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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Gilani Research Team now brings to you a collection of daily polls releases in the form of a weekly digest, which gives you the opportunity to read opinions of the Pakistani public on various socio-political issues. We hope it will be of interest to you and your readers.

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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)

June 22, 2015

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 26% Pakistanis favor the celebration of birthdays; 44% think it makes no difference whether you celebrate birthdays or not.

70%

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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)

June 23, 2015

Over the past five years, there has been an increase in the number of Pakistanis who believe more provinces should be created.

According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 51% Pakistanis believe that more provinces should be created in Pakistan; 48% disagree.

51%

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OPINION POLLS - HIGHLIGHTS

Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)

June 24, 2015

Public opinion divided over the influence of religion on people in Pakistan.

According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 38% Pakistanis think that the influence of religion is increasing on people in Pakistan; 37% think it is decreasing.

38%

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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)

June 25, 2015

Majority of Pakistanis believe that giving charity and eating food given as charity are right according to religion.

According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 96% Pakistanis believe that giving charity is right according to religion; 74% believe that eating food given as charity is right.

96%

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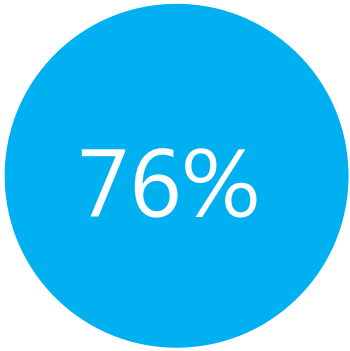
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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)

June 26, 2015

Majority (76%) Pakistanis believe that local bodies' elections should be held.

According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 76% Pakistanis believe that local bodies' elections should be held; 23% believe they should not be held.



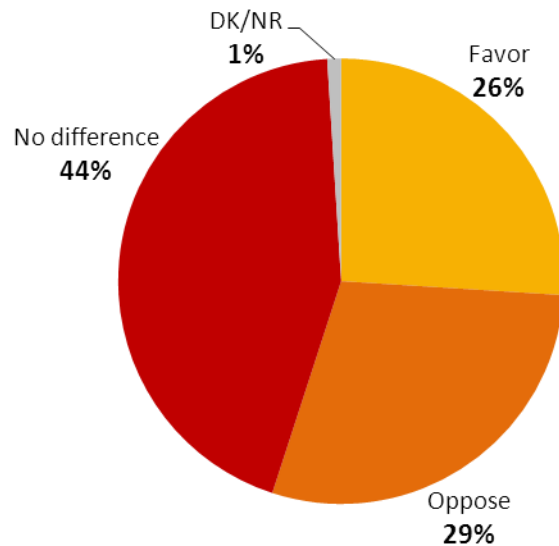
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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)

Islamabad— June 22, 2015

“ Majority Pakistanis either favor the celebration of birthdays or believe it makes no difference if you celebrate or not. ”



