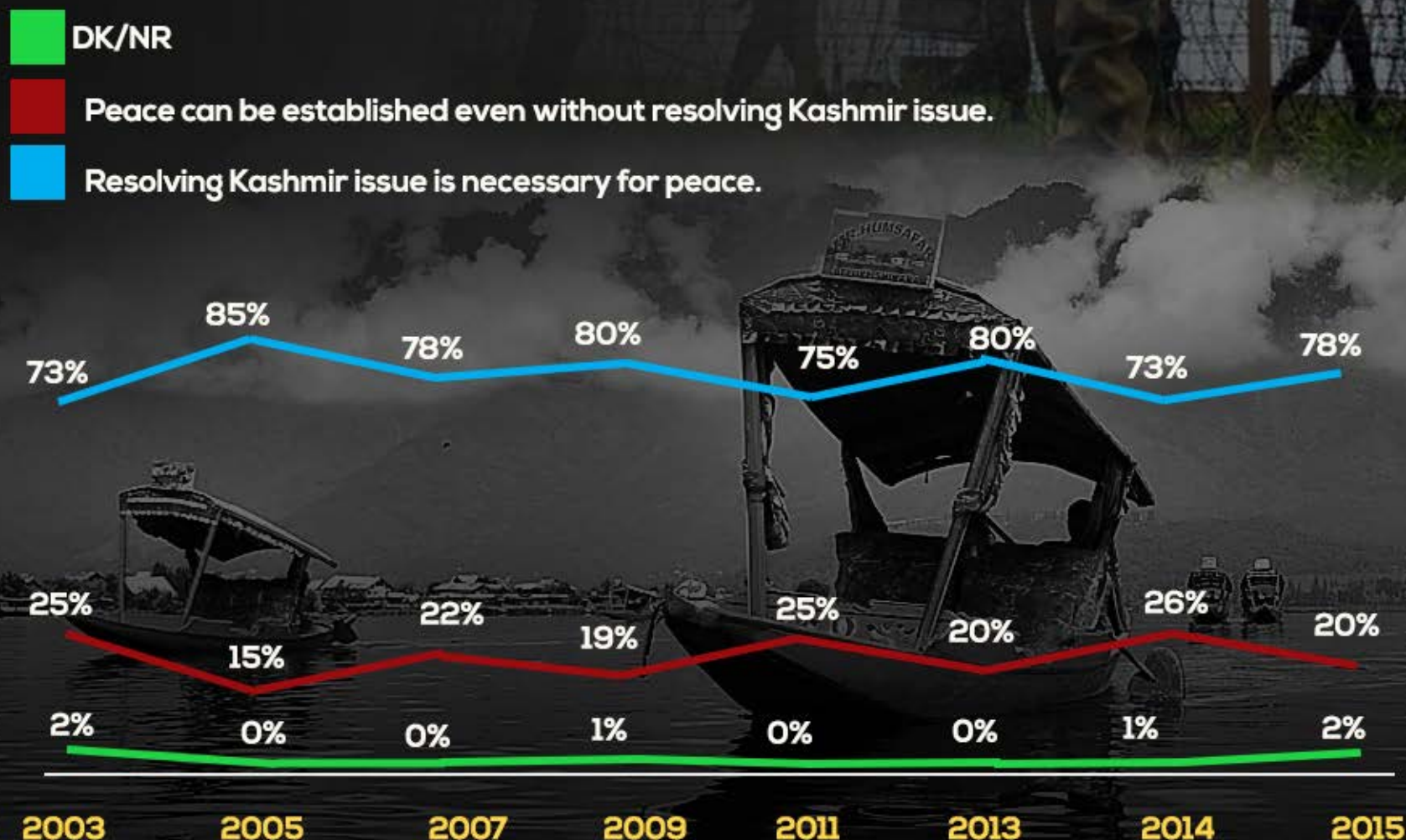


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Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2003

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(2003-2015) Overwhelming majority of Pakistanis continues to believe that Kashmir issue must be resolved in order to establish peace with India. GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

Islamabad, December 04, 2015

According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2003 (12 years ago) respondents were asked if they felt that resolving the Kashmir issue is necessary for establishing peaceful relations with India. In response 73% had said that resolving the Kashmir issue is necessary for establishing peace with India and 25% said that peace can be established even without resolving Kashmir issue. 2% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was also asked in 2015 to enable a more holistic comparison. In 2015, 78% said that Kashmir issue must be resolved to establish peace with India and 20% said that resolving Kashmir issue is not necessary. 2% did not respond.

Public perception regarding Kashmir issue has remained largely the same between 2003 and 2015. There has, however, been a 5% increase in respondents who said that the Kashmir issue must be resolved to have peace with India. Likewise there has been a 5% decrease in those who said that solving the Kashmir issue is not necessary.

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.

Question: “In your opinion is it necessary to resolve Kashmir issue first in order to establish peace with India or can there be peace even without it?”



Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
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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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