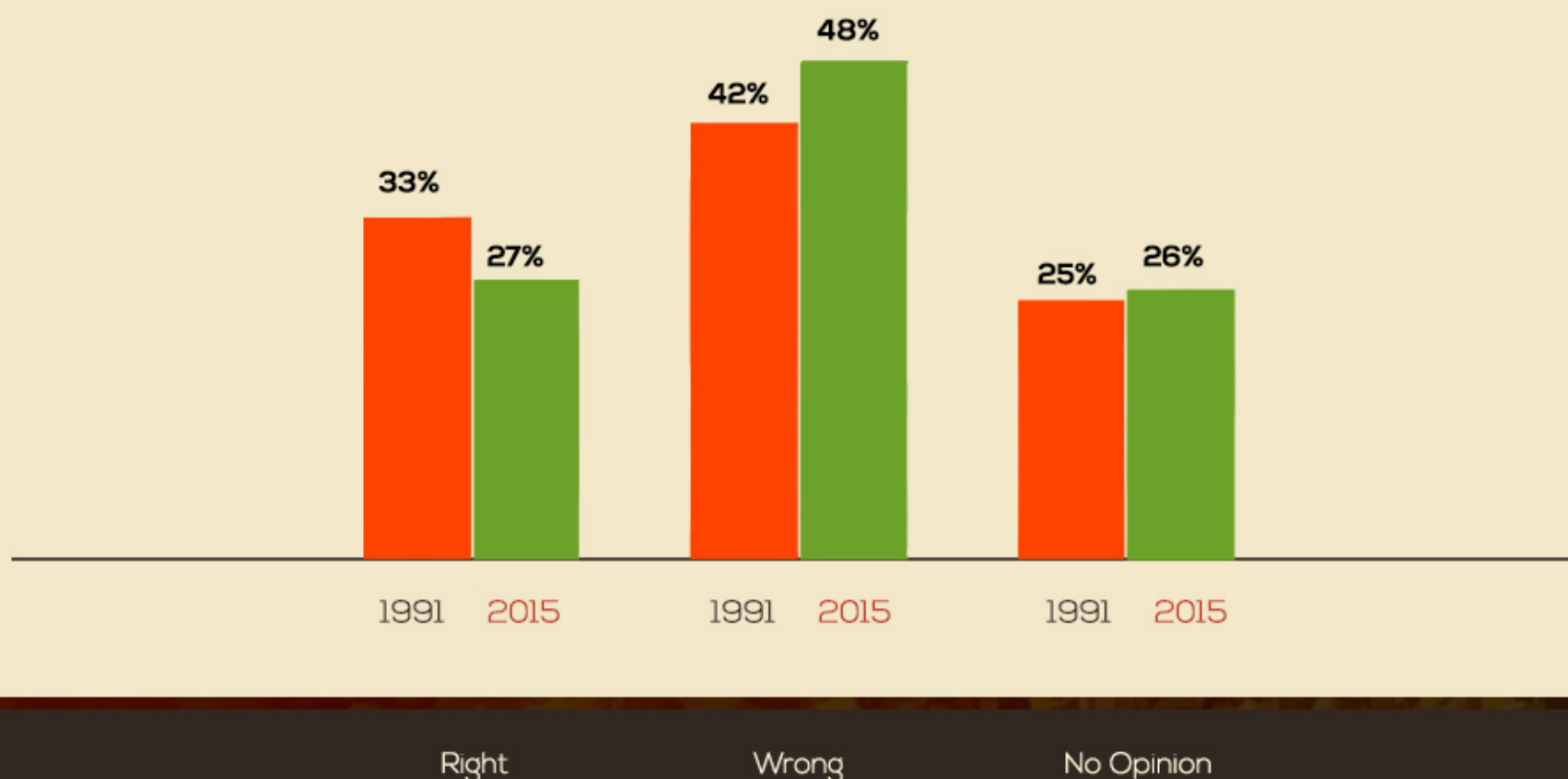


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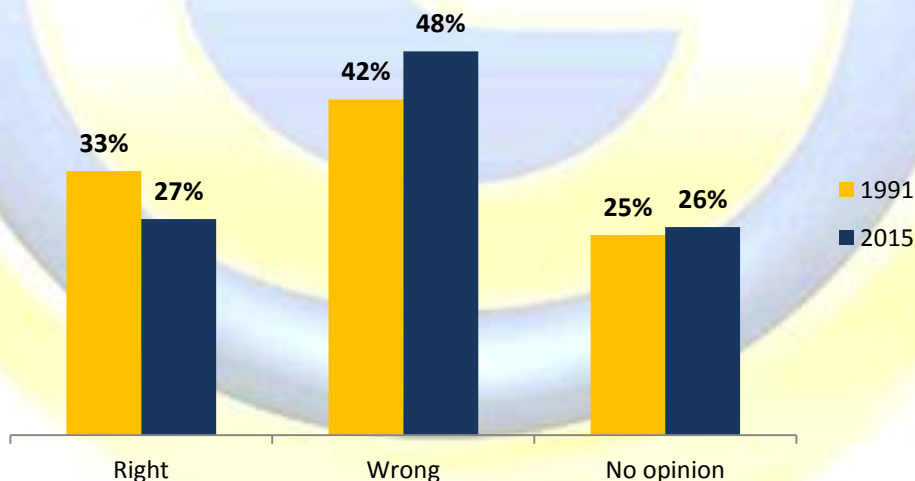
According to a Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1991 (24 years ago), respondents were asked their opinion about whether a Sunni Muslim's prayer behind a Shi'a Imam was acceptable. In response, 33% Pakistanis said that they believed it to be acceptable while 42% said that it was not acceptable and 25% had no opinion.

Comparative picture: The question was asked again in 2015 to enable a comparative analysis. In response, 27% people believed that a Sunni Muslim's prayer behind a Shi'a Imam is acceptable while 48% believe that it is not acceptable and 26% did not respond.

Public opinion about sectarian difference has changed such that there has been a 6% decrease in the number of people who believe that a Sunni's prayer behind a Shi'a Imam is acceptable and a subsequent 6% increase in the number of people who believe that it is not acceptable.

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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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