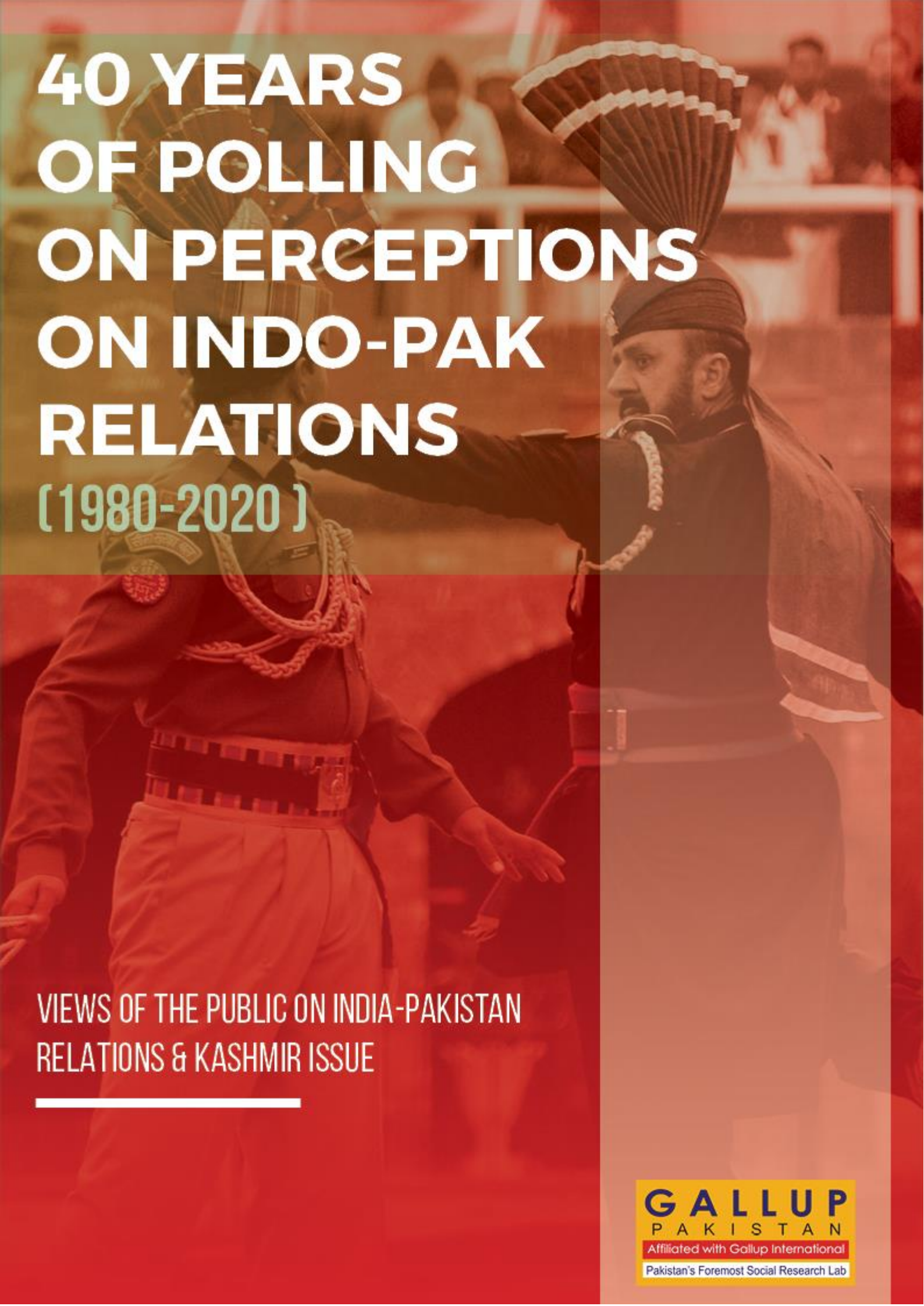




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**The data pertain to 40 years of polling work. We have made much effort to standardize the samples and question wording wherever comparisons are made across years. However, it still leaves room for improvement. We will join our readers in bringing greater refinement in all stages of research as we look ahead to future work on the same subjects.**

## **LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD**

The basic purpose of this Report is to start a meaningful debate on the issue of Polling Research on Perceptions India-Pakistan relations. We admit that during the last 40 years we often asked inappropriate questions or did not maintain a time series as we should have. Moreover, our questions were not always informed by Relevant Experts knowledge. Hopefully in the future, we will frame more 'informed questions' in a more 'informed framework'.

While recognizing its limitations, what we have and present here, provides approximations to Perceptions on a wide variety of Indo-Pak issues, which may otherwise be unavailable in a scientific fashion.

We present this to generate a constructive debate between Political Scientists, Foreign policy Experts, Sociologists, and related Professionals and Academics working on India-Pakistan relations.

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### Introduction:

Bilateral relations between Pakistan and India have been tumultuous owing to the various complex events that have occurred in the political arena since the partition in 1947. Dispute over the region of Kashmir started after partition when both nations claimed the territory. Since then, this dispute been a flashpoint between the two countries and has led to three wars and several armed skirmishes.

Violations of the ceasefire and firing from both sides of the Line of Control has resulted in deaths of several civilians. As of now, Indian occupied Kashmir is under a lock-down and the area has undergone severe human rights violations. The volatile situation in Kashmir has further soured ties between the two nations. This issue is also entwined with the water dispute; Pakistan has accused India of withholding the supply of water entering Pakistan from Kashmir. The violation of the Indus Water Treaty has further contributed to the looming possibility of war between the two states.

Considering both Pakistan and India are armed with nuclear weapons, there is strong global concern regarding peace and stability in this region. There have been several acts of terrorism in the past few years that have led to heightened tensions between the two countries.

This document presents the opinions of Pakistanis regarding various aspects of India-Pakistan relations. The aim is to gauge the perception of Pakistanis- how they view certain political events, how they perceive the volatile situation at various points in history and what their views are about the Kashmir issue. This report is thus a humble attempt to track the trajectory of public opinion related to Indo-Pak relations, specifically covering points such as the Kashmir issue, nuclear ammunition and terrorist events that have occurred in the past.

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## STRUCTURE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Document has six sections; the first one deals with the perceptions regarding the possibility of war between India and Pakistan. This is followed by sections on the issue of Kashmir, terrorism, and nuclear ammunition. The final section contains general perceptions of the Pakistani people regarding India-Pakistan relations. This is followed by a section on the methodology used for the surveys.

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This part is divided in to the Executive Summary, and the following 5 sections.

- SECTION 1: Possibility of War
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- SECTION 3: Terrorism
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## Executive Summary

The number of Pakistani's who believe there is a high chance of war with India has increased to 29%, the highest number recorded. In 2010, 14% of Pakistani's held the belief that tensions between India and Pakistan were rising, a number that increased to a 66% in 2014.

While 48% of Pakistani's in 2006 maintained that the Kashmir issue would be resolved in their lifetime, only 35% agree to that sentiment in 2018.

In 2007, 70% of Pakistani's believed that the Samjhota express train incident was purposefully done to deteriorate relations between India and Pakistan. Similarly, 65% of Pakistani's felt that it is right to blame India for terrorist activities in South Waziristan.

80% of Pakistani's were of the opinion that Pakistan should only sign the NPT (Non Proliferation Treaty) if Indian signs it.

The number of people who are against Pakistan doing trade with India has risen from 22% in 2003 to 37% in 2011. In 2008, 58% of citizens believed that positive relations between US and India will deteriorate relations between India and Pakistan.

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# Section 1: Possibility of War

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## SECTION 1:

### **POSSIBILITY OF WAR**

The possibility of war, according to the Pakistani public, has fluctuated significantly over the years. The trajectory shows people considered the possibility of war to be high during years such as 2008 and 2019. Responses to such questions have thus varied as a result of the volatile bilateral relations.

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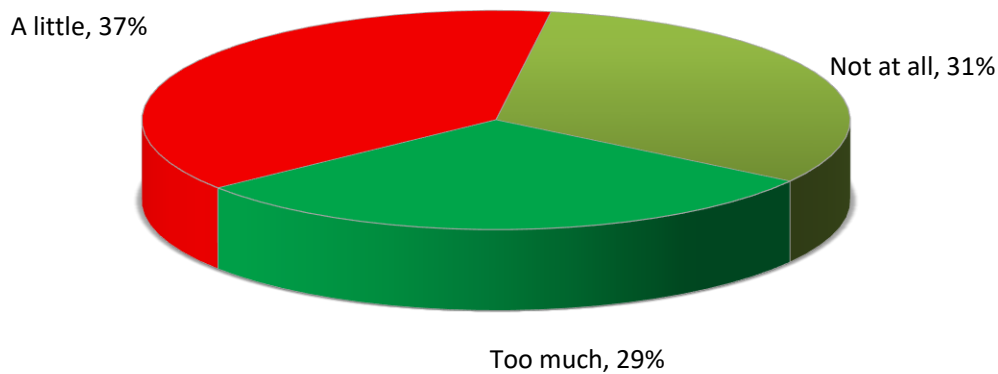


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### Possibility of war

**Pakistani public found the possibility of war with India highest during 2008 and then 2019**

**Question:** What is the possibility of a war between India and Pakistan?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2019

### Comparative Data

|             | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2010 | 2011 | 2013 | 2014 | 2016 | 2019 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Too much    | 6%   | 11%  | 9%   | 9%   | 38%  | 12%  | 3%   | 8%   | 14%  | 17%  | 29%  |
| A little    | 38%  | 33%  | 39%  | 33%  | 51%  | 63%  | 41%  | 46%  | 55%  | 44%  | 37%  |
| None at all | 56%  | 54%  | 51%  | 57%  | 9%   | 24%  | 54%  | 44%  | 31%  | 37%  | 31%  |

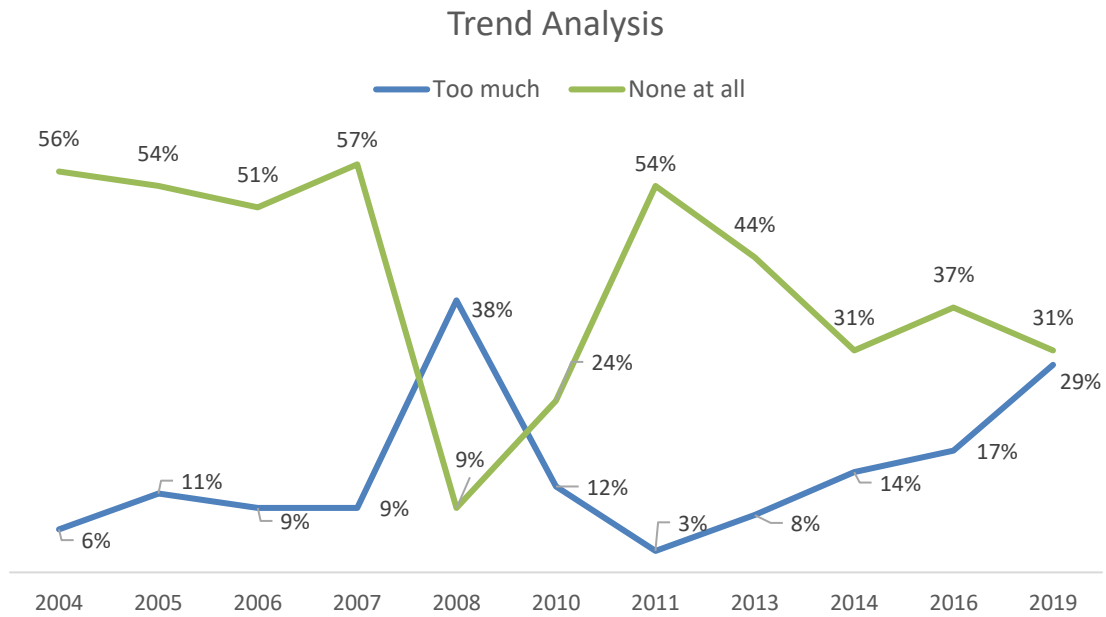
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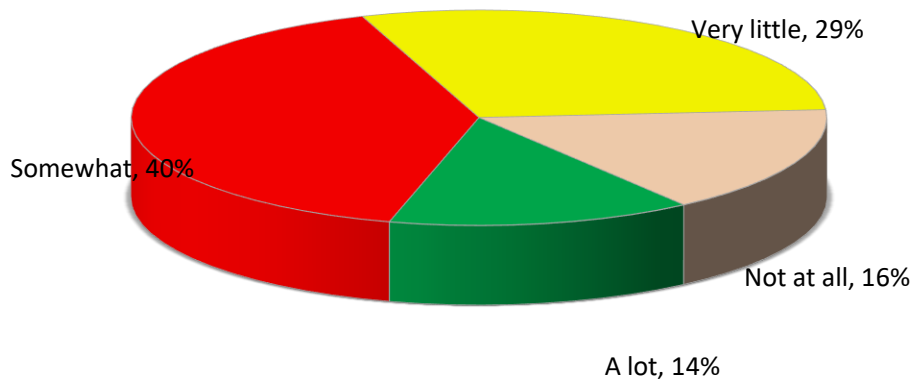


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### Possibility of war

**Between 2010 and 2014, there was an increase in the proportion of Pakistanis thinking that there is a high chance of India attacking Pakistan**

**Question:** In your view, what are the chances that India will attack Pakistan?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2014

### Comparative Data

|             | 2008          | 2009          | 2010 | 2014 |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|------|------|
| A lot       | 15%           | 9%            | 5%   | 14%  |
| Somewhat    | 49%           | 39%           | 30%  | 40%  |
| Very little | Not an option | Not an option | 36%  | 29%  |

