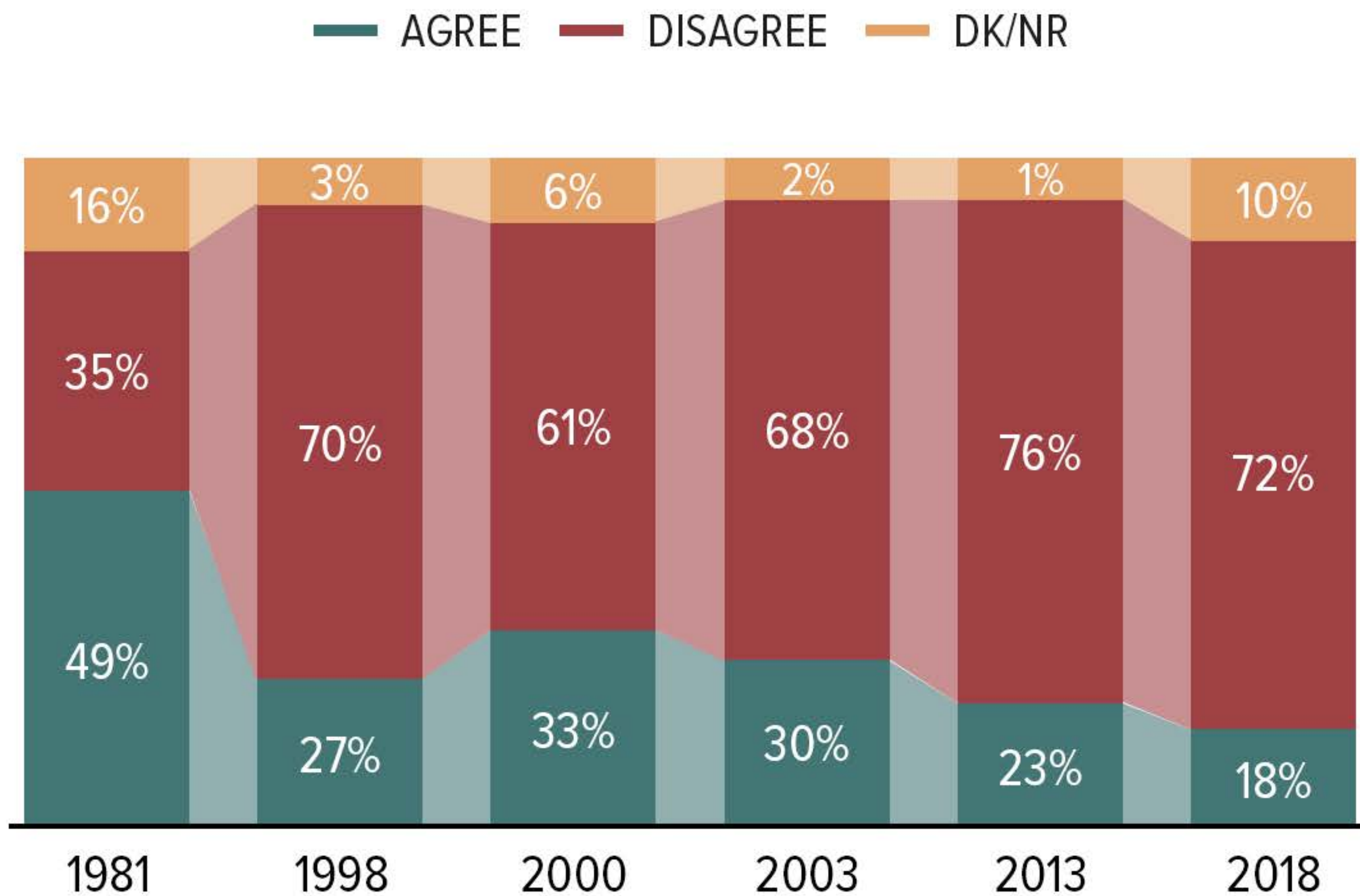


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Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1981

WOMEN Education

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Islamabad, April 16, 2019,

In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1981, i.e., 37 years ago, respondents were asked, "Some people favour girls' education and some oppose it. I will enlist a few opinions about the consequences of educating girls. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement: It becomes difficult to get them married?" In response to this question, 49% said they agreed to this statement, 35% disagreed while 16% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2018 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2018, 18% agreed with the statement, 72% disagreed with it and 10% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Public Opinion Readings are available between 1981 and now.

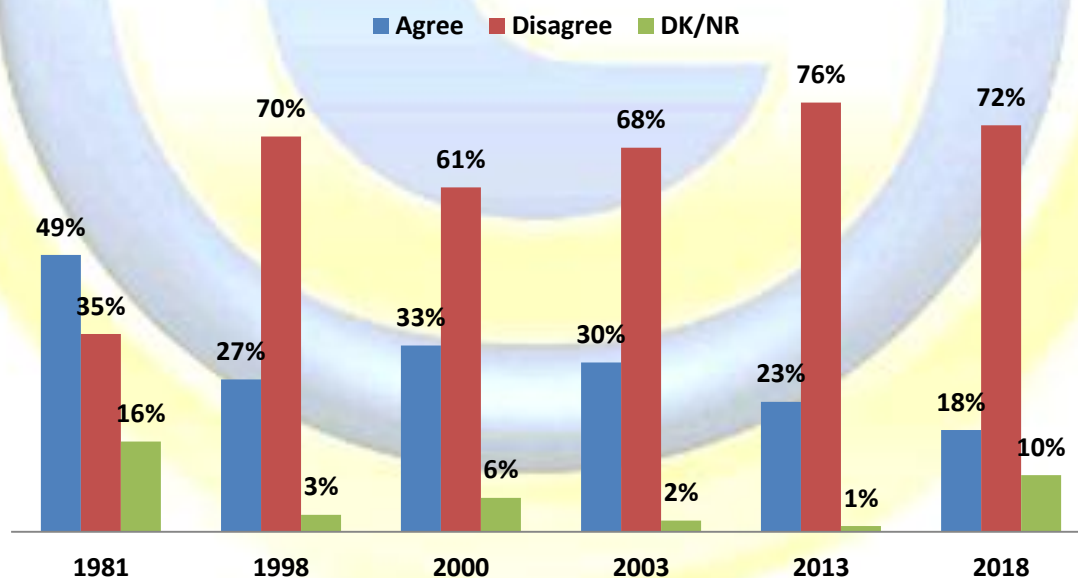
Findings on this question are available from the year 1981 till 2018 (periodically 1981, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2013 and 2018).

There has been an increase of 37 percentage-points in the proportion of Pakistanis who disagree with this statement. Alternatively, there has been a 31 percentage-point decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who agree with this statement.

A closer look suggests that public opinion on the matter is fairly stable since year 2000 and the major shift happened between 1981 and 2000.

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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