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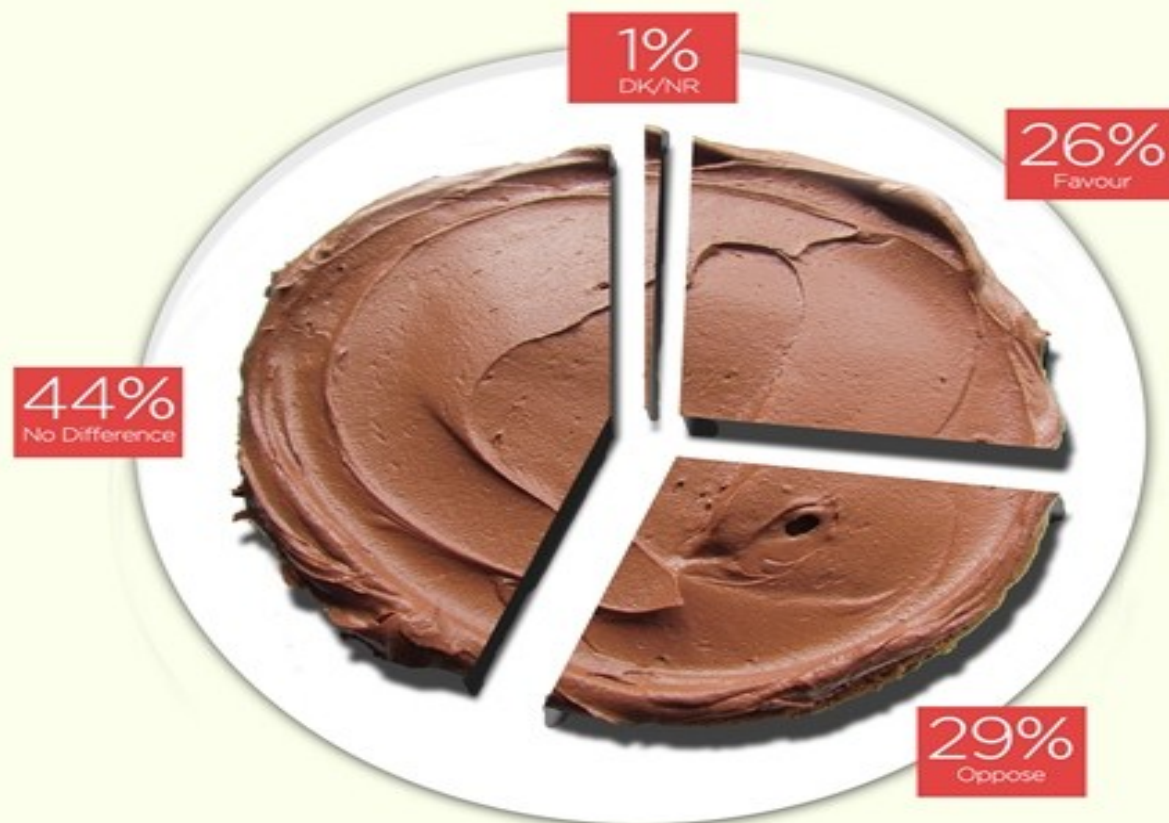
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 26% Pakistanis favor the celebration of birthdays; 44% think it makes no difference whether you celebrate birthdays or not.

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “Some people are in favor of celebrating birthdays, while others are against this and some think that it makes no difference whether you celebrate or not. What is your opinion?” In response to this question, 26% respondents said that they favor the celebration of birthdays, 29% respondents said that they oppose the celebration of birthdays, while 44% respondents said that it makes no difference whether anyone celebrates their birthday or not, and 1% respondents did not respond.

The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1745 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during April 13- April 20, 2015. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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What is your opinion?



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SOURCE: GALLUP AND GILANI SURVEYS | SAMPLE SIZE: 1745



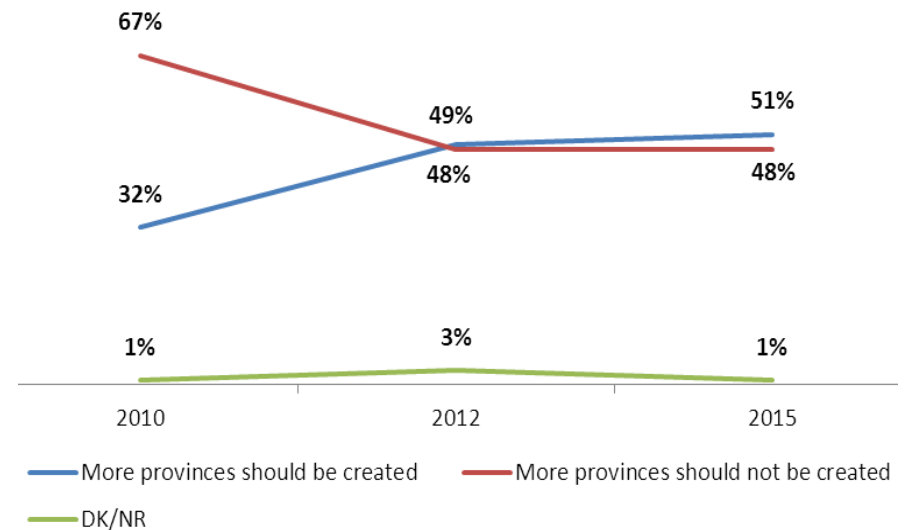
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “Some people think that more provinces should be created in Pakistan. For example, three provinces should be created from the current Punjab, two provinces from the current Sindh, and two provinces each from the current KPK and Balochistan as well. They believe that it will be easier for people to get their work done. What is your opinion?” In response to this question, 51% respondents said that more provinces should be created, while 48% respondents said that more provinces should not be created and 1% did not respond.