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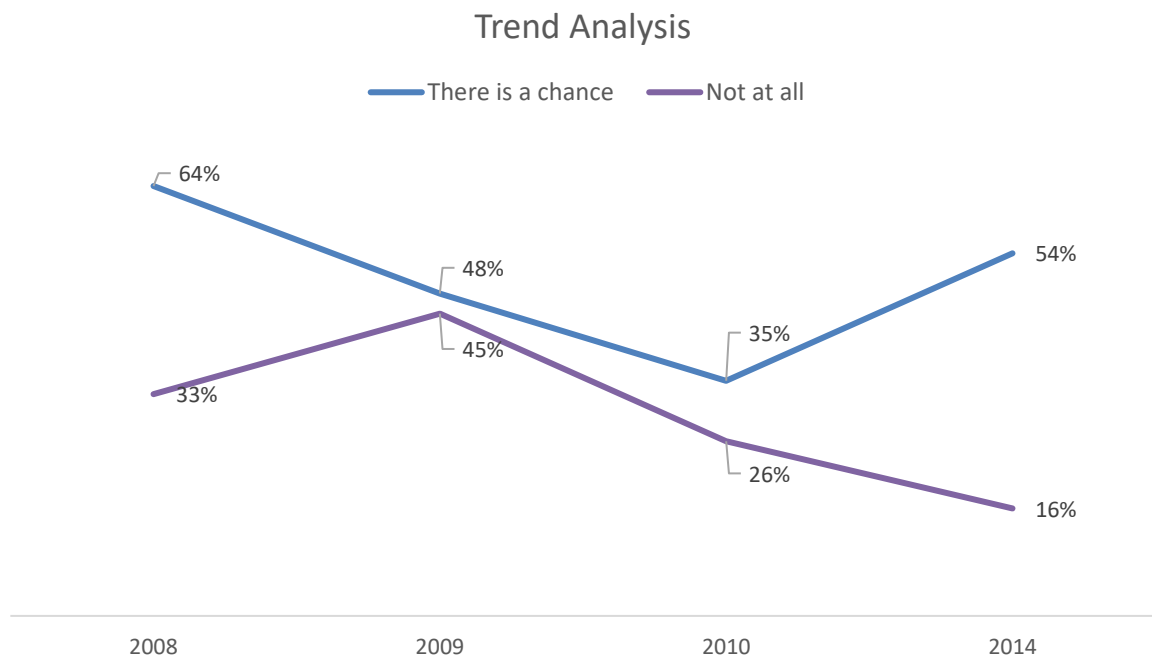
|            |     |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Not at all | 33% | 45% | 26% | 16% |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014

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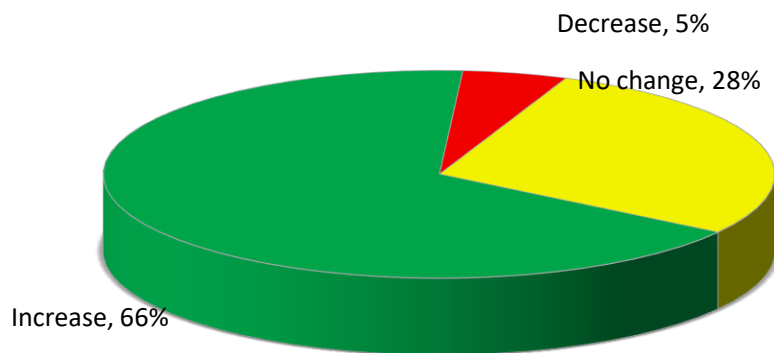


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### Possibility of war

**Compared to other years, in 2014, a high proportion of Pakistanis thought that tensions between India and Pakistan have increased**

**Question:** In your view, recently the tensions between India and Pakistan have increased, decreased or remained the same?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2014

### Comparative Data

|           | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2014 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Increase  | 39%  | 51%  | 47%  | 5%   | 33%  | 39%  | 14%  | 66%  |
| Decrease  | 20%  | 36%  | 9%   | 76%  | 39%  | 27%  | 31%  | 5%   |
| No change | 39%  | 5%   | 43%  | 17%  | 27%  | 33%  | 53%  | 28%  |

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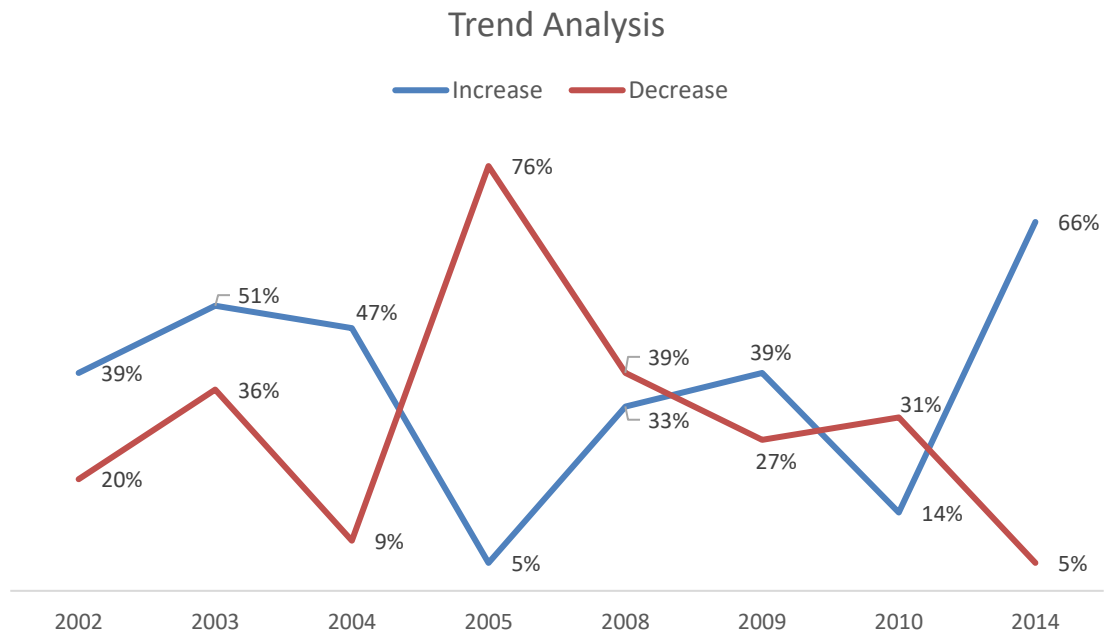


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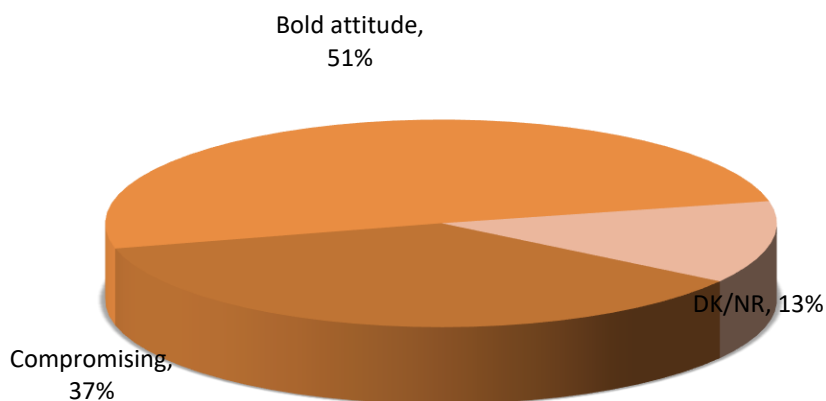


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### Possibility of war

**Compared to 2009 and 2010, in 2014, more Pakistanis favored that the government take an aggressive approach to end Indo-Pak tensions**

**Question:** Some people believe that to end Indo-Pak tensions, the government should act compromisingly, while some believe she should have aggressive attitude, what is your viewpoint?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2014

### Comparative Data

|                          | 2009 | 2010 | 2014 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|
| Compromising             | 48%  | 51%  | 37%  |
| Bold/aggressive attitude | 33%  | 36%  | 51%  |
| DK/NR                    | 20%  | 13%  | 13%  |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2009, 2010 & 2014

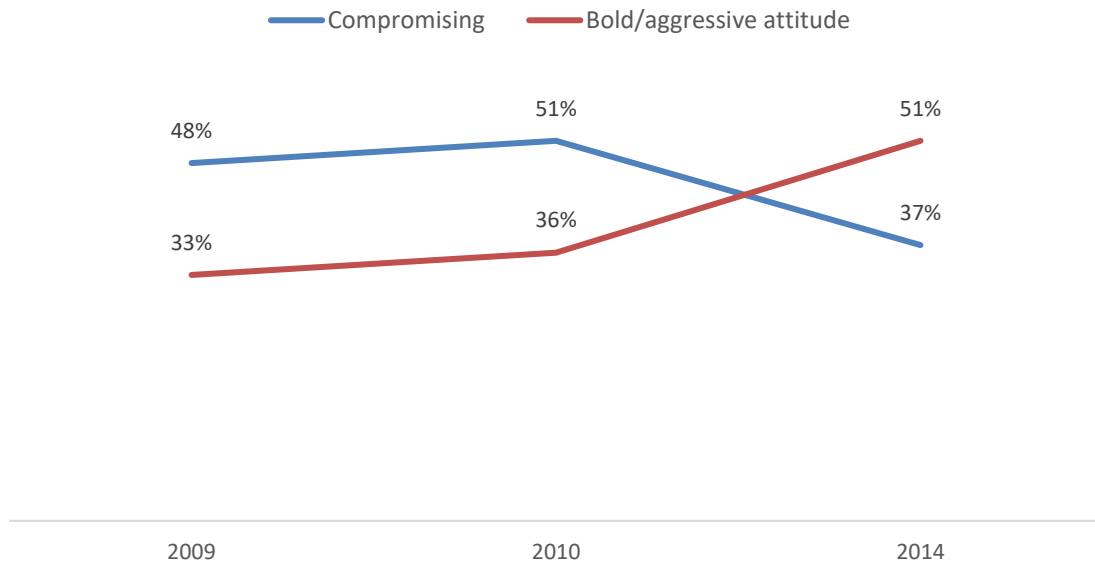
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### Trend Analysis



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# Section 2: Kashmir Issue

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## SECTION 2:

### **KASHMIR ISSUE**

The Kashmir dispute has been a crucial aspect of India Pakistan relations. There has been prolonged debate over who Kashmir belongs to and what should be the appropriate solution to this long-drawn conflict.

This section gives us insights of how the Pakistani public perceives the issue and what it deems as the preferred solution to the dispute.

As per our 2018 survey results, 58% Pakistanis are of the opinion that Pakistan has more right over Kashmir; 3% think that Kashmir

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belongs to India while 32% are in favor of Kashmir's independence.

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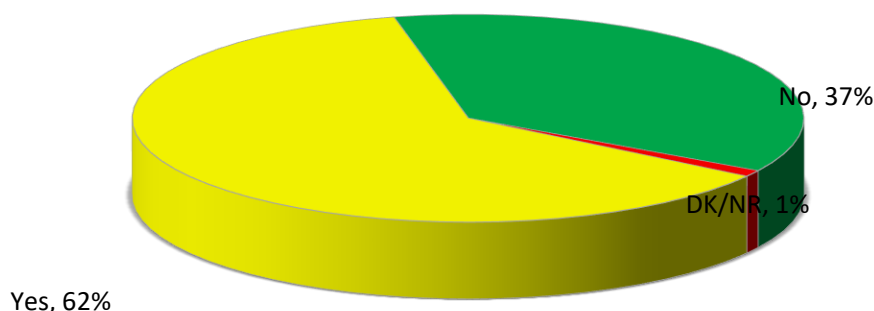


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### KASHMIR ISSUE

**Over the years, the public has become more open to Pakistan having relations with India before the solution of Kashmir issue**

**Question:** In your view before the solution of Kashmir issue, should Pakistan have any type of relations with India?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2012

### Comparative Data

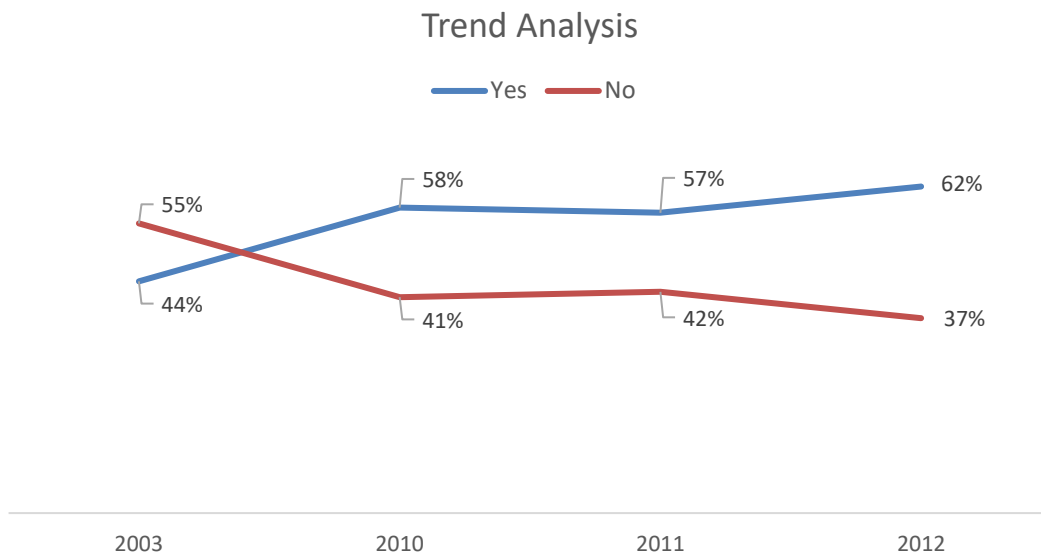
|       | 2003 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes   | 44%  | 58%  | 57%  | 62%  |
| No    | 55%  | 41%  | 42%  | 37%  |
| DK/NR | 1%   | 1%   | 1%   | 1%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2010, 2011, 2012

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### KASHMIR ISSUE

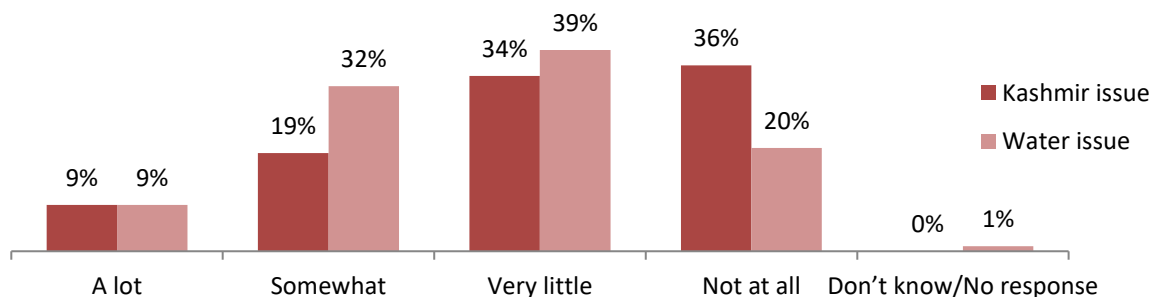
**Very few Pakistanis were hopeful about Pak-India negotiations solving the Kashmir and water issue**

**Question:** In your view, what are the chances that after Pak-India negotiations, Kashmir issue and water problem will be solved?

|                        | Kashmir issue | Water issue |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| A lot                  | 9%            | 9%          |
| Somewhat               | 19%           | 32%         |
| Very little            | 34%           | 39%         |
| Not at all             | 36%           | 20%         |
| Don't know/No response | 0%            | 1%          |

