17% think they do not. A vast majority of all respondents including 82% of women respondents believe that prosperous women should raise their voice to support the rights of poor women.

*"I will read out a few sentences, please tell whether you think they are right or wrong?"*

<b>Statements</b>	<b>Right</b>	<b>Wrong</b>
Boys education is more important than girls	63%	37%
Both husband and wife should work	55%	45%
Men are better politicians as compared to women or not,	67%	33%
If jobs are in shortage, men should be given priority for employment	72%	28%
To live a happy life women need children	83%	17%
Prosperous women should raise their voice for the rights of poor women	80%	20%

*Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,*

*the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association ([www.gallup-international.com](http://www.gallup-international.com); [www.gallup.com.pk](http://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 2685 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country during March 8-9, 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately  $\pm$  2-3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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