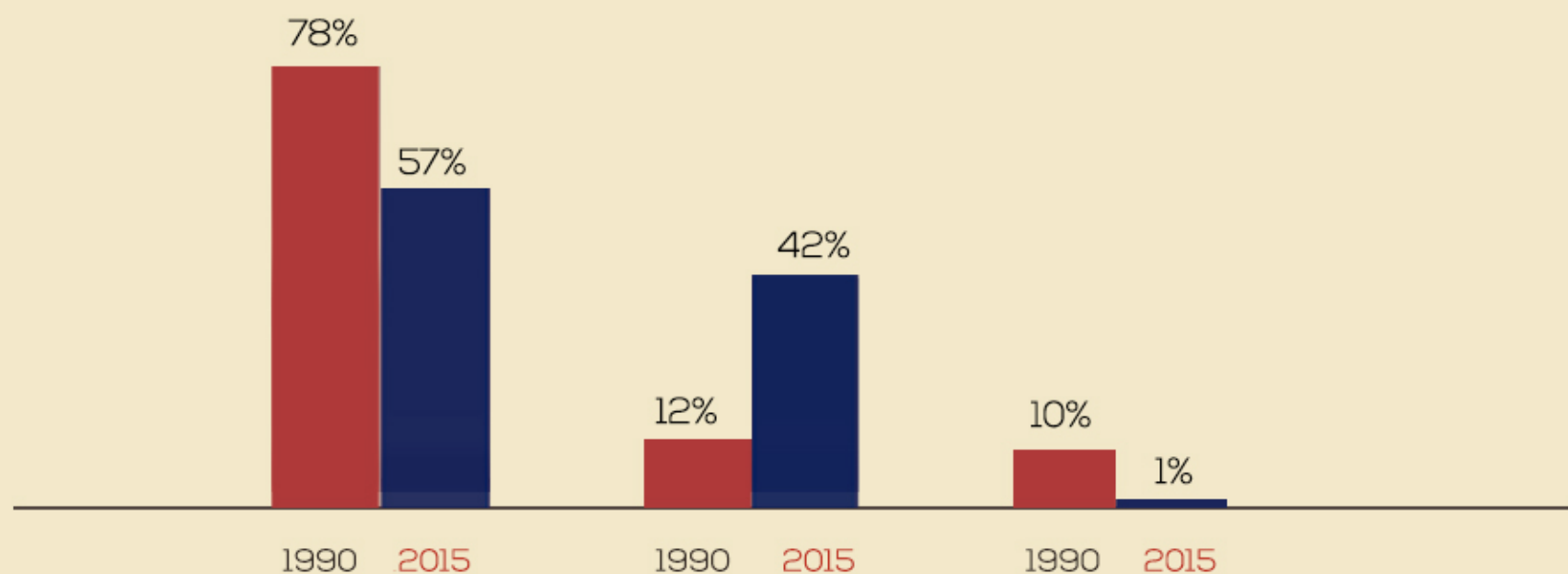


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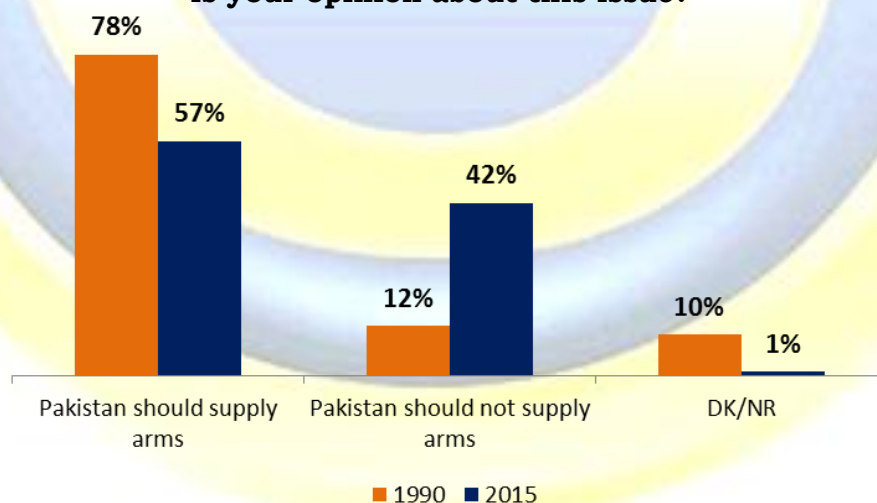
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1990 (25 years ago), 78% Pakistanis thought that Pakistan should supply arms to help the Kashmiri struggle for independence; 12% Pakistanis disagreed and 10% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2015 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2015, 57% respondents think that Pakistan should supply arms to support the Kashmiri struggle for independence, while 42% respondents believe that Pakistan should not supply arms to support the struggle and 1% respondents did not respond.

Public opinion has undergone significant change in the past twenty-five years. Whilst in 1990 an overwhelming majority supported the provision of arms to the Kashmiri struggle, public opinion is more evenly split in 2015. There has been a 30% increase in the percentage of respondents who believe that Pakistan should not supply arms to support the Kashmiri struggle, and a 21% decrease in those who believe that Pakistan should provide arms to support the struggle.

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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