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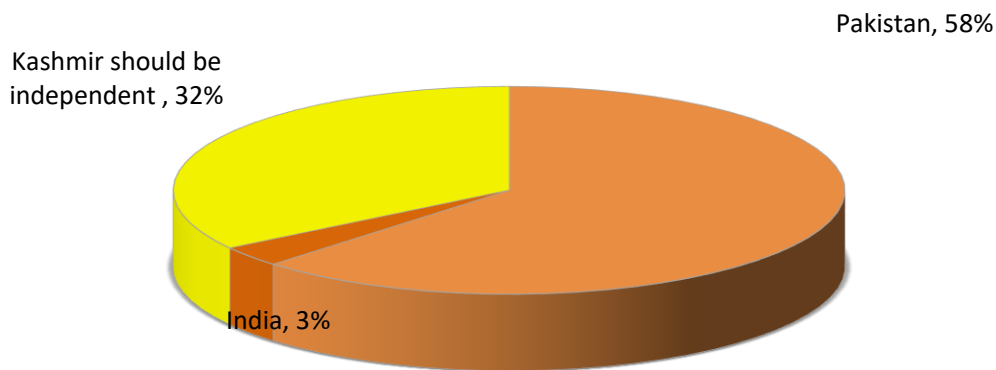


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### KASHMIR ISSUE

**Compared to 71% in 2010, in 2018 58% think that Pakistan has more right over Kashmir than India**

**Question:** In your view, which one from India and Pakistan has more right over Kashmir?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2018

### Comparative Data

|                               | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2018 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Pakistan                      | 71%  | 61%  | 55%  | 55%  | 53%  | 68%  | 61%  | 58%  |
| India                         | 2%   | 2%   | 4%   | 3%   | 2%   | 4%   | 3%   | 3%   |
| Kashmir should be independent | 24%  | 32%  | 37%  | 40%  | 40%  | 24%  | 32%  | 32%  |
| DK/NR                         | 4%   | 4%   | 4%   | 2%   | 5%   | 5%   | 4%   | 6%   |

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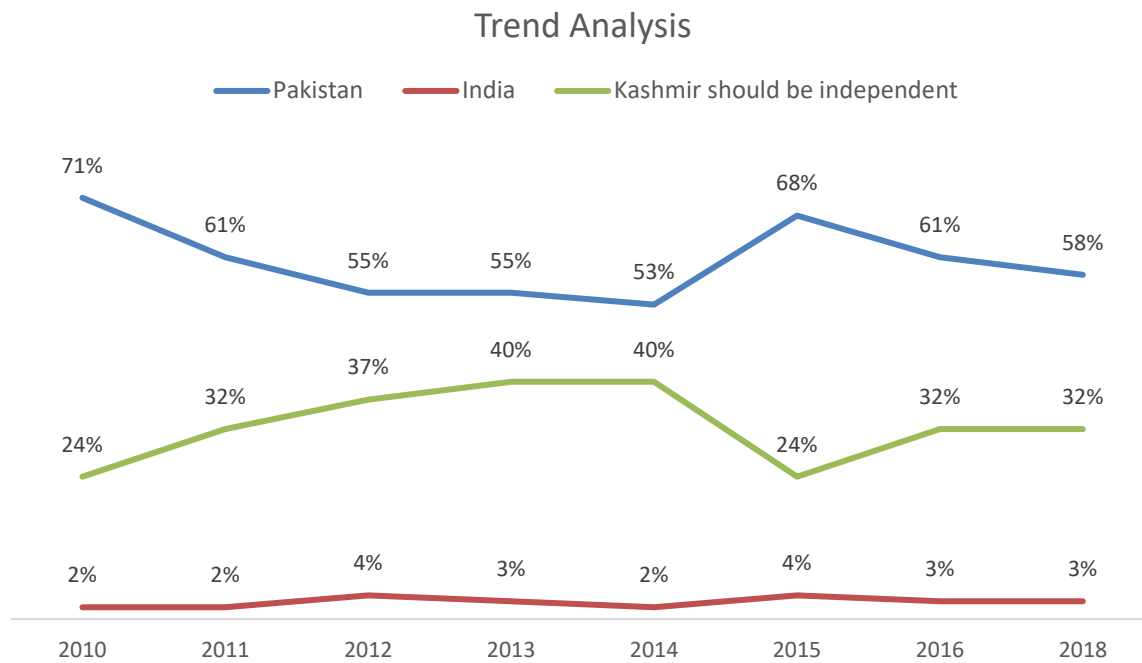
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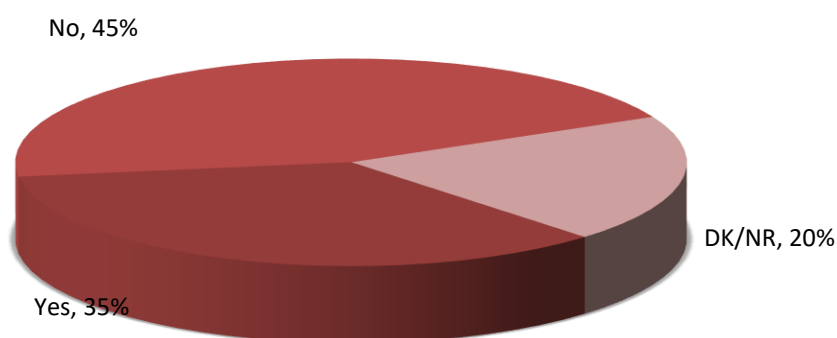


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### KASHMIR ISSUE

**There is a decrease in Pakistanis who are optimistic about the Kashmir issue being solved in their lifetime**

**Question:** In your view, Kashmir issue can be resolved in your life time?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2018

### Comparative Data

|     | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2018 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes | 48%  | 46%  | 48%  | 42%  | 53%  | 45%  | 47%  | 47%  | 39%  | 55%  | 40%  | 35%  |
| No  | 51%  | 53%  | 50%  | 52%  | 45%  | 51%  | 46%  | 51%  | 56%  | 41%  | 55%  | 45%  |

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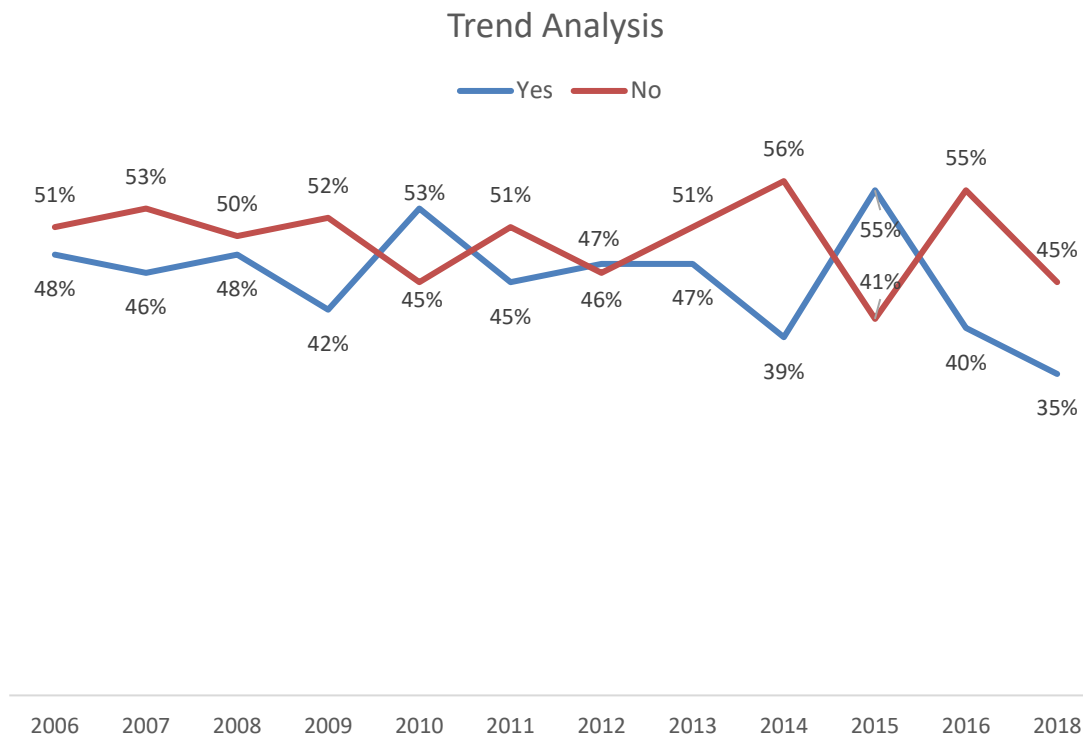
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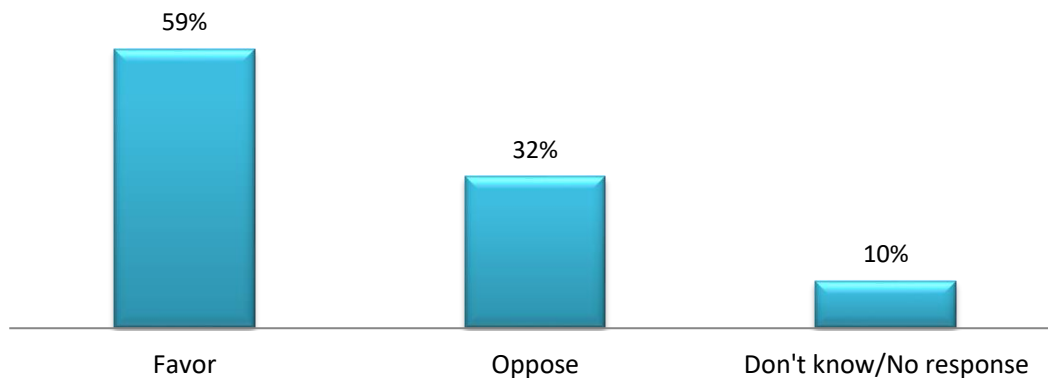


## 40 Years of Polling on India-Pakistan Relations

### KASHMIR ISSUE

**More than half of Pakistanis think that Kashmir should neither be with India nor with Pakistan**

**Question:** Some people believe that Kashmir should be neither with India nor with Pakistan. Some people favor this, while some oppose. What is your viewpoint?



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### Comparative Data

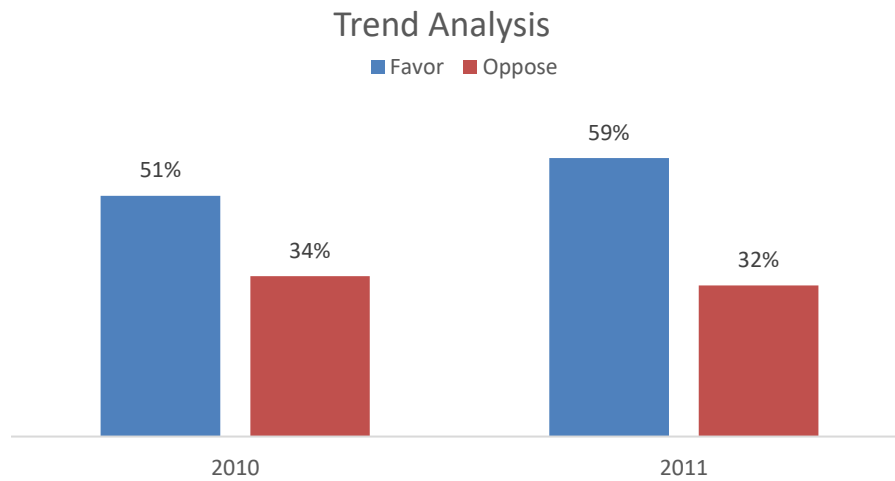
|        | 2010 | 2011 |
|--------|------|------|
| Favor  | 51%  | 59%  |
| Oppose | 34%  | 32%  |
| DK/NR  | 15%  | 10%  |

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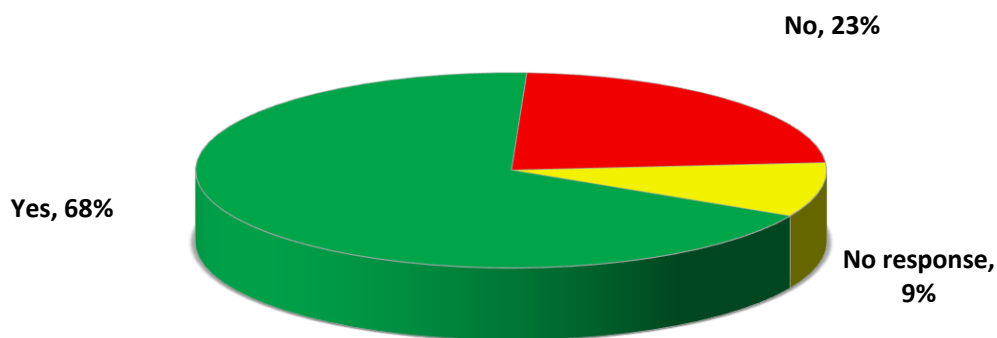


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### KASHMIR ISSUE

**In 2003, nearly 7 in 10 Pakistanis considered negotiations with India regarding Kashmir as beneficial**

**Question:** Do you think whether the negotiations on Kashmir discord between Pakistan and India will be beneficial or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2003

|             | 2003 |
|-------------|------|
| Yes         | 68%  |
| No          | 23%  |
| No response | 9%   |

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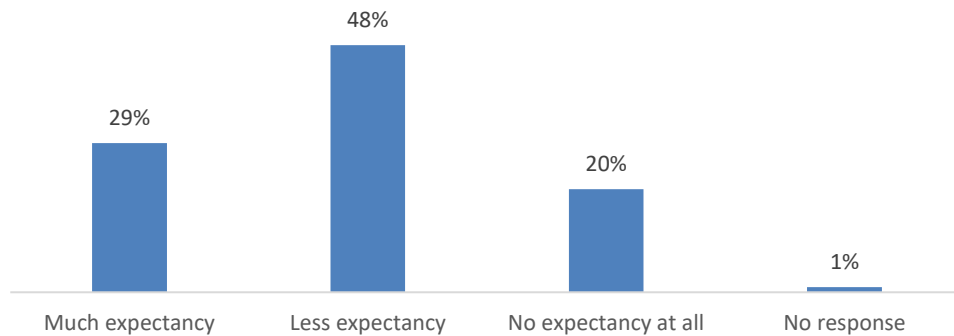


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### KASHMIR ISSUE

**In 2003, only 3 in 10 Pakistanis thought that India was ready to negotiate with Pakistan on the Kashmir issue**

**Question:** Do you think whether India will be ready to negotiate with Pakistan on Kashmir issue or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2003

### Comparative Data

|                      | 2003 |
|----------------------|------|
| Much expectancy      | 29%  |
| Less expectancy      | 48%  |
| No expectancy at all | 20%  |
| No response          | 1%   |

