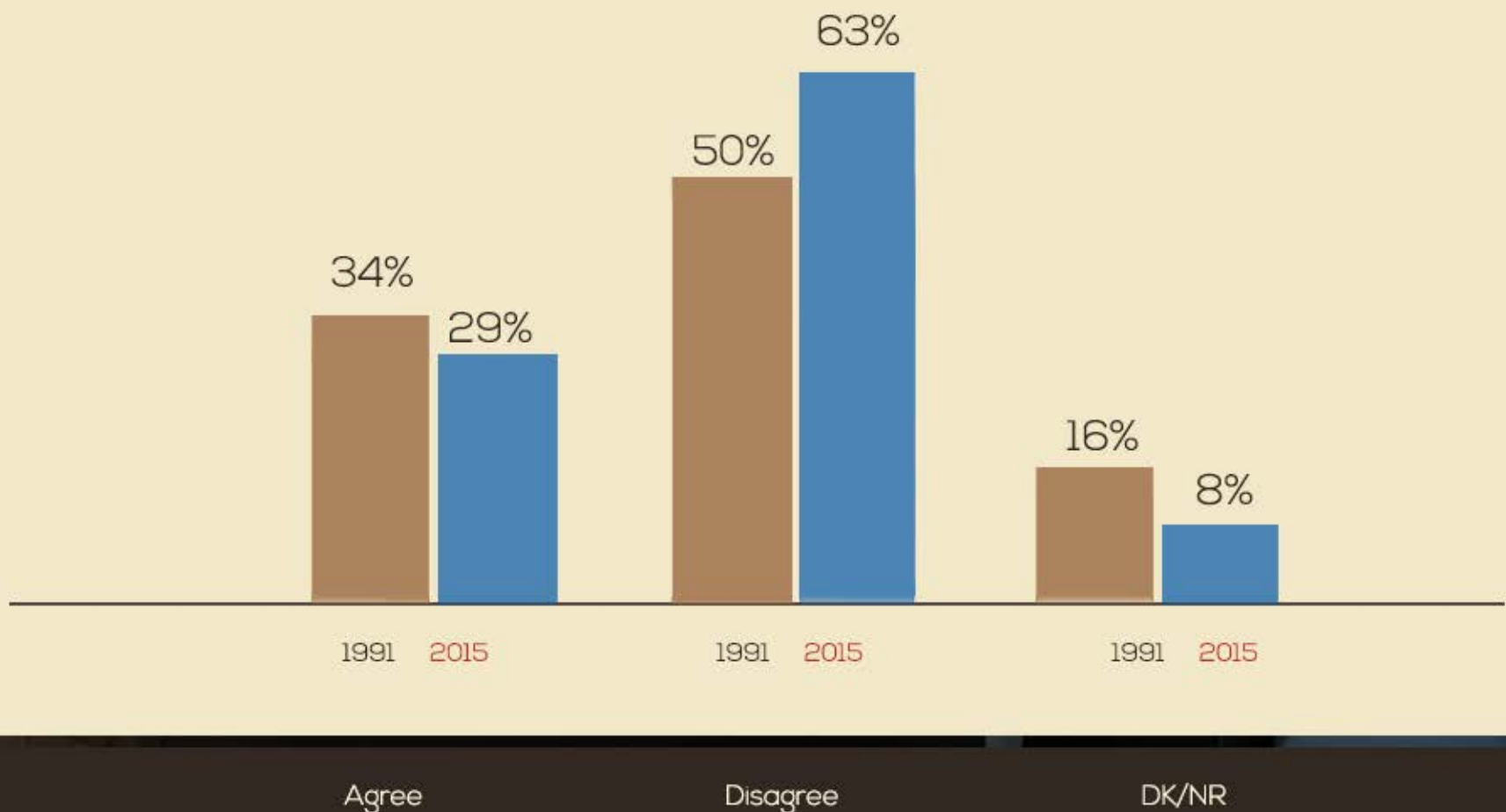


PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING NAWAZ SHARIF GOVERNMENT: 5% FEWER PAKISTANIS IN 2015 BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS OPPRESSING ITS POLITICAL OPPONENTS THAN THOSE WHO SAID THE SAME IN 1991.

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Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1991

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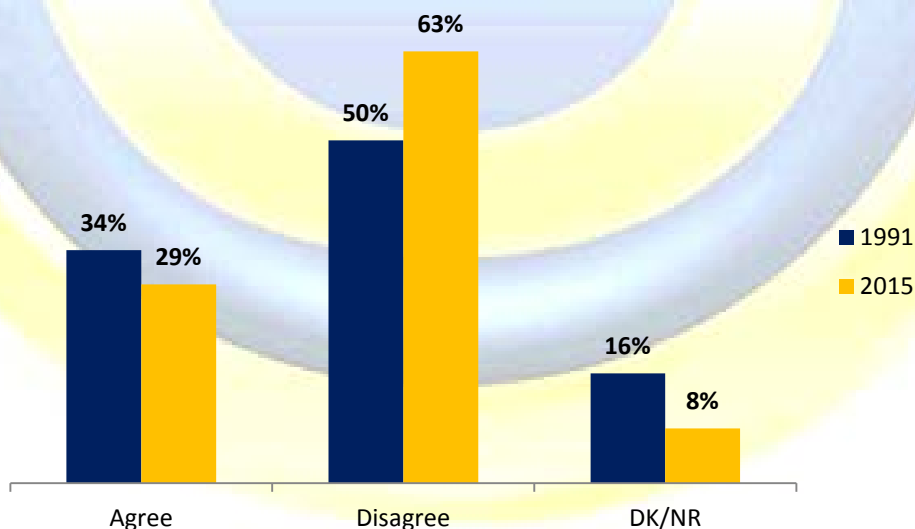
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1991 (24 years ago), 34% Pakistanis believed that Nawaz Sharif's government was oppressing its political opponents while 50% disagreed with this statement. 16% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2015 to enable a more holistic comparison. In 2015, 29% Pakistanis agreed with the statement that Nawaz Sharif's government is oppressing its political opponents while 63% disagreed with it and 8% did not respond.

Public opinion regarding the democratic nature of Nawaz Sharif government changed between 1991 and 2015 by a minor percentage. There has been a 5% decrease in respondents who believe that the government is oppressing its political opponents and a 13% increase in respondents who disagree with the statement.

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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Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
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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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