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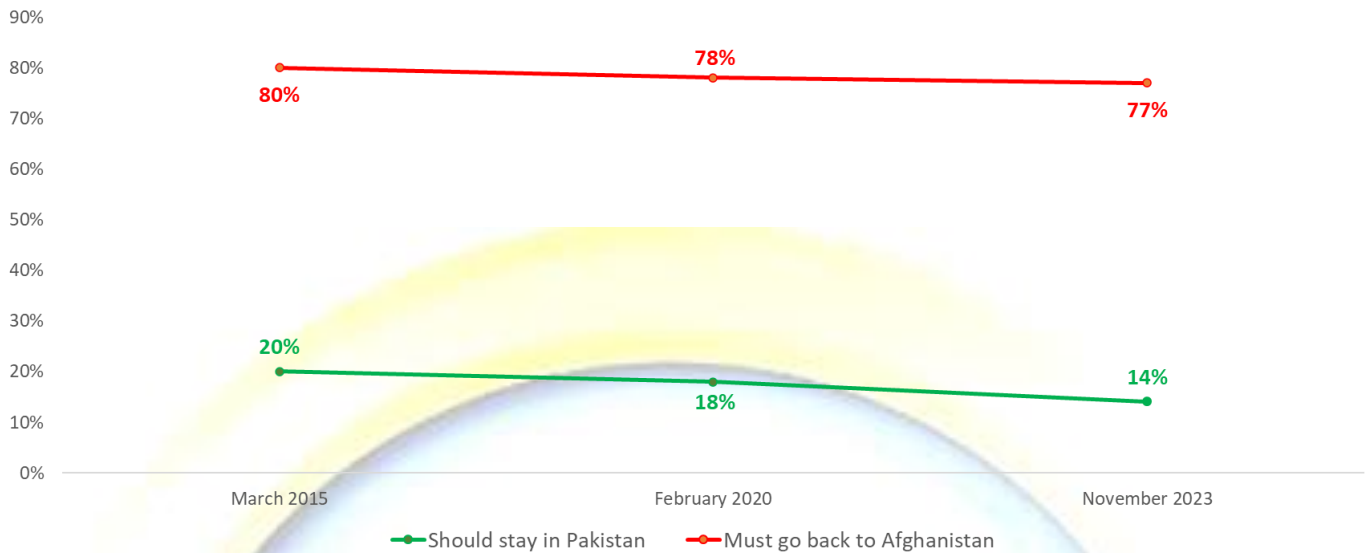
In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2015, a representative sample of adult men and women from across Pakistan was asked the following question, “Please tell me, whether you think Afghan refugees should stay in Pakistan or go back to their country?” In response to this question, 20% said they should stay in Pakistan, while 80% said they must go back to Afghanistan.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2023 to allow a comparison to be made across the years. In 2023, 14% said they should stay in Pakistan, while 77% said they must go back to Afghanistan.

Trend Analysis: The proportion of people who are of the opinion that Afghan refugees should stay in Pakistan have decreased by 6% in the past 8 years, while those opining that they must go to Afghanistan have decreased by 3% during the same period.

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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