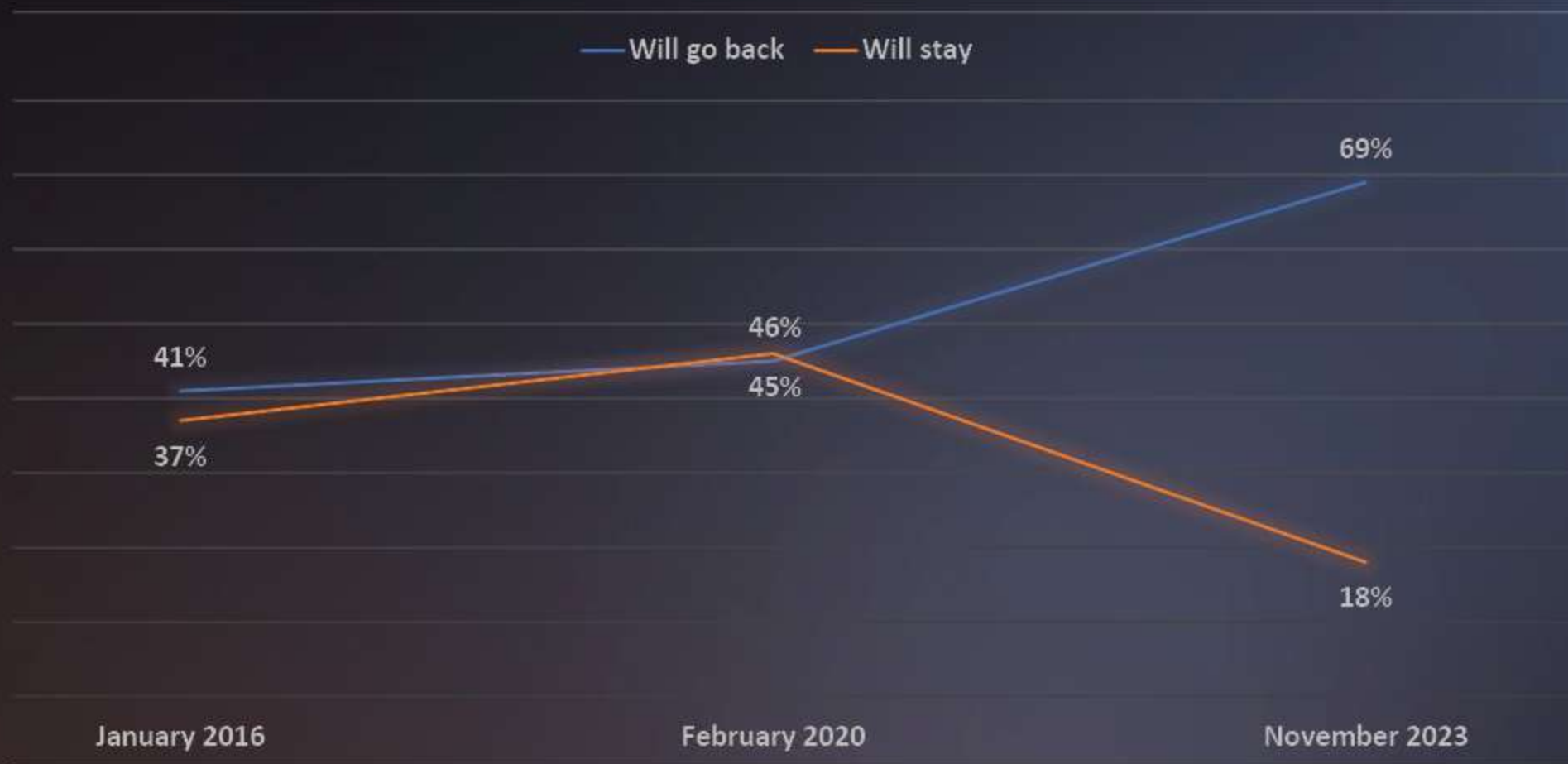


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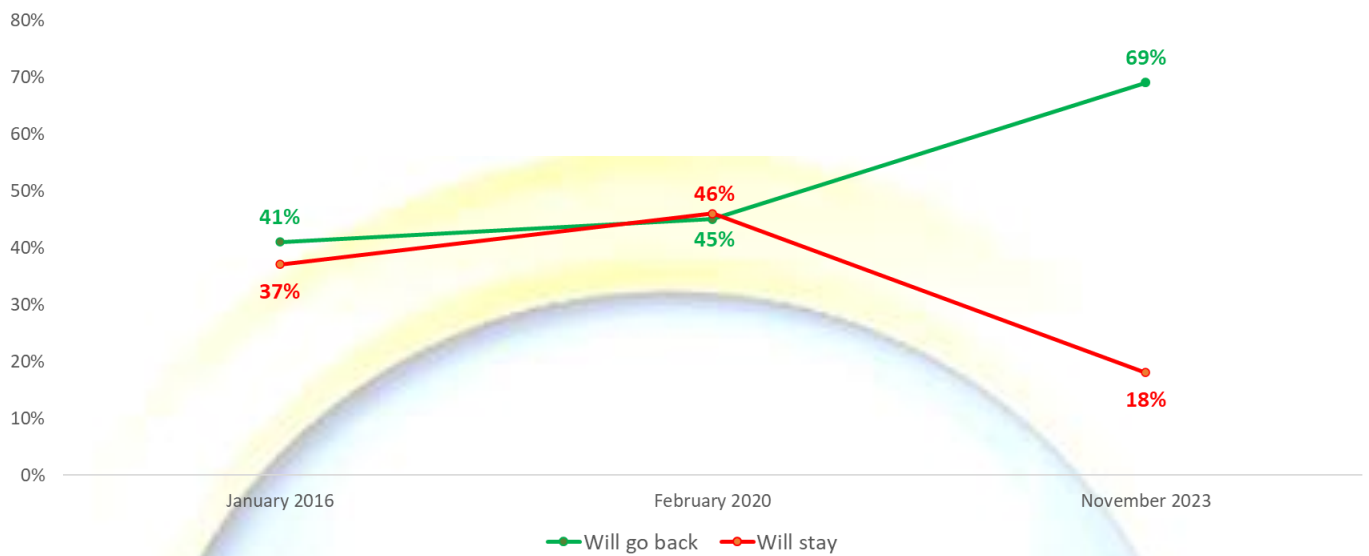
In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2016, a representative sample of adult men and women from across Pakistan was asked the following question, “As you know the government ordered the illegally residing Afghans to leave the country. Do you think that most of the Afghan refugees will return to their homeland, or do you think they will stay in Pakistan?” In response to this question, 41% said responded that they did think that they will go back, while 37% think that they will stay.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2023 to allow a comparison to be made across the years. In 2023, 69% said they think that most of the Afghan refugees will return to their homeland, while 18% said that they think they will stay.

Trend Analysis: The proportion of people who think that the Afghan refugees will go back has increased by 28%, while those thinking they will stay have decreased by 19% in the 7 years between the two waves.

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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The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 752 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted during 1st – 4th November 2023. The error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 3\text{-}5\%$ at the 95% confidence level. The methodology used for data collection was telephonic surveys (CATI).

Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project

Bilal I Gilani, who is Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan, and the Director of Gallup Pakistan History Project explains the aim of the Project as follows: “Gallup Pakistan has been polling in Pakistan since 1979 (over 40 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.

*Best Regards,
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