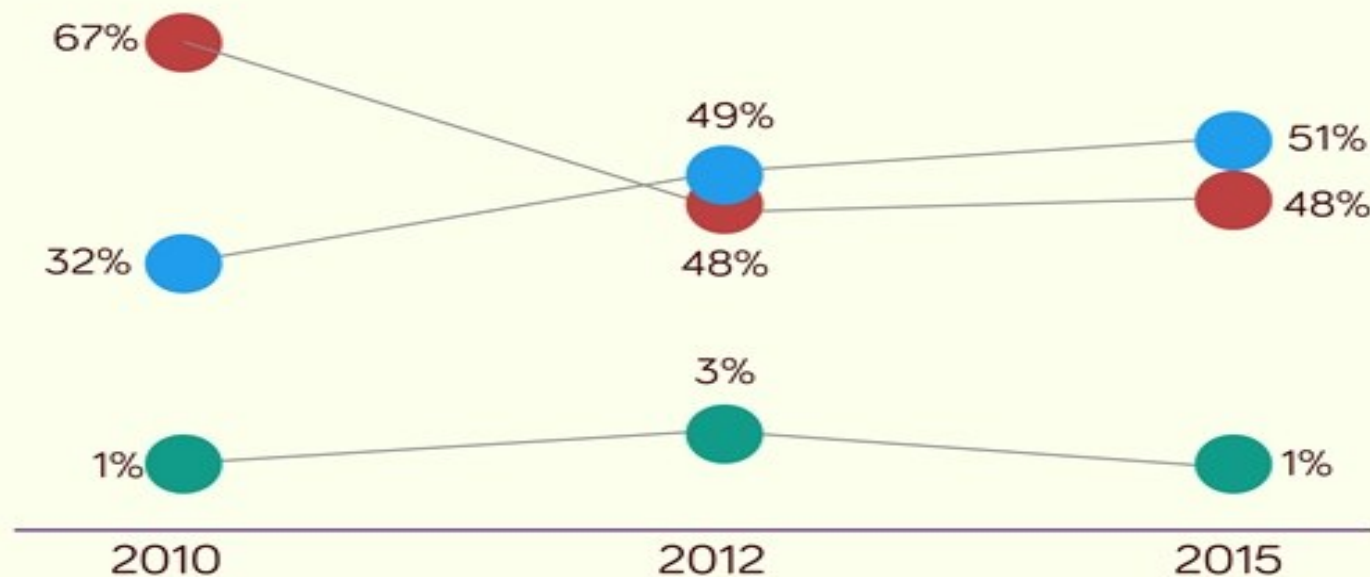
This question has also been asked during previous years. Over the past five years, there has been an increase in the number of respondents who believe more provinces should be created in Pakistan. In 2010, a majority 67% respondents said that more provinces should not be created. In 2012, the percentage of respondents who believed that more provinces should not be created had fallen to 48%, and remained so till 2015. In 2010, 32% respondents said that more provinces should be created. This percentage increased to 49% in 2012, and then 51% in 2015.

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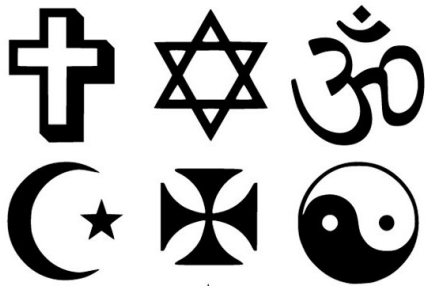


