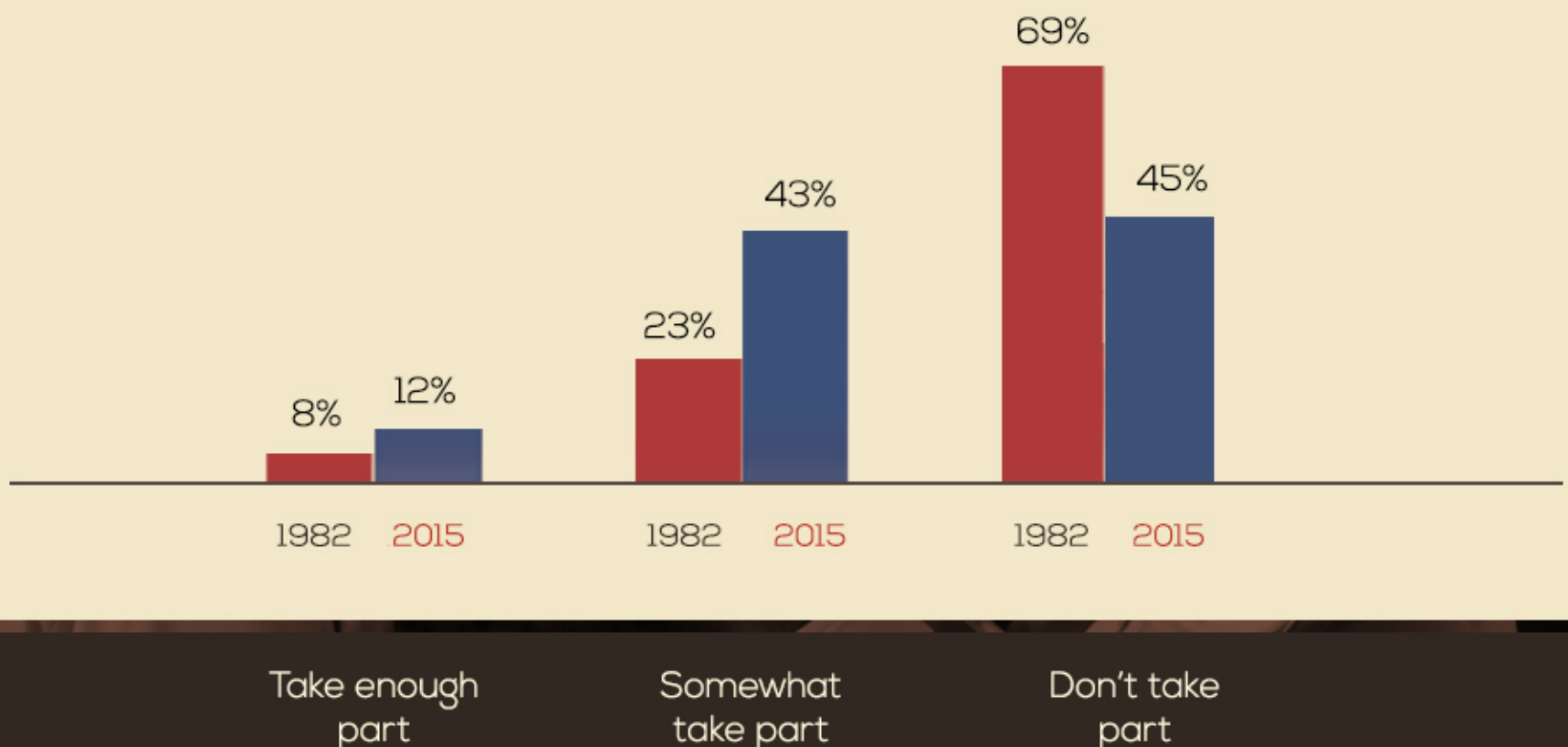


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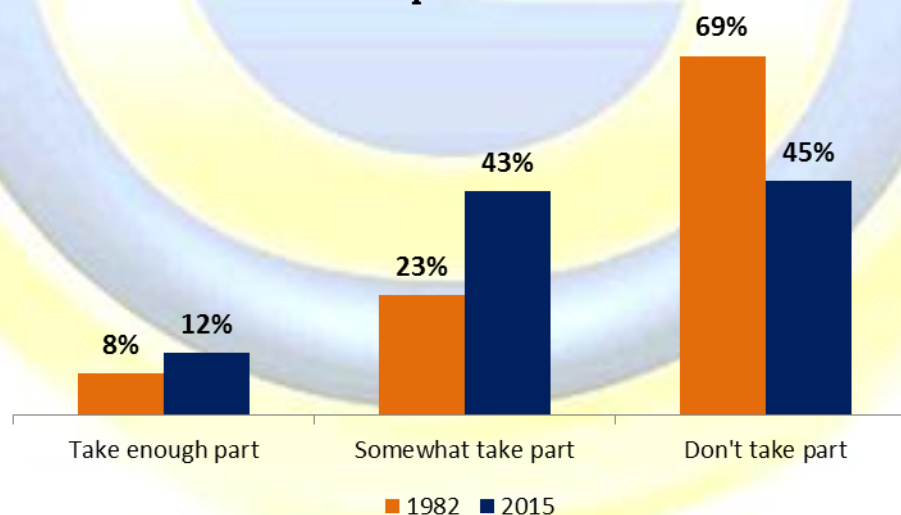
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1982 (33 years ago), 8% Pakistanis said they take enough part in politics, while 23% said that they somewhat take part in politics, and 69% said that they do not take part in politics.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2015 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2015, 12% respondents said that they take enough part in politics, while 43% said that they somewhat take part in politics and 45% said that they do not take part in politics.

Political participation among the Pakistani public seems to have increased since 1982, due to a possible increase in political awareness among the people and changes in the political landscape. The percentage of respondents claiming that they somewhat take part in politics has increased by 20% between 1982 and 2015, with a 24% decrease in those who do not take part in politics at all.

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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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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