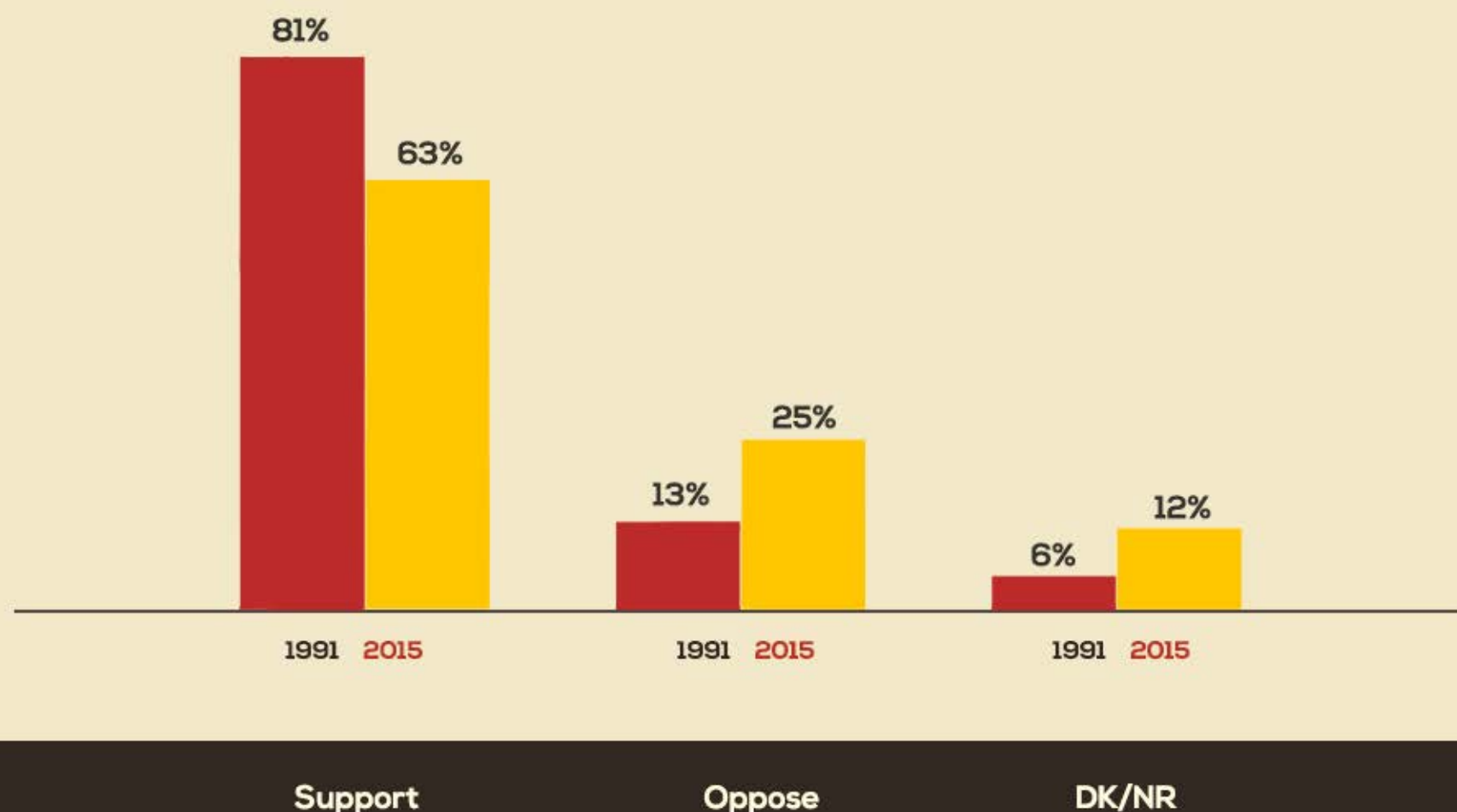


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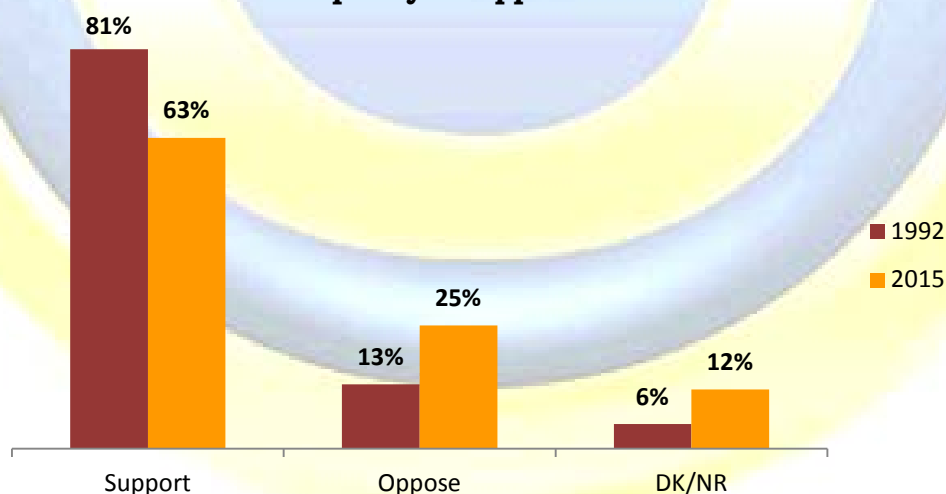
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1991 (24 years ago) respondents were asked about the government's order of returning all unlicensed arms and weapons. 81% Pakistanis said that they supported this order while 13% said they opposed it. 6% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2015 to enable a more holistic comparison. In 2015, the question was modified slightly to gauge public opinions about any potential order that might call for returning unlicensed weapons and arms. In response, 63% Pakistanis said that they would support such a order if it was announced while 25% said they would oppose it. 12% did not respond.

Public opinion regarding an order to return unlicensed weapons seems to have grown less favorably during the course of these 24 years. There has been an 18% decrease in respondents who said they supported this order in 1992 to those who said they would support it if it was announced in 2015. Likewise, there has been a 12% increase in respondents who opposed the order in 2015 to those who said they would oppose it in 2015.

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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