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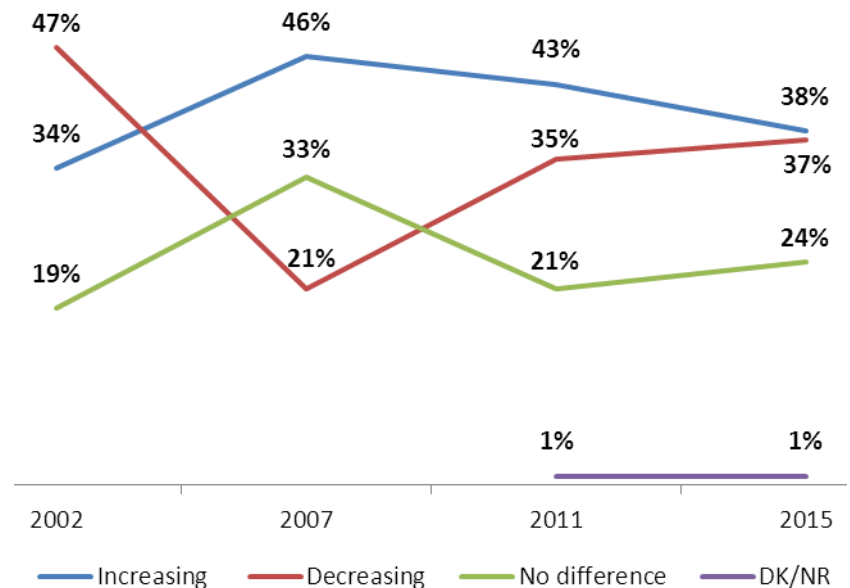
“Public opinion divided over the influence of religion on people in Pakistan.”

According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 38% Pakistanis think that the influence of religion is increasing on people in Pakistan; 37% think it is decreasing.

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “In your opinion, is the influence of religion increasing or decreasing on people in Pakistan?” In response to this question, 38% respondents said that the influence of religion is increasing on people in Pakistan, 37% respondents said that the influence of religion is decreasing, while 24% believe that there has been no difference in the influence of religion and 1% did not respond.

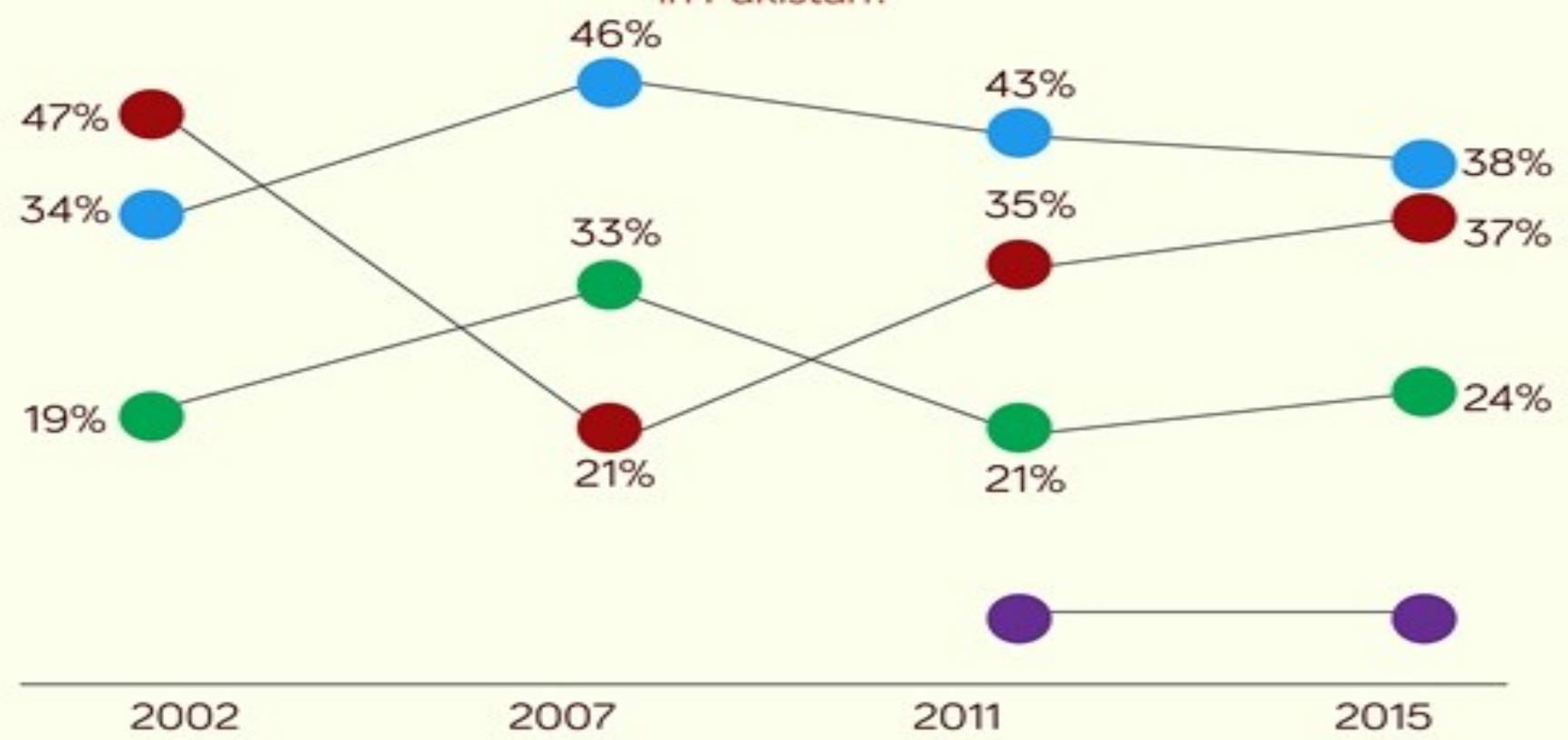
This question has also been asked during previous years over the past decade. Between 2002 and 2007, there was a sharp increase in the percentage of respondents who believed that the influence of religion is increasing from 34% to 46%. This change was accompanied by a sharp decline in the percentage of respondents who believed that the influence of religion is decreasing from 47% (2002) to 21% (2007). Since 2007, however, change has steadied. The percentage of respondents who said that influence of religion was decreasing increased again to 35% in 2011, and then further to 37% in 2015. While the percentage of respondents who said that influence of religion was increasing fell to 43% in 2011, and then further to 38% in 2015.

