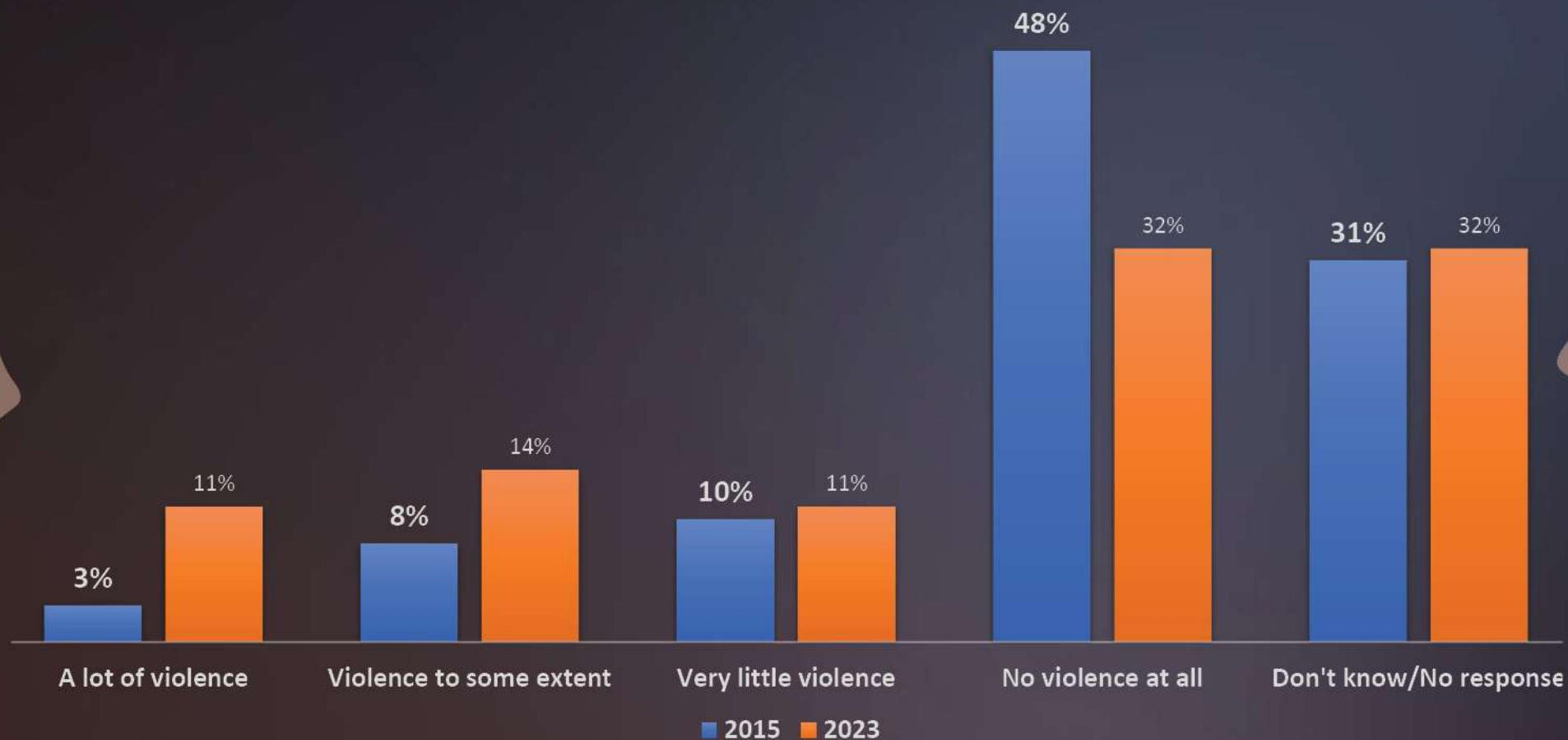


15% more Pakistanis have the opinion that Muslims were involved in violence at varying degrees during the partition of India in 2023 compared to 2015
Gallup & Gilani Pakistan History Project

Question: "During the partition of India, scores of Muslims were massacred and injured.

According to some people, Muslims had also carried out violations of life, property and honour against people of other religions. According to others, however, Muslims had not carried out any kind of violations (for instance loot, plunder and murder). In your opinion to what extent did the Muslims carry out such violations?"