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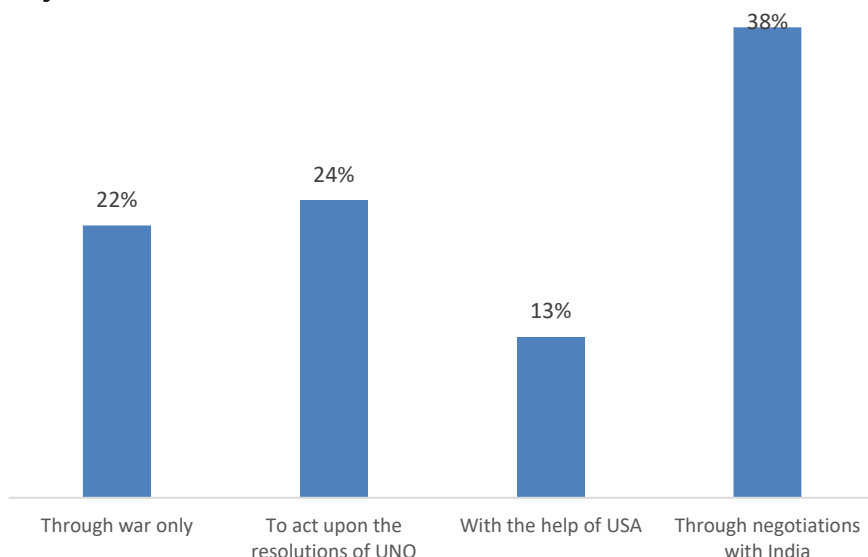


## 40 Years of Polling on India-Pakistan Relations

### KASHMIR ISSUE

**Among Pakistanis, negotiation with India is the most popular solution to the Kashmir issue**

**Question:** In your view how can Kashmir issue be solved?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2007

### Comparative Data

|                                    | 2003 | 2004 | 2006 | 2007 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Through war only                   | 28%  | 21%  | 24%  | 22%  |
| To act upon the resolutions of UNO | 28%  | 25%  | 23%  | 24%  |
| With the help of USA               | 7%   | 11%  | 11%  | 13%  |
| Through negotiations with India    | 36%  | 43%  | 42%  | 38%  |
| DK/NR                              | 1%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007

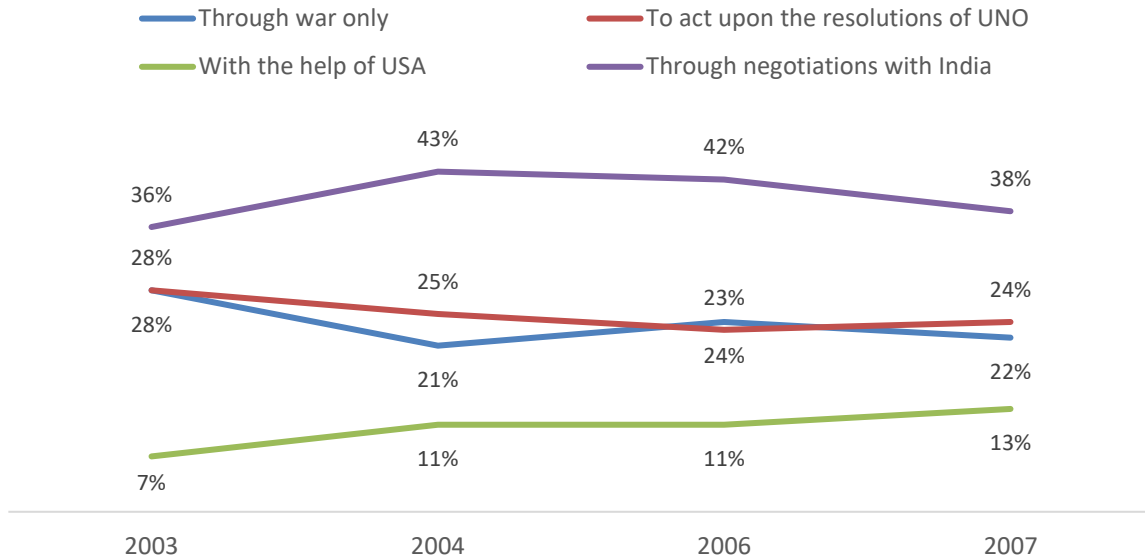
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# Section 3: Terrorism

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**40 YEARS OF POLLING  
ON PERCEPTIONS ON  
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# 40 Years of Polling on India-Pakistan Relations

## SECTION 3:

# **TERRORISM**

This Section gives views of the public on the acts of terrorism that have occurred on both sides of the border. The focus lies on who the culprit is, as per the perception of the Pakistani public.

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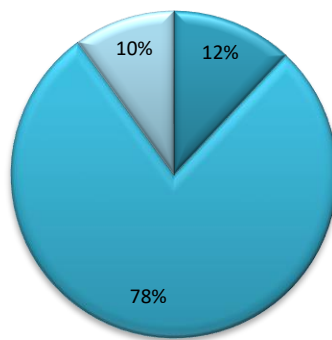


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

**Majority of Pakistanis said that the Samjhota express train incident was an act of terrorism**

**Question:** Recently train of Samjhota express coming from India to Lahore caught fire. In your view it was terrorism or accident?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2007

### Comparative Data

|            | 2007 |
|------------|------|
| Accident   | 12%  |
| Terrorism  | 78%  |
| Don't know | 10%  |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2007

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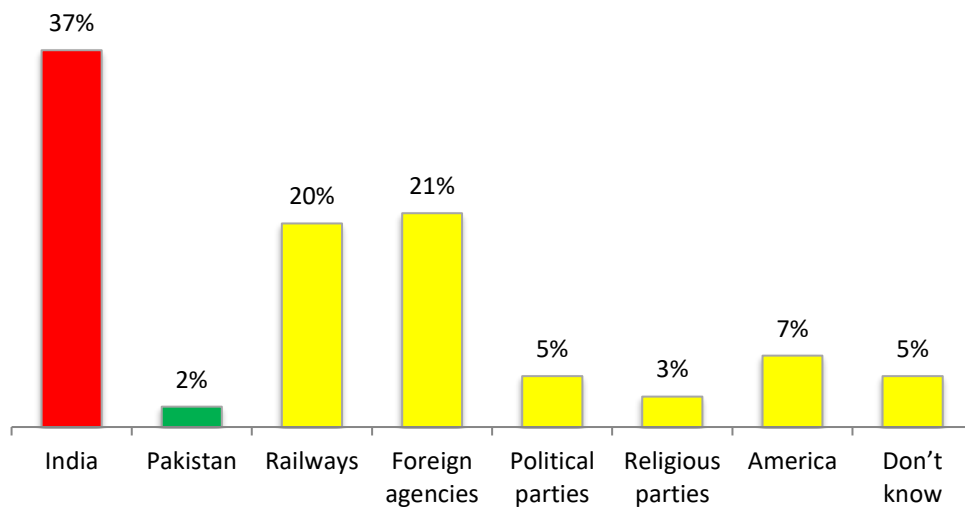


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

**Pakistanis had mixed views about who is responsible for the Samjhota Express incident; India was the most common answer followed by foreign agencies and railways**

**Question:** In your view, who is responsible for this incident? (Samjhota Express)



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2007

### Comparative Data

|                   | 2007 |
|-------------------|------|
| India             | 37%  |
| Pakistan          | 2%   |
| Railways          | 20%  |
| Foreign agencies  | 21%  |
| Political parties | 5%   |
| Religious parties | 3%   |
| America           | 7%   |
| Don't know        | 5%   |

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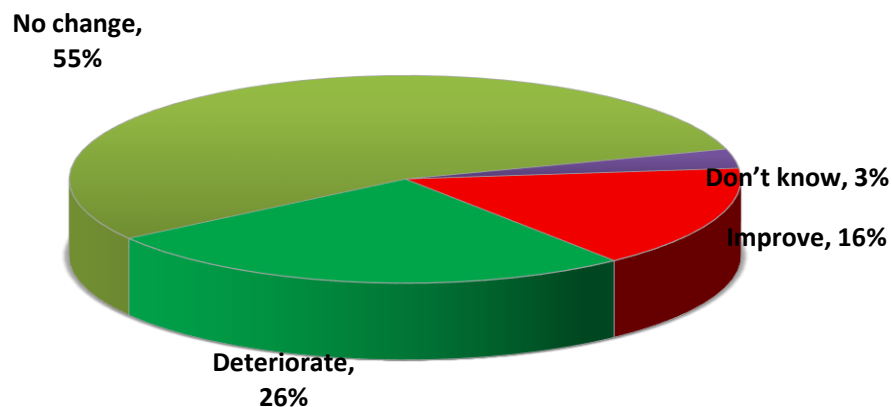
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

**Half of Pakistanis thought that Samjhota train incident had no impact on India-Pakistan relations**

**Question:** In your view, after this incident (Samjhota Train) relations of India and Pakistan will improve, deteriorate or remain the same?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2007

### Comparative Data

|             | 2007 |
|-------------|------|
| Improve     | 16%  |
| Deteriorate | 26%  |
| No change   | 55%  |
| Don't know  | 3%   |

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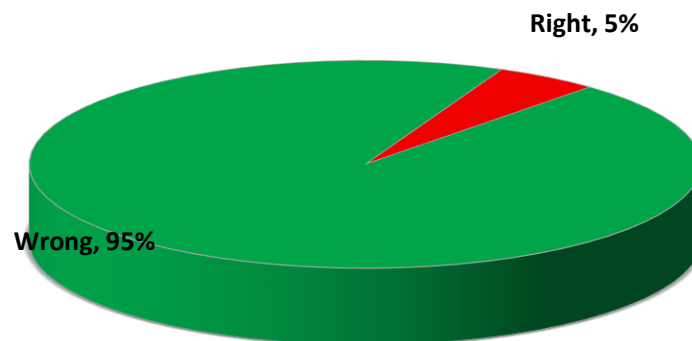
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

**Majority consider it wrong of India to blame Pakistan for encouraging terrorism**

**Question:** India blamed Pakistan for encouraging terrorism, do you think this is right or wrong?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2009

### Comparative Data

|       | 2009 |
|-------|------|
| Right | 5%   |
| Wrong | 95%  |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2009

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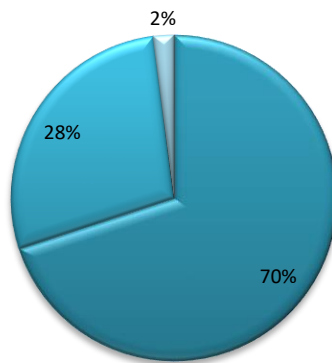


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

**Majority of Pakistanis are of the view that the Samjhota Express incident was purposefully done to deteriorate Pakistan and India's relations**

**Question:** Some people believe that this incident (Samjhota Express) is purposefully done to deteriorate Pakistan and India's relations, while others believe its not so. What is your view point?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2007

### Comparative Data

|                          | 2007 |
|--------------------------|------|
| To deteriorate relations | 70%  |
| No                       | 28%  |
| Don't know               | 2%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2007

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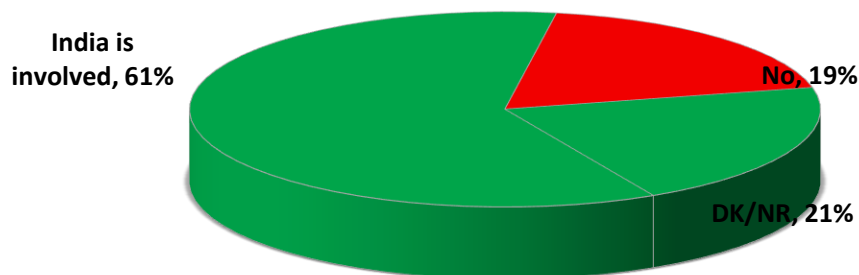
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

#### 6 in 10 Pakistanis opine that India is behind the terrorism in Balochistan

**Question:** Some people believe that India is behind the terrorism in Balochistan, whereas some believe its not so. What is your view point?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2009

#### Comparative Data

|                   | 2009 |
|-------------------|------|
| India is involved | 61%  |
| No                | 19%  |
| DK/NR             | 21%  |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2009

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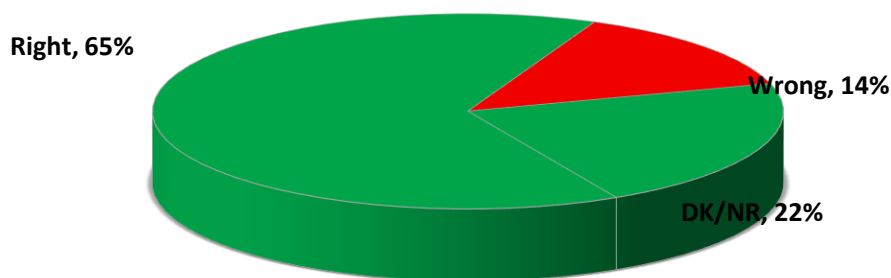


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

**A majority of Pakistanis hold the view that India is rightfully blamed by Pakistan for terrorist activities in South Waziristan**

**Question:** Pakistan has blamed India for terrorist activities in South Waziristan; some people believe this blame is right while some think it is not. What is your viewpoint?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2009

#### Comparative Data

|       | 2009 |
|-------|------|
| Right | 65%  |

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|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| Wrong | 14% |
| DK/NR | 22% |

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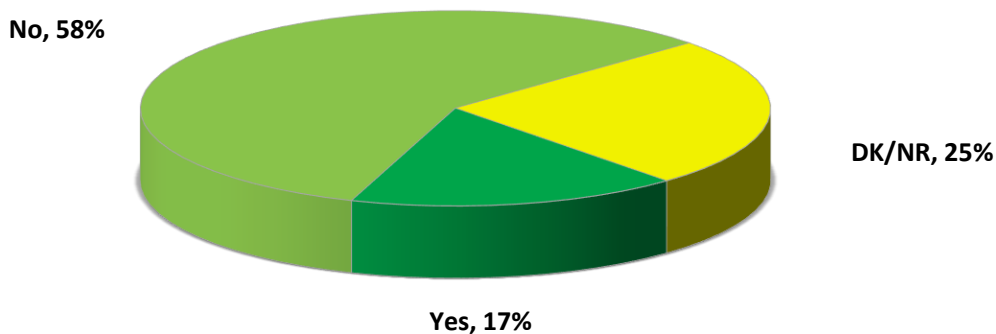
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### TERRORISM

#### **Majority of Pakistanis were against India's demand of handing over of Mumbai terrorism's suspected persons to India**

**Question:** Recently India has demanded that Pakistan should hand over suspected persons for Mumbai terrorism to India. Do you think Pakistan should or should not hand over the suspected persons to India?