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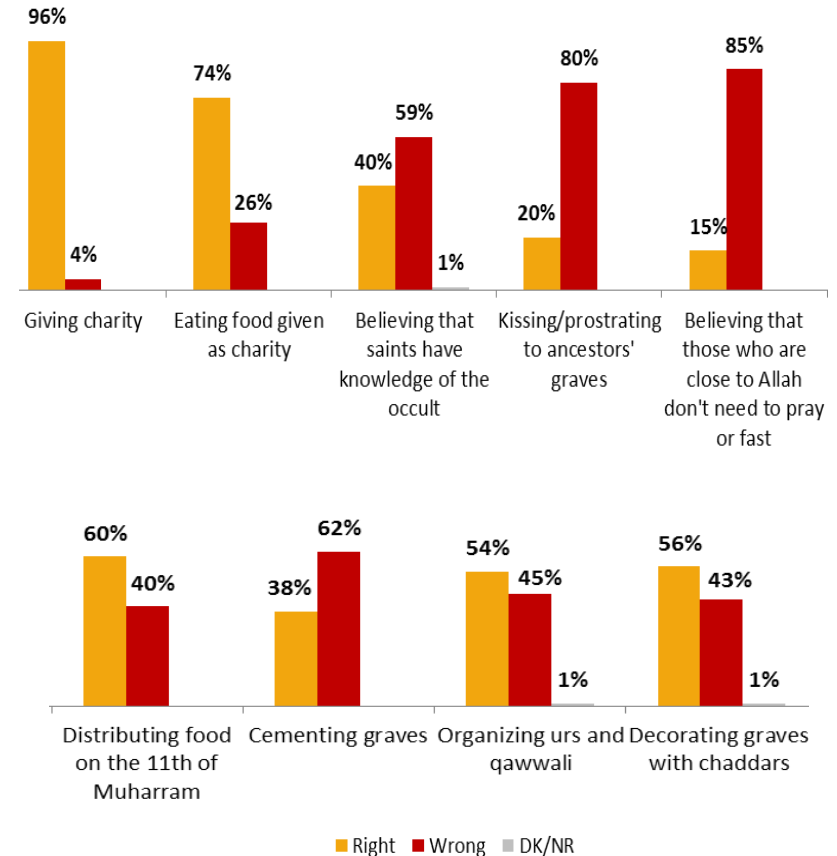
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “With regards to religion, do you think the following are right or wrong?” In response to this question, 96% respondents said that giving charity is right, while 4% said it is wrong. Regarding eating food given as charity, 74% respondents said that it is right, while 26% said that it is wrong. Regarding the belief that saints have knowledge of the occult, 40% respondents said it is right, while 59% said that it is wrong and 1% did not respond. Regarding kissing and prostrating to ancestors’ graves, 20% said that it is right, while 80% said that it is wrong. Regarding the belief that those who are close to Allah don’t need to fast or pray, 15% believe it is right, while 85% believe it is wrong. 60% respondents said that distributing food on the 11th of Muharram is right, while 40% said it is wrong. 38% respondents said that cementing graves is right, while 62% said it is wrong. 54% respondents said that organizing urs and qawwali is right, while 45% said it is wrong, and 1% did not respond. 56% respondents said that decorating graves with chaddars is right, while 43% said it is wrong and 1% did not respond.

