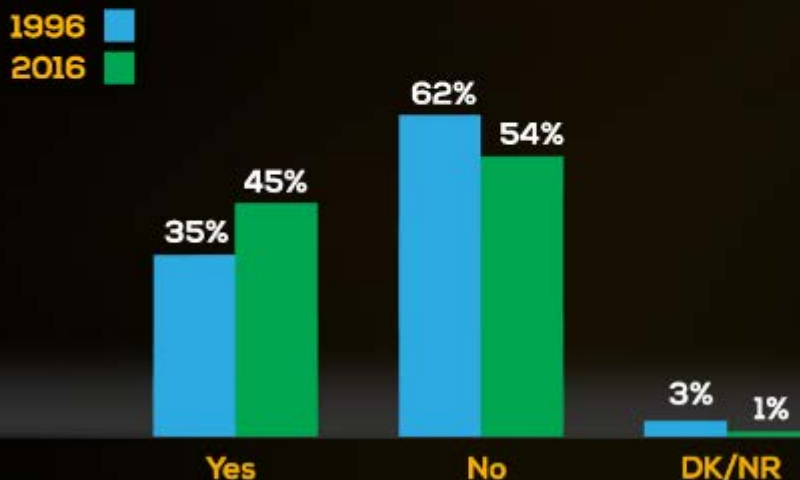


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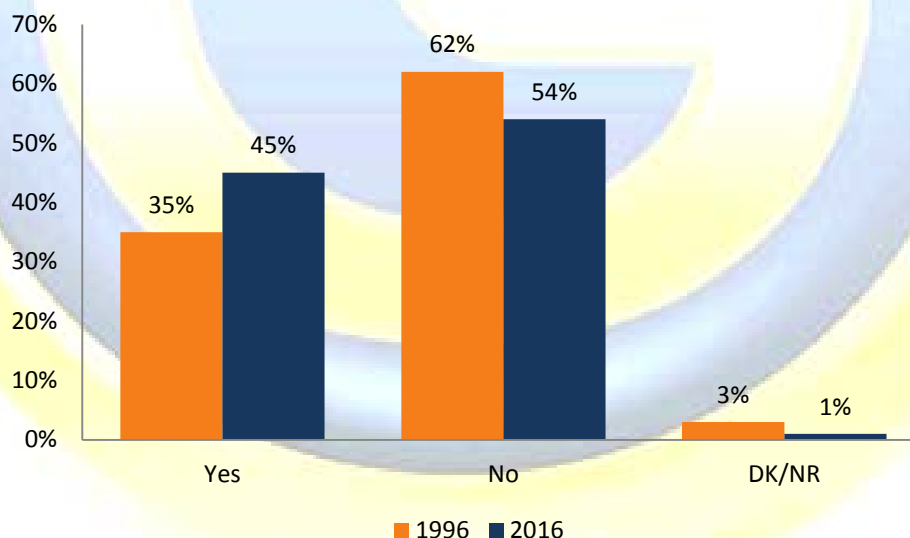
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1996 (20 years ago) respondents were asked whether or not they favored an agricultural tax. To this, 62% respondents said that they disagreed, i.e. agricultural tax should not be imposed, while 35% said that yes, agricultural tax should be imposed. 3% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2016 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2016, 54% said that no, agricultural tax should not be imposed, while 45% said that yes, agricultural tax should be imposed. 1% did not know or did not wish to respond.

According to public opinion, there has been an 8% fall in the number of people who think agricultural tax should not be imposed, and a corresponding 10% rise in the number of people who think agricultural tax should be imposed. This is a favorable sign, because imposing or increasing agricultural tax has always been problematic for the government because farming is the primary occupation of a majority of the population and feudal lords have always been a hurdle in the imposition of agricultural tax. An increase in the number of people who favor this tax mark a shift away from farming of the general population so that they do not have a stake in it and an understanding that taxing the primary industry of the country is an important source of revenue for the government.

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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