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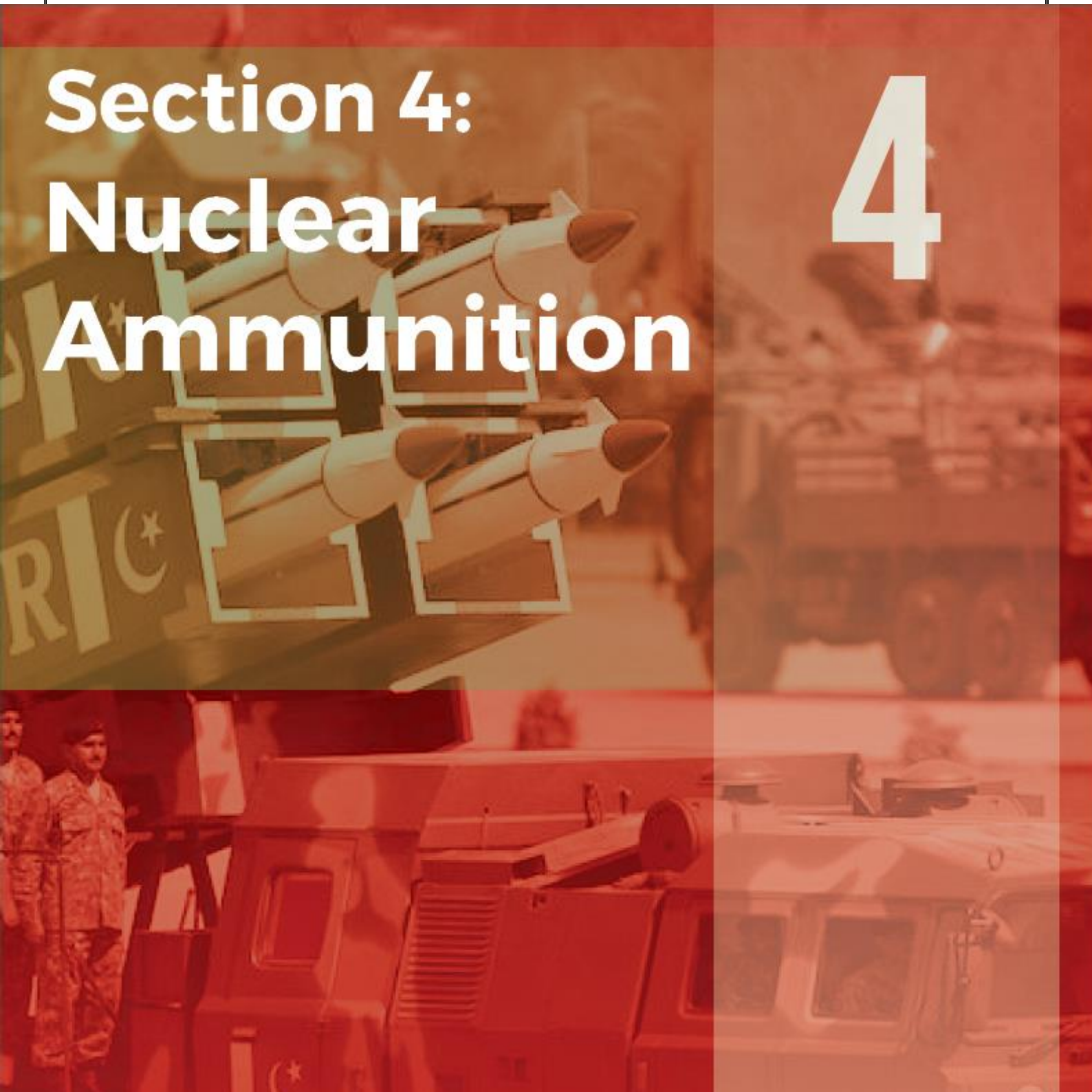
### Comparative Data

|       | 2009 |
|-------|------|
| Yes   | 17%  |
| No    | 58%  |
| DK/NR | 25%  |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2009

# Section 4: Nuclear Ammunition

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# 40 Years of Polling on India-Pakistan Relations

## SECTION 4:

# NUCLEAR AMMUNITION

This Section gives people's perception of the nuclear ammunition of both countries and possible implications

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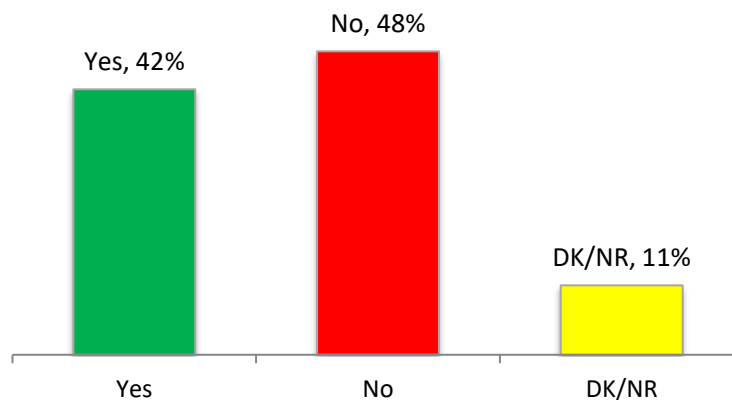


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### NUCLEAR AMMUNITION

**Fluctuations seen over the years in public opinion regarding whether India will use nuclear ammunition against Pakistan**

**Question:** In case of war, will India use Nuclear ammunition against Pakistan?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2019

### Comparative Data

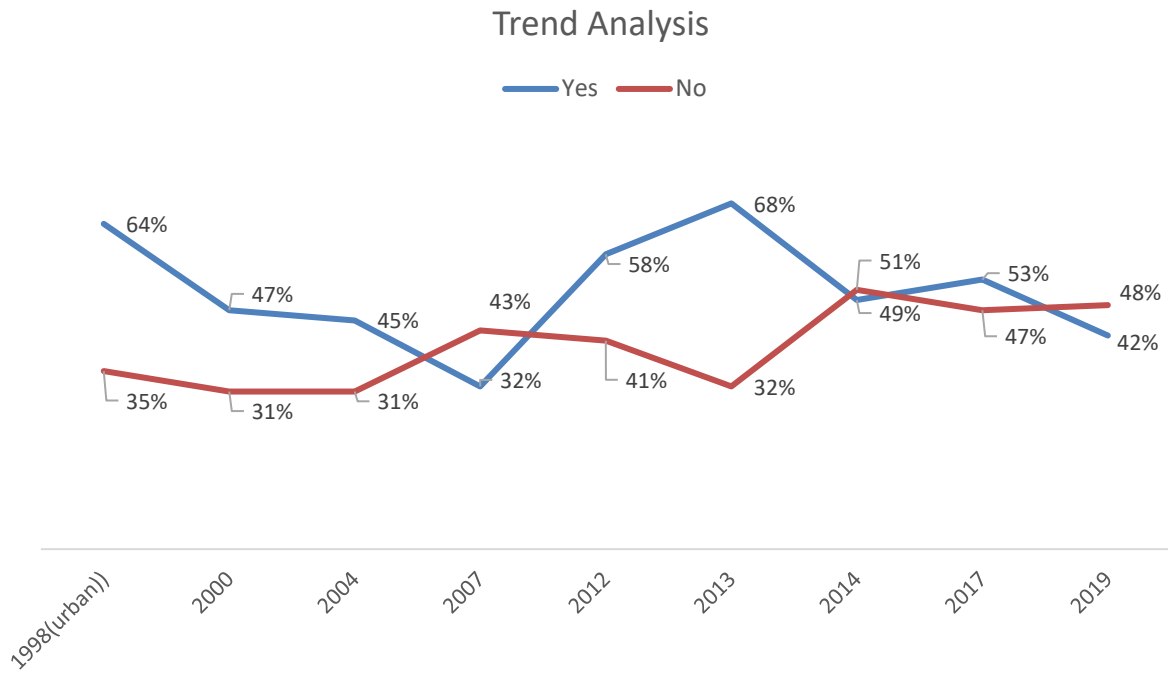
|       | 1998(urban) | 2000 | 2004 | 2007 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2017 | 2019 |
|-------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes   | 64%         | 47%  | 45%  | 32%  | 58%  | 68%  | 49%  | 53%  | 42%  |
| No    | 35%         | 31%  | 31%  | 43%  | 41%  | 32%  | 51%  | 47%  | 48%  |
| DK/NR | 1%          | 22%  | 24%  | 25%  | 1%   | 1%   | 0%   | 0%   | 11%  |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 1998 (urban), 2000, 2004, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2019

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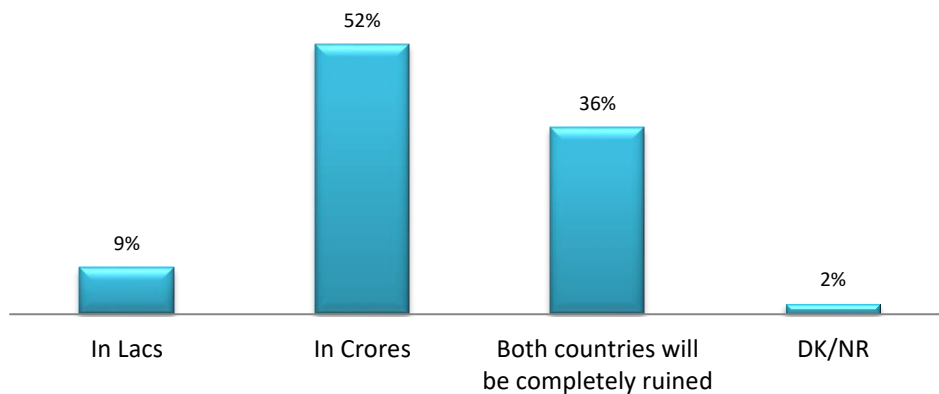


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### NUCLEAR AMMUNITION

**1 in 3 Pakistanis hold the opinion that both countries will be destroyed in case atomic weapons are used in an Indo-Pak war**

**Question:** If atomic weapons were used in Indo-Pak war, how many people you think will be destroyed by this?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2019

### Comparative Data

| Options                                  | 2002 | 2003 | 2008 | 2014 | 2019 |
|------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| In Lacs                                  | 11%  | 19%  | 16%  | 28%  | 9%   |
| In Crores                                | 43%  | 37%  | 35%  | 38%  | 52%  |
| Both countries will be ruined completely | 30%  | 26%  | 32%  | 25%  | 36%  |
| DK/NR                                    | 16%  | 18%  | 17%  | 8%   | 2%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2014 and 2019

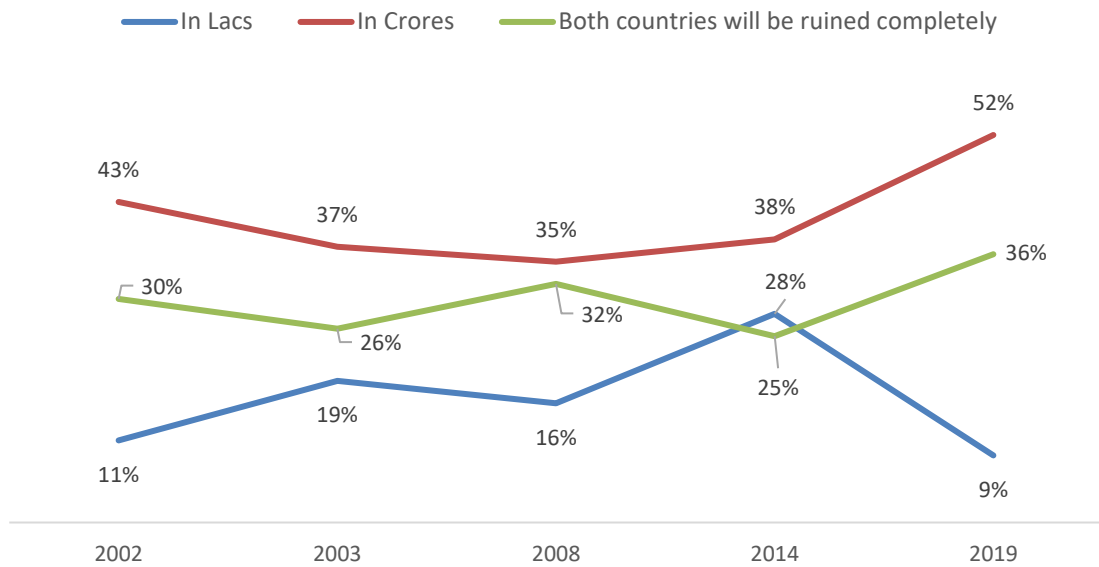
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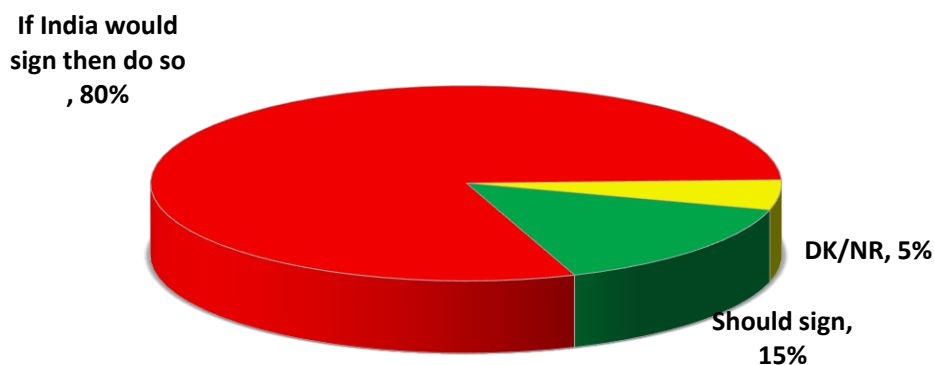


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### NUCLEAR AMMUNITION

**A vast majority of Pakistanis believed that Pakistan should only sign the NPT if India signs it**

**Question:** Do you think that Pakistan should sign on NPT or should not sign unless India would come forward in this regard?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2004

### Comparative Data

|                                | 2004 |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Should sign                    | 15%  |
| If India would sign then do so | 80%  |
| DK/NR                          | 5%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2004

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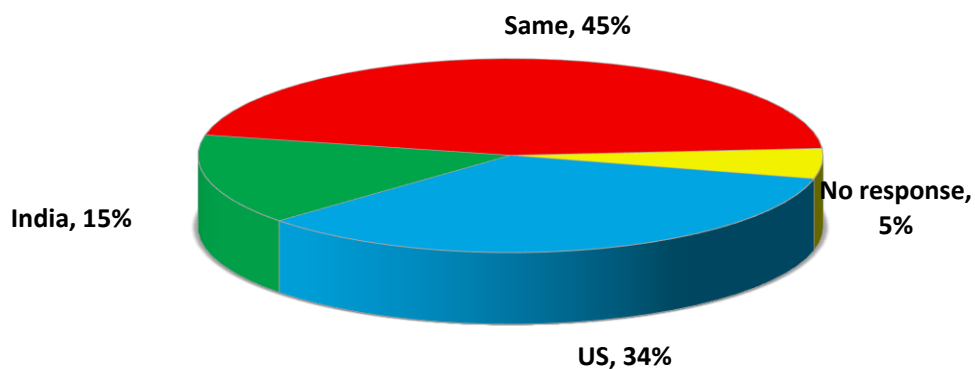


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### NUCLEAR AMMUNITION

**45% Pakistanis think Pakistan's nuclear assets face the same threat from India and the US**

**Question:** In your view, Pakistan's nuclear assets face threat from India or US?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2008

### Comparative Data

|             | 2008 |
|-------------|------|
| US          | 34%  |
| India       | 15%  |
| Same        | 45%  |
| No response | 5%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2008

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# Section 5: General Perceptions

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40 YEARS OF POLLING  
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INDO-PAK RELATIONS



# 40 Years of Polling on India-Pakistan Relations

## SECTION 5:

### **GENERAL PERCEPTIONS**

This section gives views of the Pakistani public on miscellaneous issues regarding the relations between the two countries.

