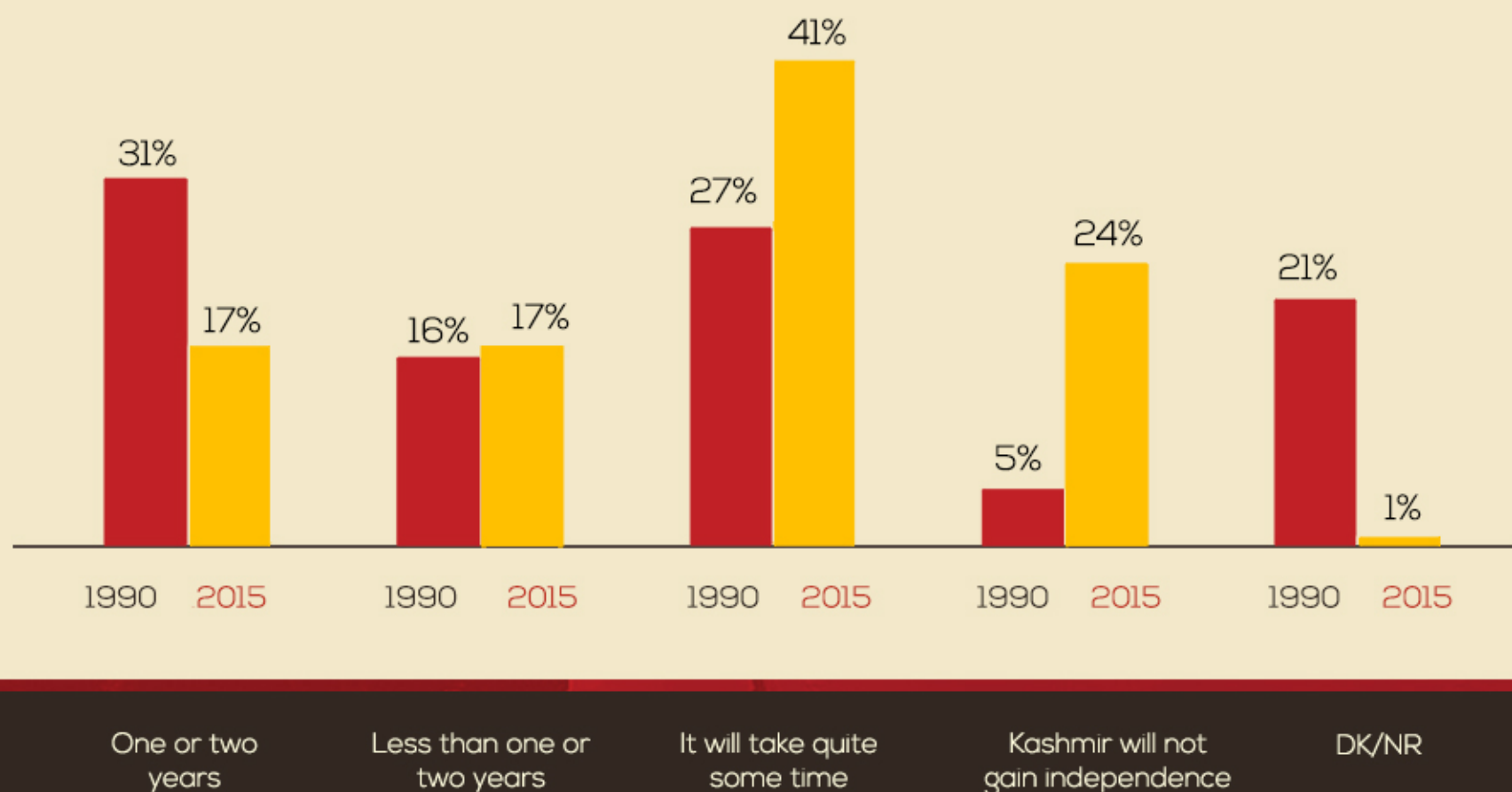


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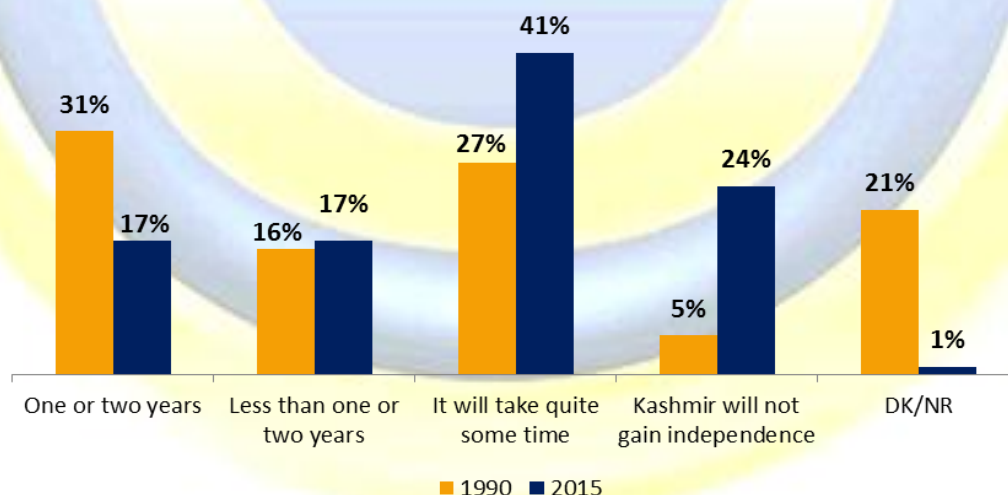
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1990 (25 years ago), 31% Pakistanis believed that Kashmir would be able to gain independence in one or two years, while 16% believed it would take less than one or two years. On the other hand, 27% said it will take quite some time, 5% said Kashmir will not gain independence and 21% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2015 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2015, 17% respondents said Kashmir will gain independence in one or two years, and 17% said it will gain independence in less than one or two years. On the other hand, 41% respondents said it will take quite some time, while 24% said Kashmir will not gain independence and 1% did not respond.

Public opinion and expectation about the independence of Kashmir has changed since 1990, with increased negativity among Pakistanis about the issue. Over the past twenty-five years, there has been a 14% increase in those respondents who believe that it will take quite some time for Kashmir to gain independence and a 19% increase in those who believe it will not be able to gain independence at all. Meanwhile, there has also been a 14% decrease in those respondents who believe that independence for Kashmir will take one or two years.

This press release has been made as part of the Gallup Pakistan History Project which aims to release historical empirical polling data to wider audiences. The objective is to sustain and encourage empirical decision making in Pakistan.

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Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project

Bilal I Gilani, who is Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan and is Director of Gallup Pakistan History Project explains the aim of the Project as follows: ‘Gallup Pakistan has been polling in Pakistan since 1979 (over 35 years). During this time millions of Pakistanis have been surveyed by over a thousand interviewers of Gallup. In 2014, Gallup Pakistan has decided to release historical Public Opinion data and this Press Release is part of Gallup Pakistan’s History Project. This endeavor is dedicated to all those who hope for a more empirical understanding of Pakistani Issues. For more information about Gallup History Project, please contact caf@gallup.com.pk.’



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If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

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