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RISING TREND IN SUPPORT OF NO WAR PACT WITH INDIA

According to the findings of Gallup poll, the support for a no war pact with India has been steadily rising over the last seven years. In a nation wide survey conducted by Gallup in 1980, 53% of the population supported a no war pact. In the latest survey this figure has increased to 71%. These findings are based on a series of eight surveys conducted annually by Gallup Pakistan between 1980 and 1987. All surveys were based on samples of statistically selected households from both rural and urban locations all over the country. The respondents were asked the generation: in your view should Pakistan sign or not sign a no war pact with India? In 1980 53% of the respondents answered in favour of a no war pact. 30% were against this notion while 18% did not give an opinion. In 1987 in response to the question, 71% answered in favor, 16% opposed and 13% did not give an opinion.

In the eight surveys conducted on the subject since 1980, only in two years was a decline visible in support for no war pact. In 1981 it dropped from 53% to 46% and in 1985 it dropped from 57% to 52%. In all other years there has been a rising trend in support of no war pact with India.

TABLE

Percent of respondents saying			
	Yes	No	No opinion
1980	53	30	18
1981	46	31	23
1982	54	18	28
1983	57	16	28
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1985	52	19	29
1986	68	21	9
1987	71	16	13