This will include public perception on whether relations have improved or deteriorated, what should be the stance of Pakistan, and other issues such as overall satisfaction with government handling of relations with India etc.

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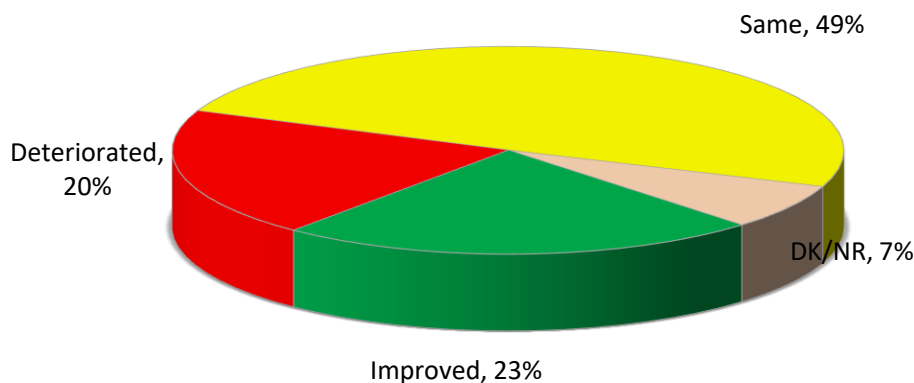


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**Between 2007 and 2008, there was a fall in Pakistanis who believed that Indo-Pak relations had improved**

**Question:** In your view, recently relations between Pakistan and India have improved, deteriorated or remained the same?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2008

### Comparative Data

|              | 2007 | 2008 |
|--------------|------|------|
| Improved     | 31%  | 23%  |
| Deteriorated | 13%  | 20%  |
| Same         | 42%  | 49%  |
| DK/NR        | 15%  | 7%   |

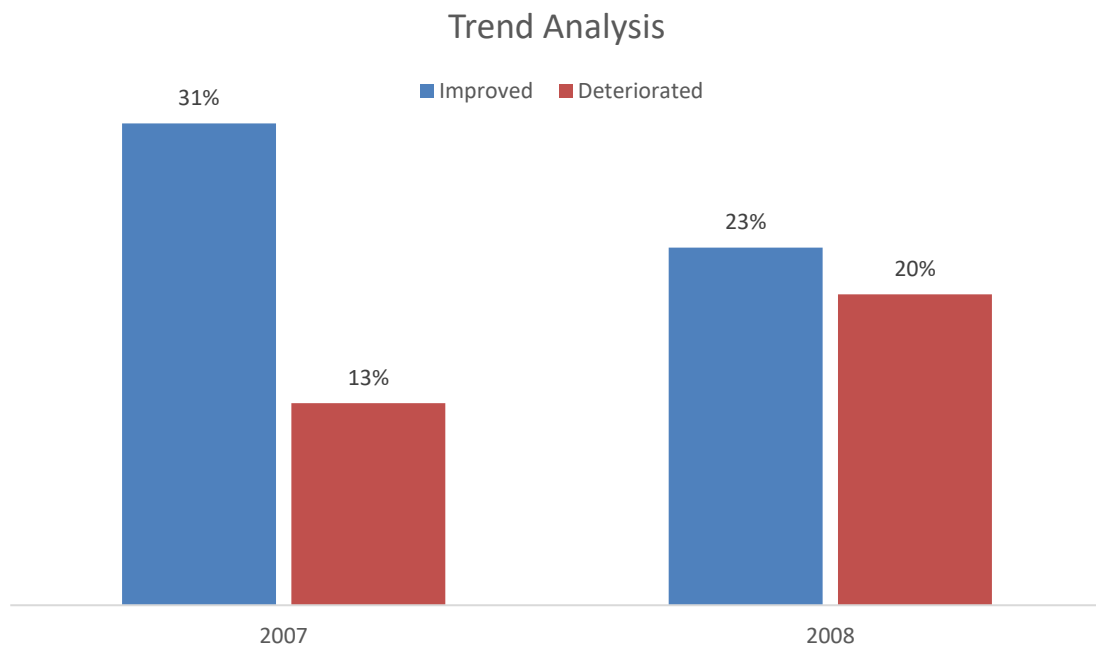
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**As of 2011, majority are not satisfied with performance of government in terms of relations with India**

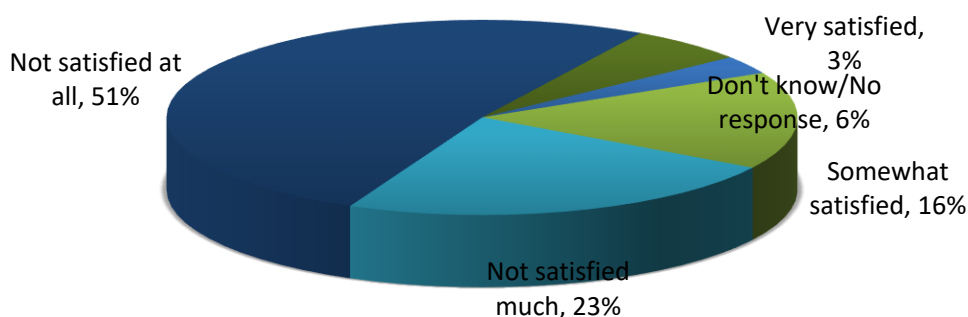
**Question:** To what extent you are satisfied with the performance of government in terms of relations with India during the last one year?

#### Comparative Data

|                      | 2011 |
|----------------------|------|
| Very Satisfied       | 3%   |
| Somewhat satisfied   | 16%  |
| Not satisfied much   | 23%  |
| Not satisfied at all | 51%  |
| DK/NR                | 6%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2011

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**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2011

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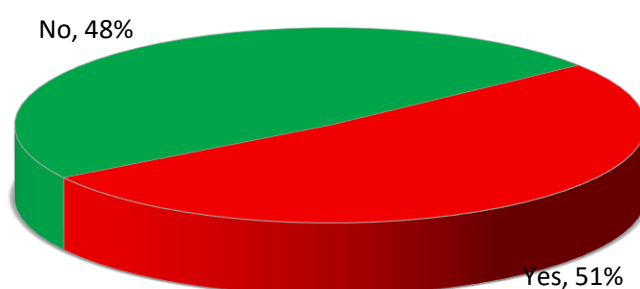


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### General Perceptions

**Public opinion split over whether rulers, like the people, of both countries are serious to have peace in the region**

**Question:** Do you think just like the people of both the countries, rulers are also serious to have peace in the region?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2017

### Comparative Data

|     | 2017 |
|-----|------|
| Yes | 51%  |
| No  | 48%  |

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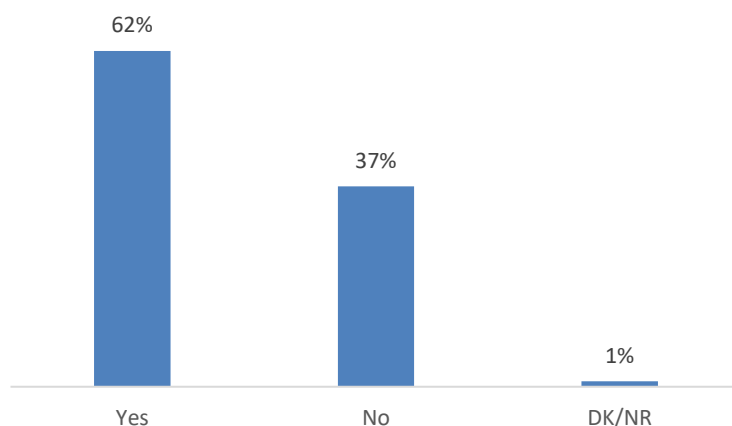


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**Between 2008 and 2011, 24% rise in proportion of Pakistanis who think that Pakistan should do trade with India**

**Question:** In your view, should Pakistan do trade with India or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2011

### Comparative Data

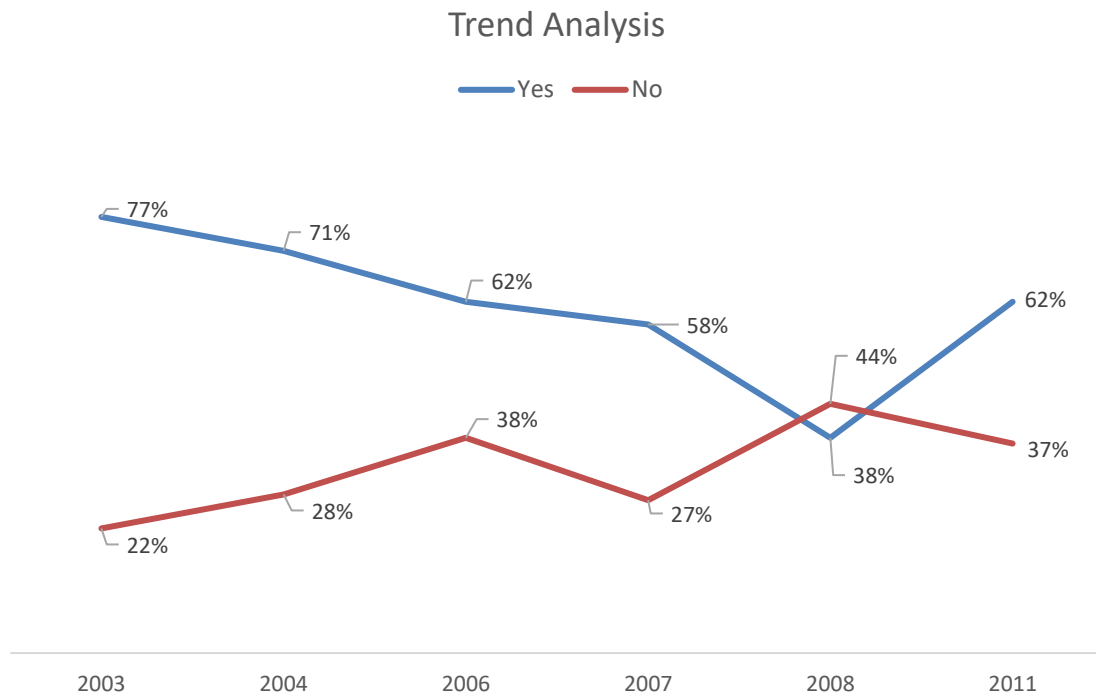
|       | 2003 | 2004 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2011 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes   | 77%  | 71%  | 62%  | 58%  | 38%  | 62%  |
| No    | 22%  | 28%  | 38%  | 27%  | 44%  | 37%  |
| DK/NR | 1%   | 1%   | 0%   | 15%  | 17%  | 1%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2011

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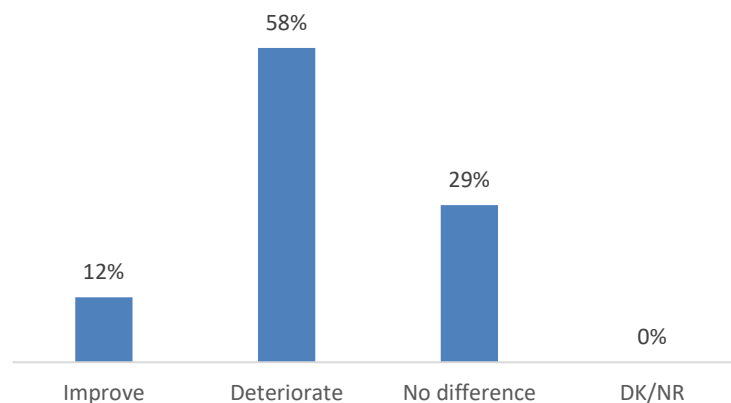


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**Pakistanis were barely optimistic about India-Pak relations improving as a result of betterment in relations of US and India**

**Question:** Recently India and US have made a lot of new contracts in many fields. In your view, after the improving relations of US and India, relations of India and Pakistan will improve, deteriorate, or remain the same?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2008

### Comparative Data

|               | 2008 |
|---------------|------|
| Improve       | 12%  |
| Deteriorate   | 58%  |
| No difference | 29%  |
| DK/NR         | 0%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2008

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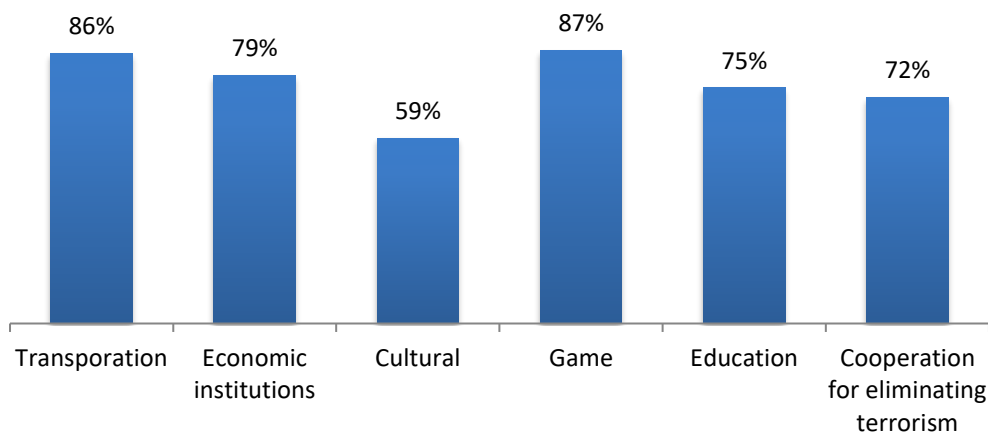


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**Among Pakistanis, transportation and game are most popular sectors in which Pakistan should increase cooperation with India**

**Question:** Do you think Pakistan should increase co-operation with India in the following sectors?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2004

#### Data

|          | Transportation | Economic institution | Cultural | Game | Education | Cooperation for eliminating terrorism |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|----------|------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Agree    | 86%            | 79%                  | 59%      | 87%  | 75%       | 72%                                   |
| Disagree | 12%            | 20%                  | 40%      | 13%  | 24%       | 27%                                   |
| DK/NR    | 2%             | 1%                   | 1%       | 0%   | 1%        | 1%                                    |

