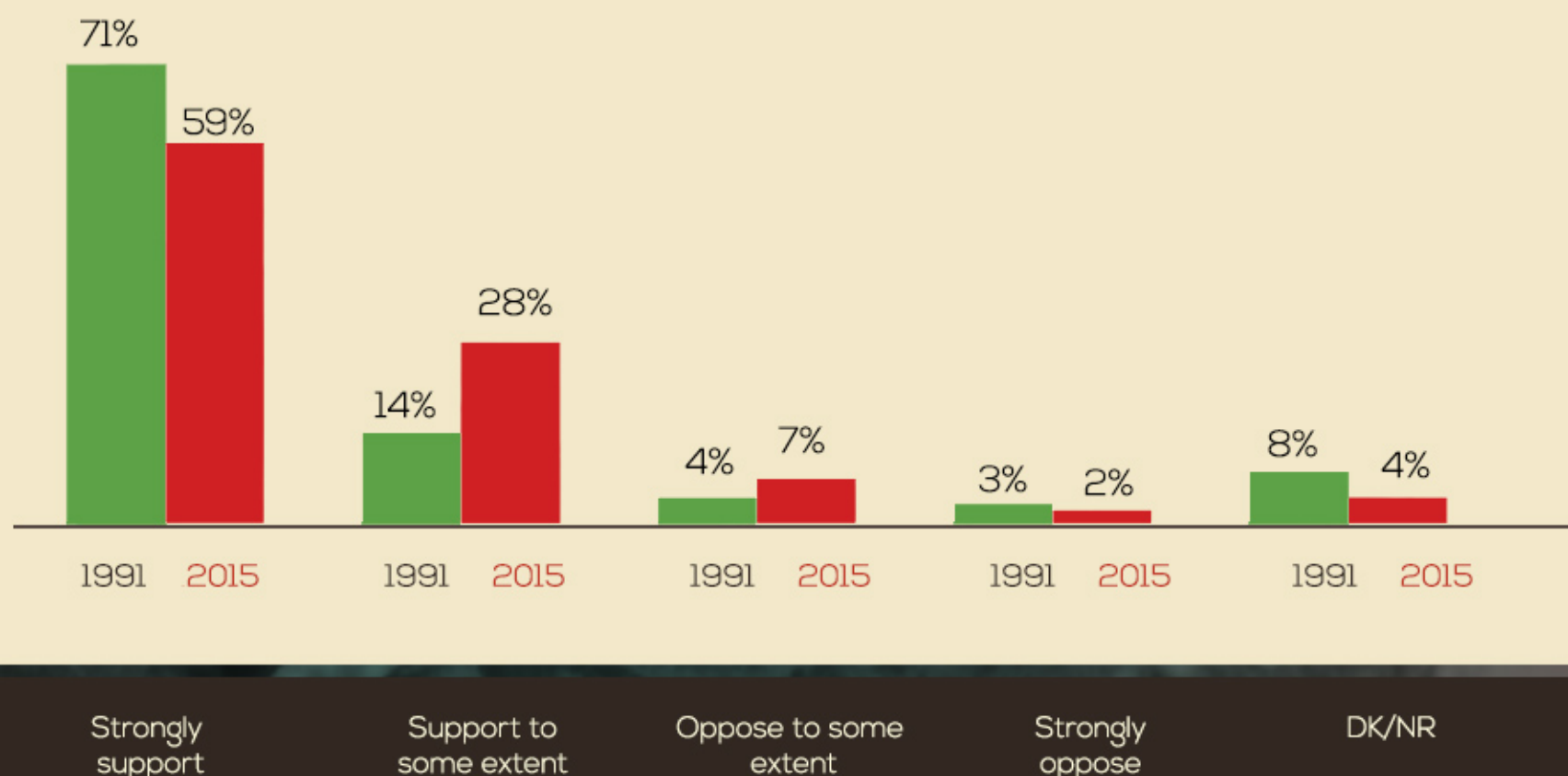


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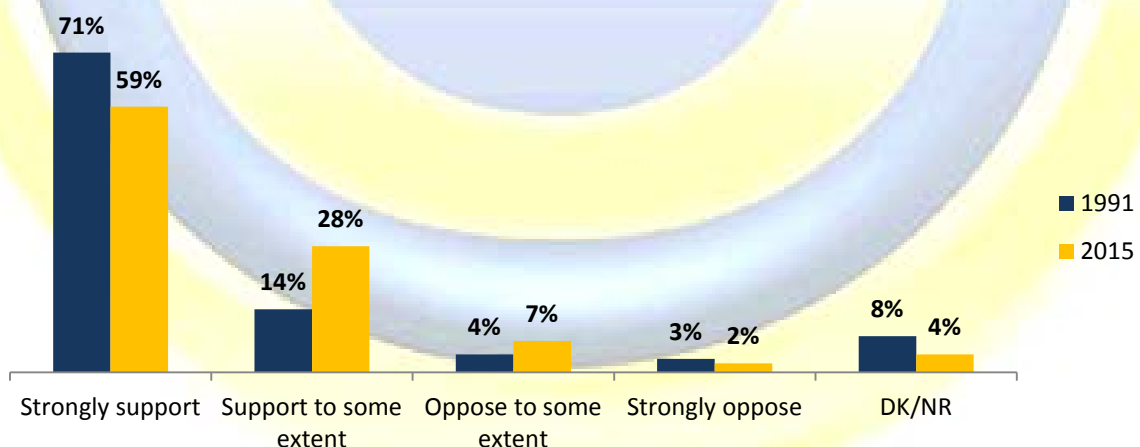
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1991 (24 years ago), 71% Pakistanis strongly supported the building of nuclear armament and 14% supported it to some extent. On the other hand, 4% opposed it, 3% strongly opposed it and 8% had no opinion.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2015 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2015, 59% of the respondents said that they strongly supported building nuclear weapons and 28% said that they supported it to some extent. On the other hand, 7% of the respondents said that they opposed it to some extent and 2% strongly opposed it. 4% did not respond.

Public opinion about nuclear weapons in Pakistan has changed with mixed results since 1991 leading to a decrease in the number of people who strongly support building atomic weapons and an increase in the number of people who support it to some extent. Over the past twenty-four years, there has been a 12% decrease in the number of respondents who strongly support the creation of nuclear weapons and 14% increase in the number of respondents who support it to some extent. Overall, there has been a 2% increase in respondents who support the creation of nuclear weapons. On the other hand, there has also been a 1% decrease in respondents who strongly oppose it and 3% increase in respondents who oppose it to some extent.

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.

Question: “Some people believe that Pakistan should build nuclear weapons as they are a necessity while others believe that Pakistan should not build nuclear weapons. Please tell, to what extent do you support or oppose the building of nuclear weapons in Pakistan?”



Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
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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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