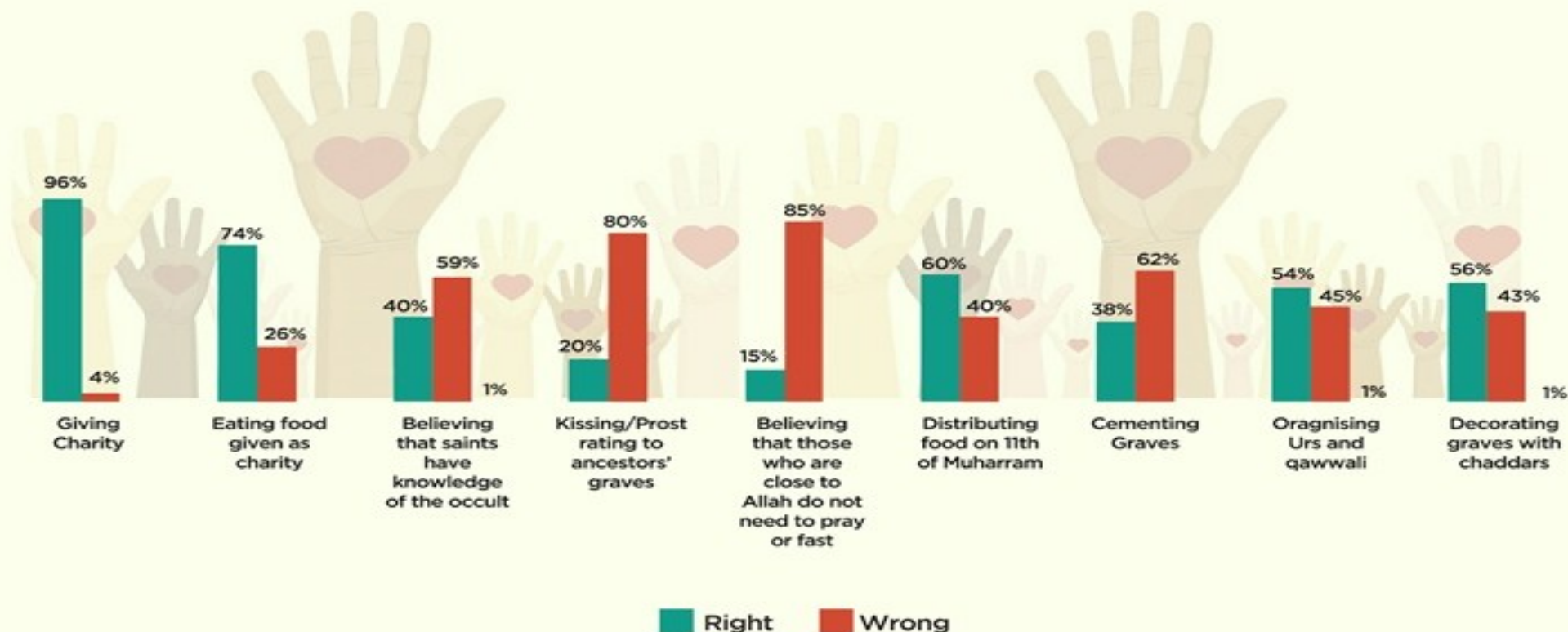
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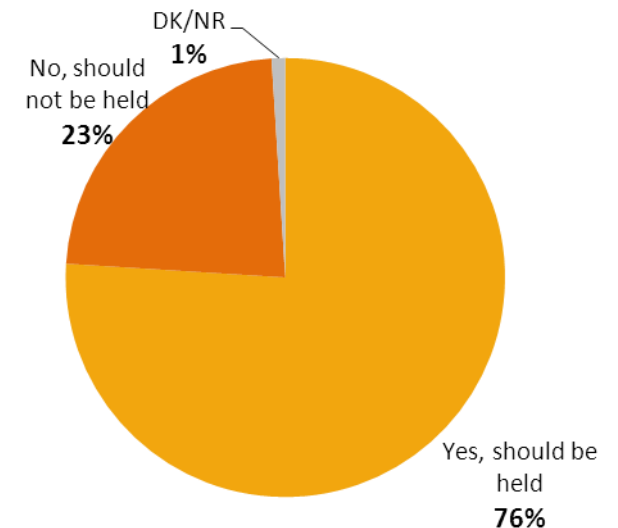