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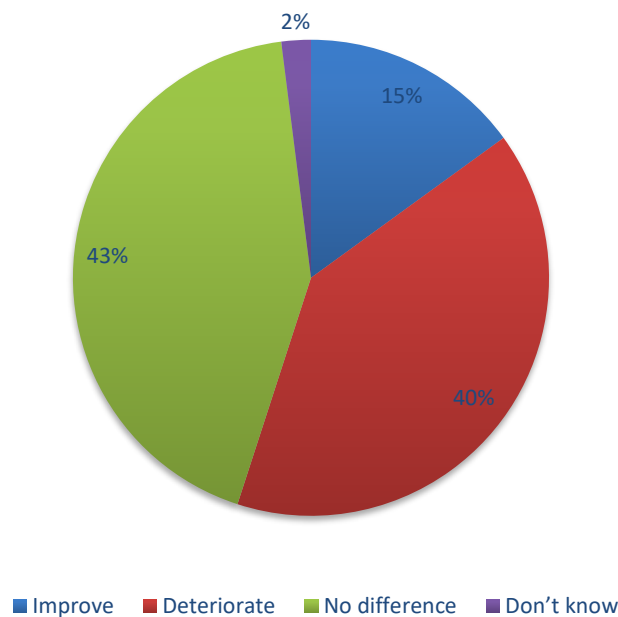


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**4 in 10 Pakistanis thought that Bush's visit to India in 2006 would deteriorate Indo-Pak relations**

**Question:** During Bush's visit to India, both countries made new contracts which strengthen their friendship. In your view this will improve the relations between India and Pakistan, deteriorate or will have no effect?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2006

### Comparative Data

|               | 2006 |
|---------------|------|
| Improve       | 15%  |
| Deteriorate   | 40%  |
| No difference | 43%  |
| Don't know    | 2%   |

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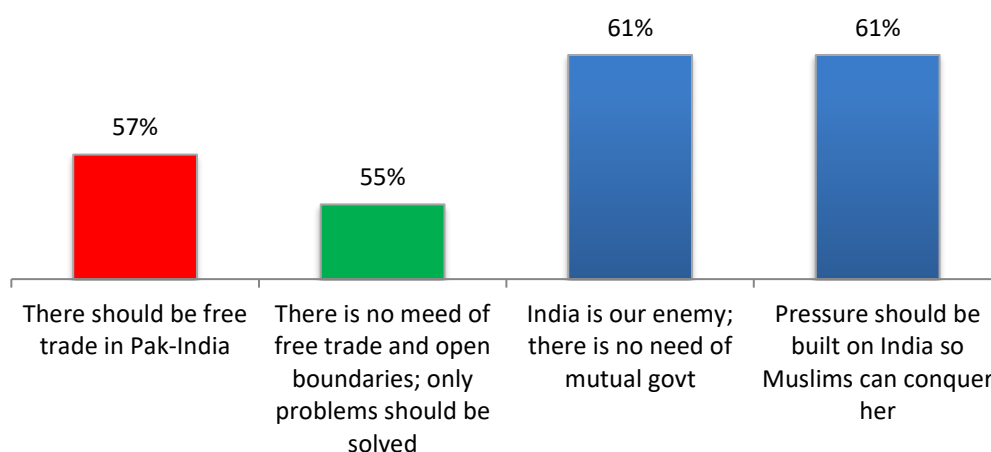
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2009, nearly 6 in 10 Pakistanis opined that there should be free trade between India and Pakistan**

**Question:** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (Pakistan and India should open boundaries and trade freely)



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2009

### Comparative Data

|          | There should be free trade in Pak-India | There is no need of free trade and open boundaries; only problems should be solved | India is our enemy; there is no need of mutual govt | Pressure should be built on India so Muslims can conquer her |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Agree    | 57%                                     | 55%                                                                                | 61%                                                 | 61%                                                          |
| Disagree | 42%                                     | 43%                                                                                | 38%                                                 | 38%                                                          |

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|       |    |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|----|
| DK/NR | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
|-------|----|----|----|----|

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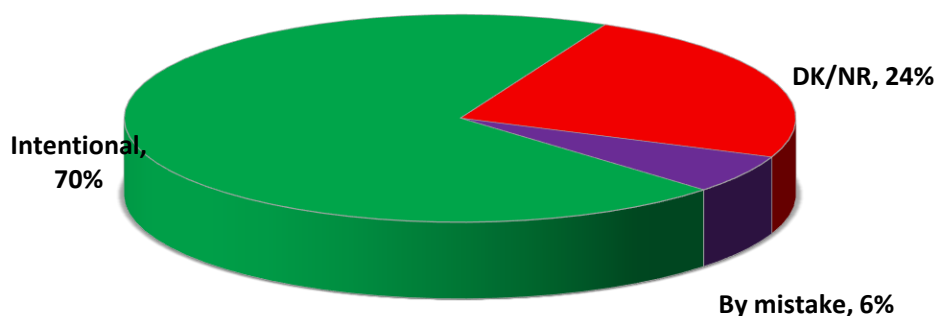
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2008, majority of Pakistanis thought that India's violation of Pakistan's air boundaries was intentional**

**Question:** Recently India has violated Pakistan's air boundaries. In your view, as Indian statement, this was merely by accident or intentional?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2008

### Comparative Data

|             | 2008 |
|-------------|------|
| By mistake  | 6%   |
| Intentional | 70%  |
| DK/NR       | 24%  |

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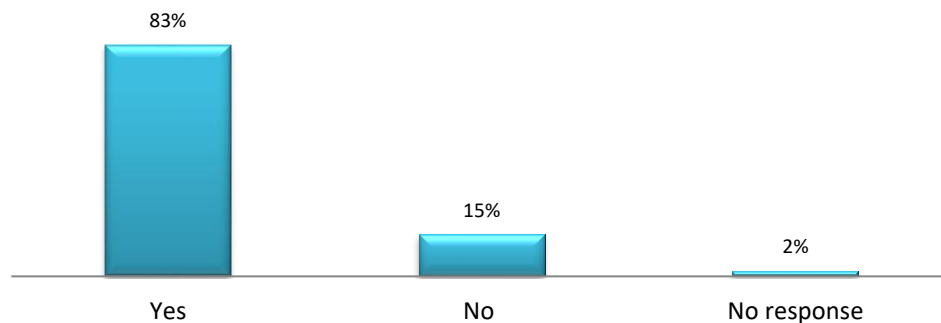


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2003, majority of Pakistanis thought that land and flying communication should be restored between India and Pakistan**

**Question:** Some people say that land and flying communication should be restored between Pakistan and India whereas others oppose it. What do you think?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2003

### Comparative Data

|             | 2003 |
|-------------|------|
| Yes         | 83%  |
| No          | 15%  |
| No response | 2%   |

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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**45% Pakistanis favored forcing Hindus and Sikhs to move to India if they were present and an adult at the time of Pakistan's establishment**

**Question:** Suppose you were present and an adult at the time of the establishment of Pakistan and were living in the areas now in Pakistan and with you Hindus and Sikhs were also living. Would you favour or oppose forcing them out to move to India?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2009

### Comparative Data

|             | 2009 |
|-------------|------|
| Favor       | 45%  |
| Oppose      | 28%  |
| Neutral     | 26%  |
| No response | 1%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2009

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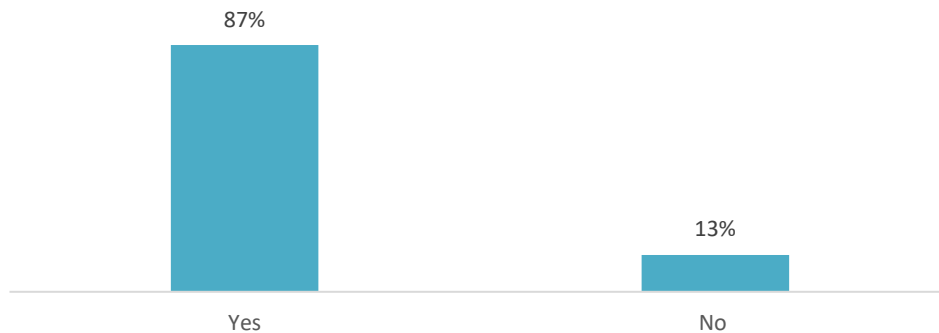


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**A vast majority of Pakistanis (87%) believed that cooperation one air and earth grounds should be increased between Pakistan and India**

**Question:** Some people say that the co-operations on air and earth grounds must be increased between Pakistan and India. Do you agree with this or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2004

### Comparative Data

|             | 2004 |
|-------------|------|
| Yes         | 87%  |
| No          | 13%  |
| No response | 0%   |

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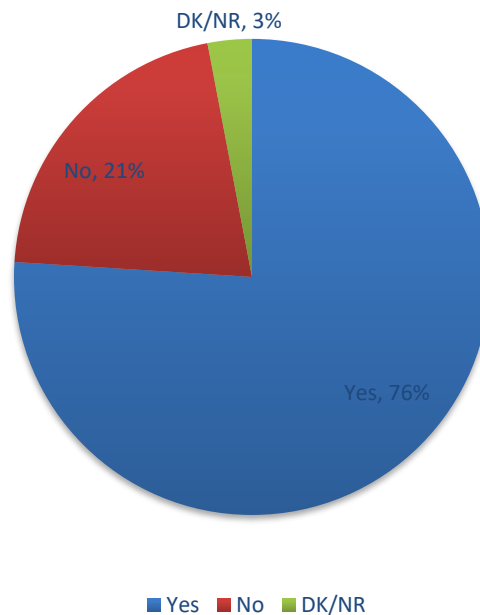


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**Between 2003 and 2004, rise in proportion of Pakistanis who think that Indians are desirous of peace and prosperity for both countries**

**Question:** Are the people of India desirous of Peace and prosperity for both countries?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2003, 2004

### Comparative Data

|       | 2003 | 2004 |
|-------|------|------|
| Yes   | 63%  | 76%  |
| No    | 35%  | 21%  |
| DK/NR | 3%   | 3%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2003, 2004

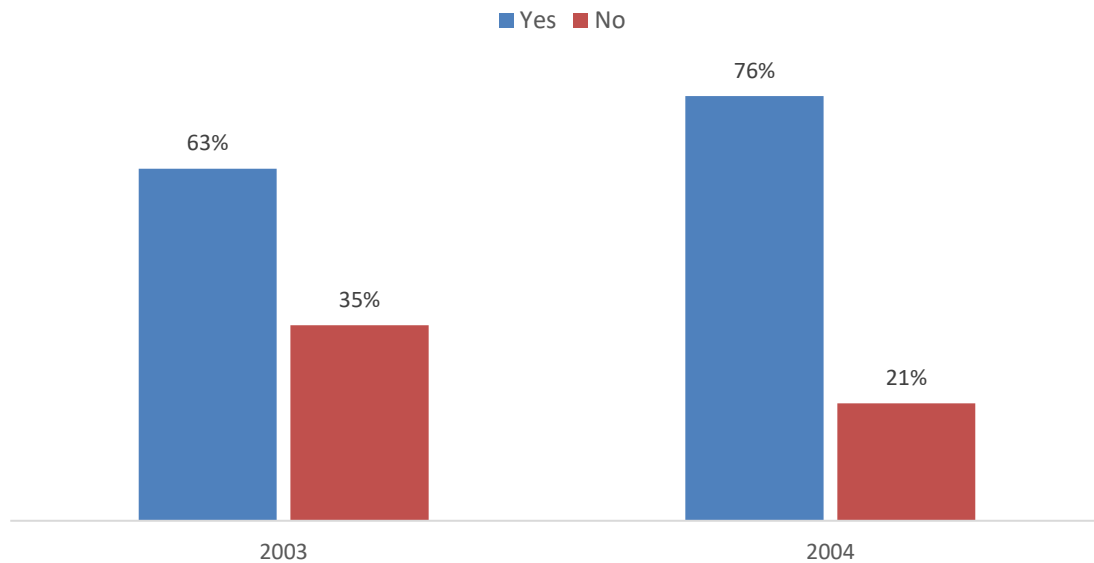
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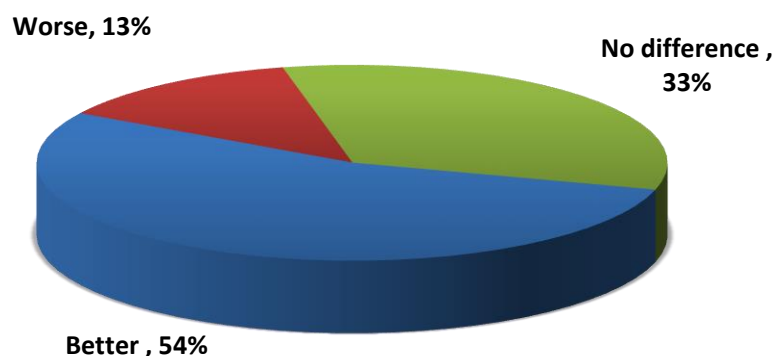


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2004, 1 in 3 Pakistanis think that negotiations would make no difference to Indo-Pak relations**

**Question:** Do you think that the relations between India and Pakistan will be better, worse or the same through negotiations or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2004

#### Data

|               | 2004 |
|---------------|------|
| Better        | 54%  |
| Worse         | 13%  |
| No difference | 33%  |
| DK/NR         | -    |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Surveys, 2004

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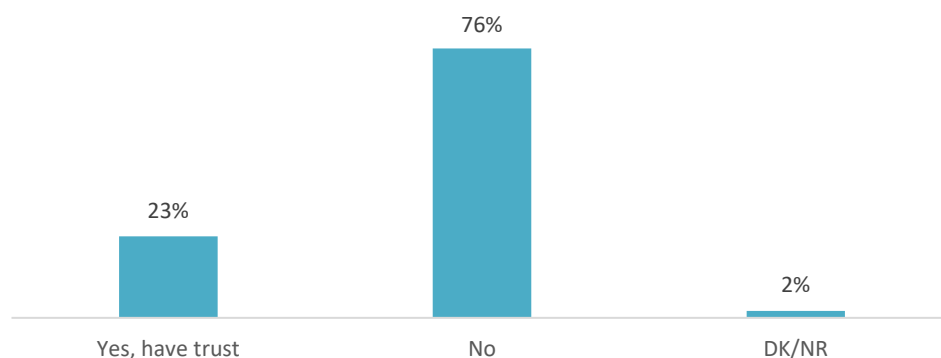


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2004, few Pakistanis (23%) trusted USA to play a friendly role to improve Indo-Pak relations**

**Question:** Do you have trust on the friendly role of USA to make the relations better of India and Pakistan or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2004

### Comparative Data

|                 | 2004 |
|-----------------|------|
|                 |      |
| Yes, have trust | 23%  |
| No              | 76%  |
| DK/NR           | 2%   |

