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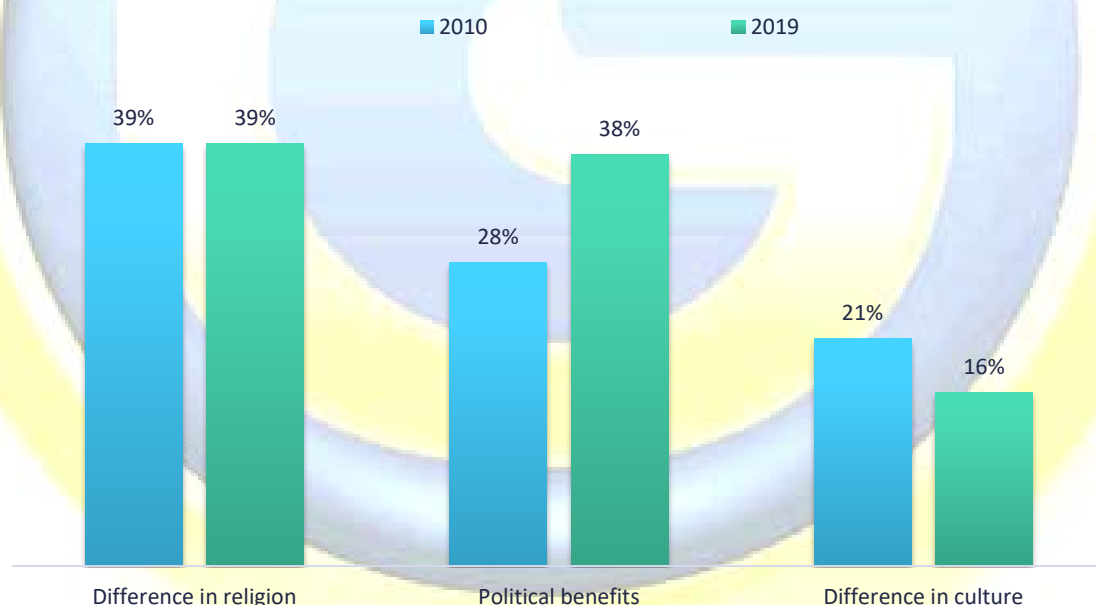
In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2010, respondents were asked *“There have been many clashes between Muslim countries and the western world. Would you say the prime reason of these clashes is, difference in religion, difference of culture or political benefits?”* In response, 39% Pakistanis blamed difference in religion for the clashes, 28% held political benefits responsible, and 21% stated difference in culture as the prime reason.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2019 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2019, 39% Pakistanis blamed difference in religion for the clashes, 38% held political benefits responsible, and 16% stated difference in culture as the prime reason.

Implications of this finding: Overall the percentage of respondents who now hold political benefit as the main reason for the clashes have increased by 10% over the past decade which could be attributed to increased political awareness and influx of information through social media and networking sites where users are exposed to all sorts of opinions and analysis.

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Note: Don't Know/No Response not shown

Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan Poll

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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 40 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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