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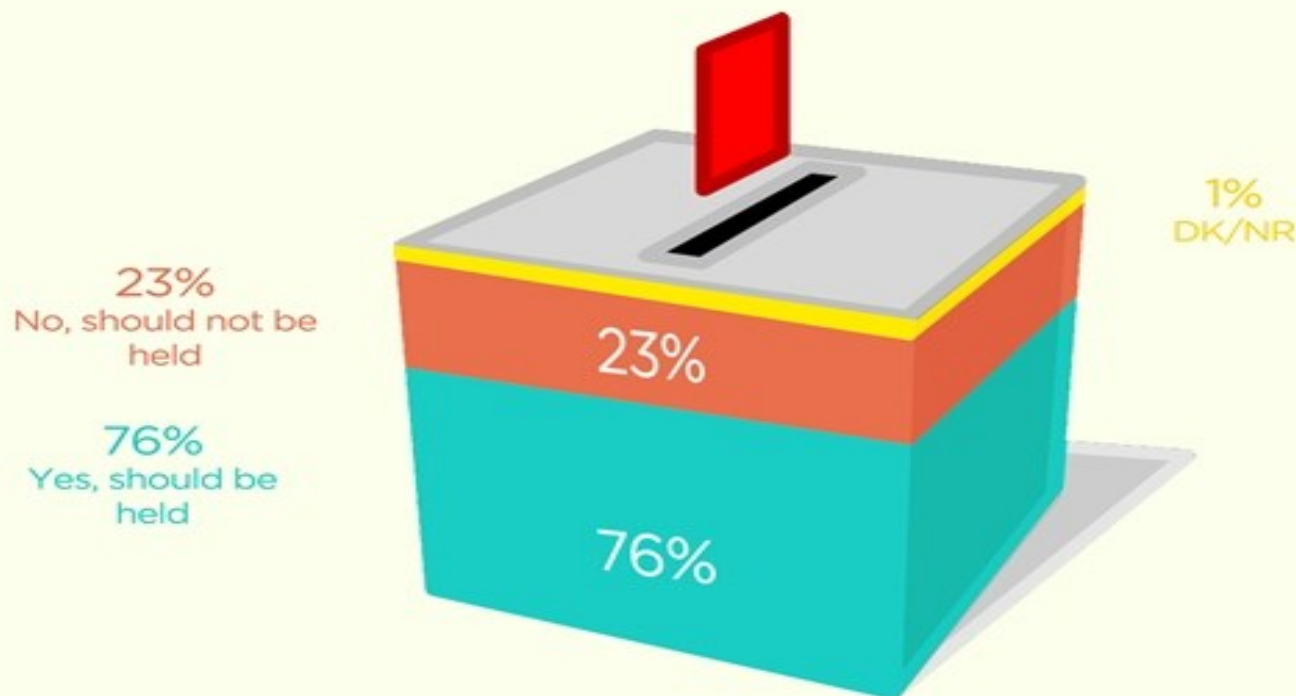
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