**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2004

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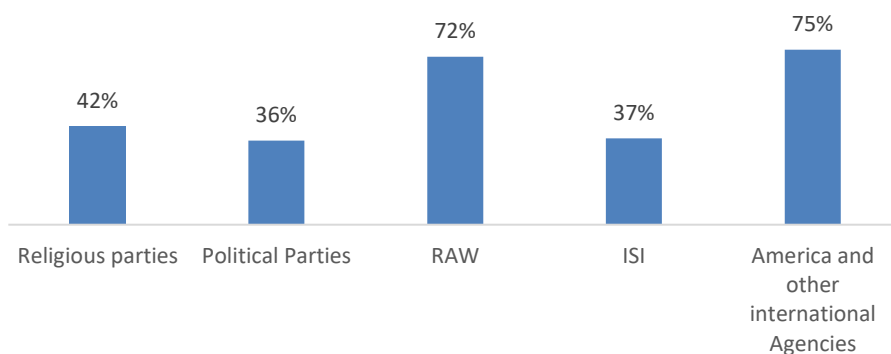


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**Pakistanis likely to consider America, RAW and other international agencies as obstacles to better Indo-Pak relations**

**Question:** What of the following organizations are obstacles in the relations of Pakistan and India in your view or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2004

### Comparative Data

|                                          | It is an obstacle | Not an obstacle | DK/NR |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Religious parties                        | 42%               | 54%             | 4%    |
| Political parties                        | 36%               | 60%             | 4%    |
| RAW                                      | 72%               | 24%             | 3%    |
| ISI                                      | 37%               | 57%             | 6%    |
| America and other International Agencies | 75%               | 20%             | 4%    |

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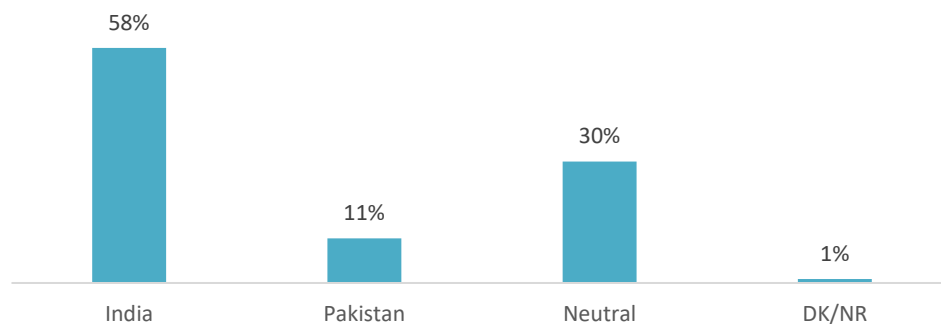


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2015, 58% Pakistanis thought that America would support India in case of India-Pakistan war; this is a rise from 10% Pakistanis who thought so in 2014**

**Question:** In your opinion, who do you think would America support in event of war between India and Pakistan?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2015

### Comparative Data

|          | 2002 | 2000 | 2014 | 2015 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| India    | 8%   | 47%  | 10%  | 58%  |
| Pakistan | 59%  | 11%  | 60%  | 11%  |
| None     | 32%  | 36%  | 30%  | 30%  |
| DK/NR    |      | 5%   |      | 1%   |

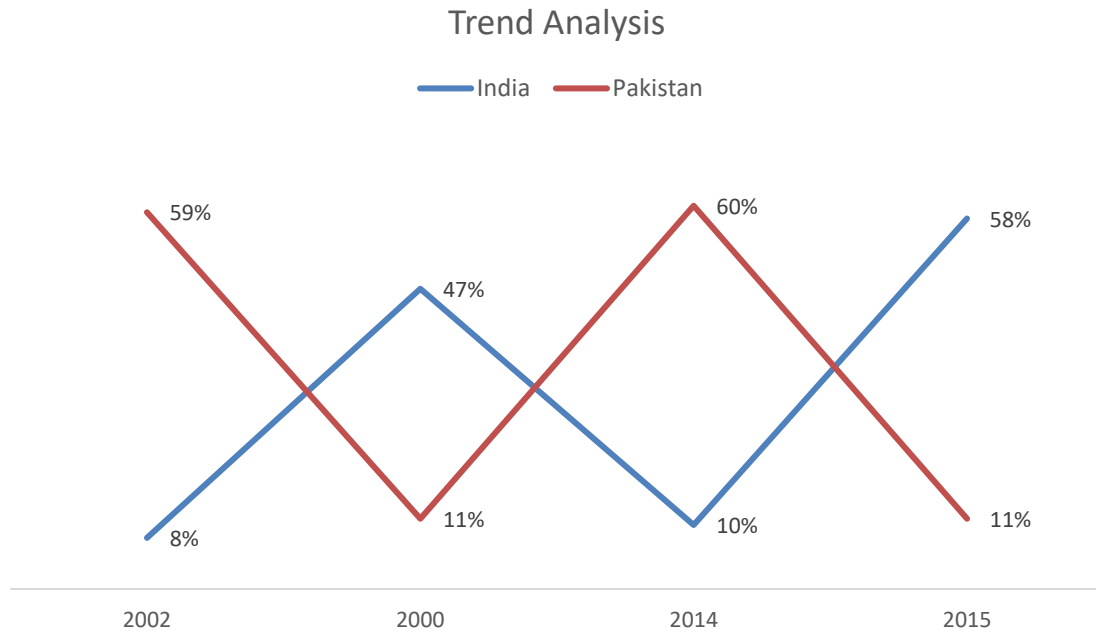
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## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**4 in 10 Pakistanis opine that Kargil was an advantageous action; 3 in 10 think it was a mistake**

**Question:** What is your opinion about the event of Kargil? Do you think whether this was merely an accident or a conspiracy?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2003

#### Comparative Data

|                            | 2003 |
|----------------------------|------|
| Was a mistake              | 29%  |
| Was an advantageous action | 41%  |
| Don't know/No response     | 30%  |

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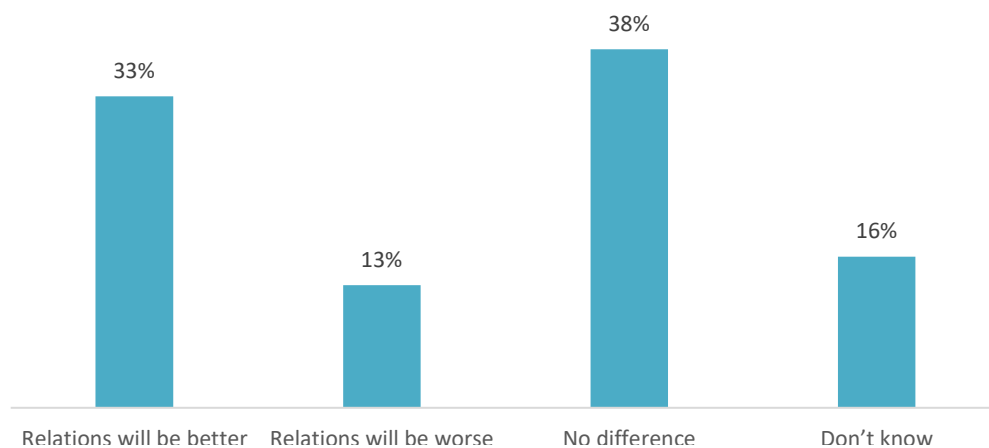


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2003, a third of Pakistani's believed that India's opinions on peace and stability will bring peace and stability to the region.**

**Question:** India has offered some opinions of peace and stability to Pakistan? Do you think these opinions would bring peace and stability in the region or not?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2003

### Comparative Data

|                          | 2003 |
|--------------------------|------|
| Relations will be better | 33%  |
| Relations will be worse  | 13%  |
| No difference            | 38%  |
| Don't know               | 16%  |

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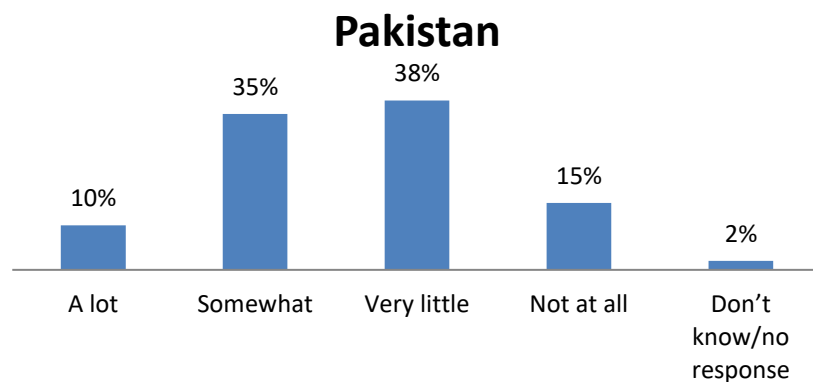


## INDIA PAKISTAN RELATIONS

### GENERAL PERCEPTIONS

**In 2010, 45% Pakistanis were hopeful that Indo-Pak negotiations would be fruitful**

**Question:** Recently India accepted to negotiate with Pakistan. In your view what are the chances that these negotiations will be fruitful?



**Source:** Gallup & Gilani / National Survey, 2010

### Comparative Data

|                        | 2010 |
|------------------------|------|
| A lot                  | 10%  |
| Somewhat               | 35%  |
| Very little            | 38%  |
| Not at all             | 15%  |
| Don't know/No response | 2%   |

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# Methodology



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## METHODOLOGY

The results presented here are from multiple *nation wide house hold surveys* carried out by Gallup and Gilani over the last three eight decades (1980-2018)

- **SAMPLE PROFILE:**

The respondents in these surveys range from *1000-2500 men and women of age 18 years and above* spread across the *rural and urban* areas of the *four provinces* of the country. They represent different age groups, education status and socio economic profile.

Those which are urban only samples have been mentioned.

- **INTERVIEWING MODE:**

Face to Face, in-house interviews

- **SAMPLING METHODOLOGY:**

Multi-stage area probability sampling

- **SAMPLING TOLERANCE:**

Error margin is estimated to be  $\pm 2-3\%$  at 95% Confidence level

- **WEIGHTING:**

The data have been weighted to correspond with census distribution of population for the rural and urban areas of all four provinces.

- **SURVEY DATES:**

The respective year in which these surveys were carried out has been mentioned at the bottom of all charts and tables.

- **VALUES/ PERCENTAGES:**

All values given in this report are percentages unless otherwise specified.



• **NOTE ON COMPARATIVE SECTIONS:**

Caution should be taken in interpreting results in comparative sections of the report. The purpose of having comparative data is to show a broad trend in timeline rather than providing a statistical difference in opinions. This caution is based on following major considerations:

- The exact question wordings may vary across the years where comparison is drawn
- The methodology and sample size may vary
- The timeline is not uniform, we have provided data at two or more points in time as available.

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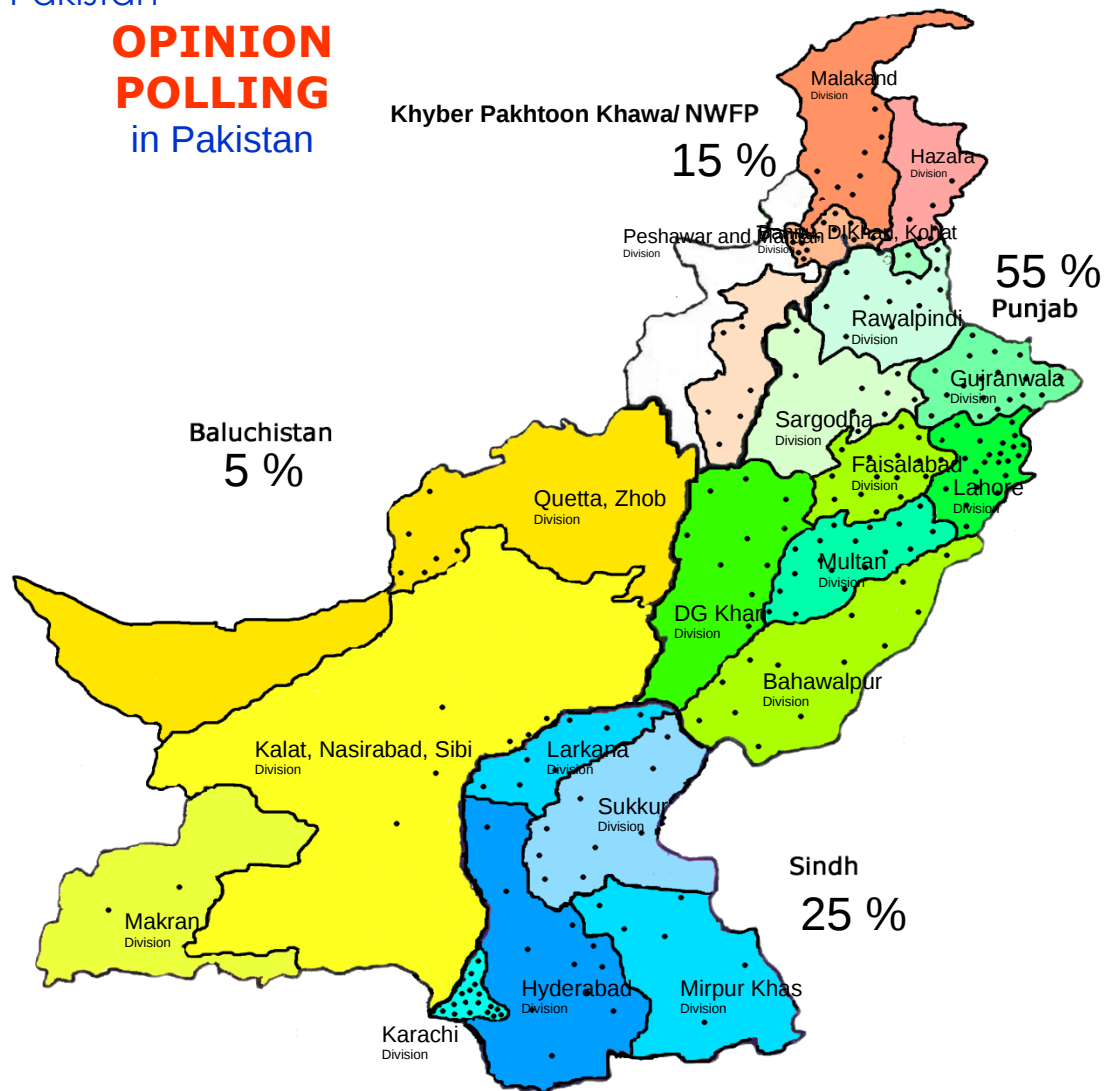
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**REPRESENTS**

**Statistical Cross-section:** Gender, Age, Income, Education, Region & Language

**Universe:** ~45,000 villages; 60,000 Urban Census Blocks

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