Opinion Poll
History Polls
Society and Crime

15% more Pakistanis have the opinion that Muslims were involved in violence at varying degrees during the partition of India in 2023 compared to 2015
Gallup & Gilani Pakistan History Project

(Islamabad), January 19th, 2024

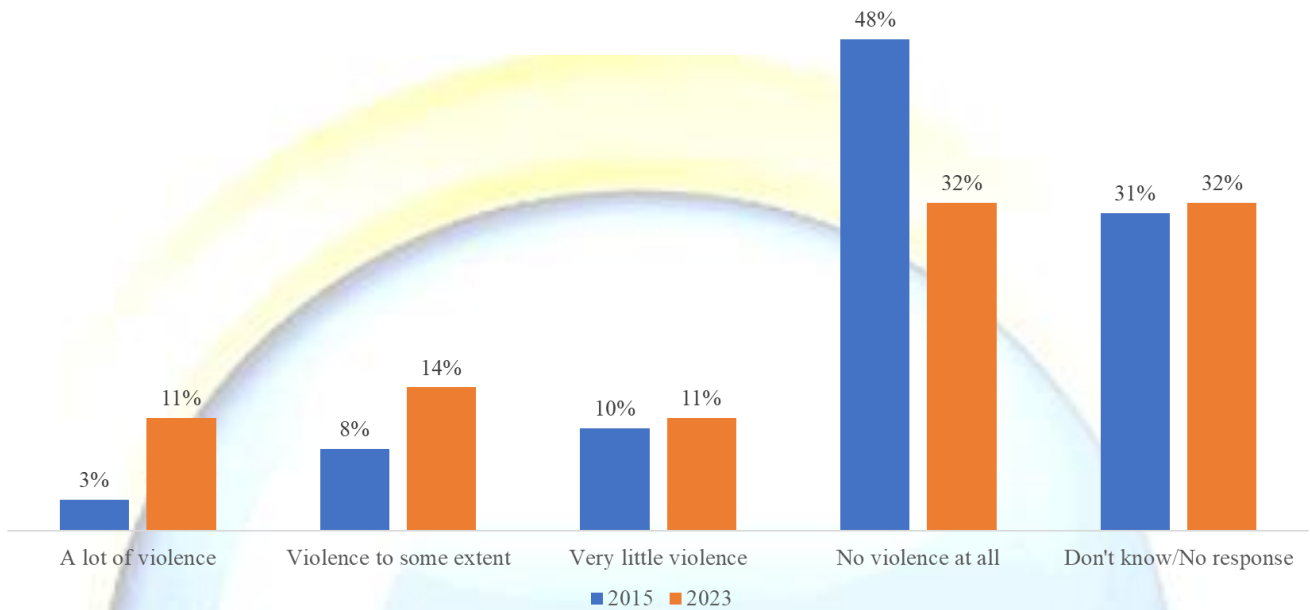
In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2015, a representative sample of adult men and women from across Pakistan was asked the following question, *“During the partition of India, scores of Muslims were massacred and injured. According to some people, Muslims had also carried out violations of life, property and honour against people of other religions. According to others, however, Muslims had not carried out any kind of violations (for instance loot, plunder and murder). In your opinion to what extent did the Muslims carry out such violations?”* In response to this question, 3% responded a lot of violence, 8% responded violence to some extent, 10% responded very little violence, 48% responded no violence at all, while 31% said they did not know or refused to respond.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2023 to allow a comparison to be made across the years. In 2023, 11% were of the opinion that Muslims carried out lot of violence, 14% responded as violence to some extent, 11% responded very little violence, 32% responded no violence at all, while 32% said they did not know or refused to respond.

Trend Analysis: The proportion of people who are of the opinion that Muslims carried out a lot of violence during the partition of Pakistan has increased by 8% since 2015, those opining they carried out violence to some extents have also increased by 6%, those believing they partook in very little violence have increased by 1%, while those of the opinion that they carried out no violence at all have decreased by 16% between 2015 and 2023. Those choosing not to respond, or saying they do not know have relatively remained of the same proportion only increasing by 1% during the same time 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.

Question: “During the partition of India, scores of Muslims were massacred and injured. According to some people, Muslims had also carried out violations of life, property and honour against people of other religions. According to others, however, Muslims had not carried out any kind of violations (for instance loot, plunder and murder). In your opinion to what extent did the Muslims carry out such violations?”



Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan
(www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk, www.gilanifoundation.com)

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 1,303 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted during 17th October – 7th November 2023. The error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 percent 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



Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan
The Pakistani Affiliate of Gallup
International



Friday, January 19th, 2024

(4 Pages, English version Only)

Gilani Research Foundation is a not-for-profit public service project to provide social science research to students, academia, policymakers, and concerned citizens in Pakistan and across the globe.

Gilani Research Foundation is headed by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani who pioneered the field of opinion polling in Pakistan and established Gallup Pakistan in 1980. Currently, Dr. Gilani, who holds a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has taught at leading universities in Pakistan and abroad, is Chairman of Gallup Pakistan.

If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

*Best Regards,
Gallup Pakistan*

Disclaimer: Gallup Pakistan is not related to Gallup Inc. headquartered in Washington D.C. USA. We require that our surveys be credited fully as Gallup Pakistan (not Gallup or Gallup Poll). We disclaim any responsibility for surveys pertaining to Pakistani public opinion except those carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association. For details on Gallup International Association see website: www.gallup-international.com



History Poll
2024



of Gallup Pakistan
(1980-2024)