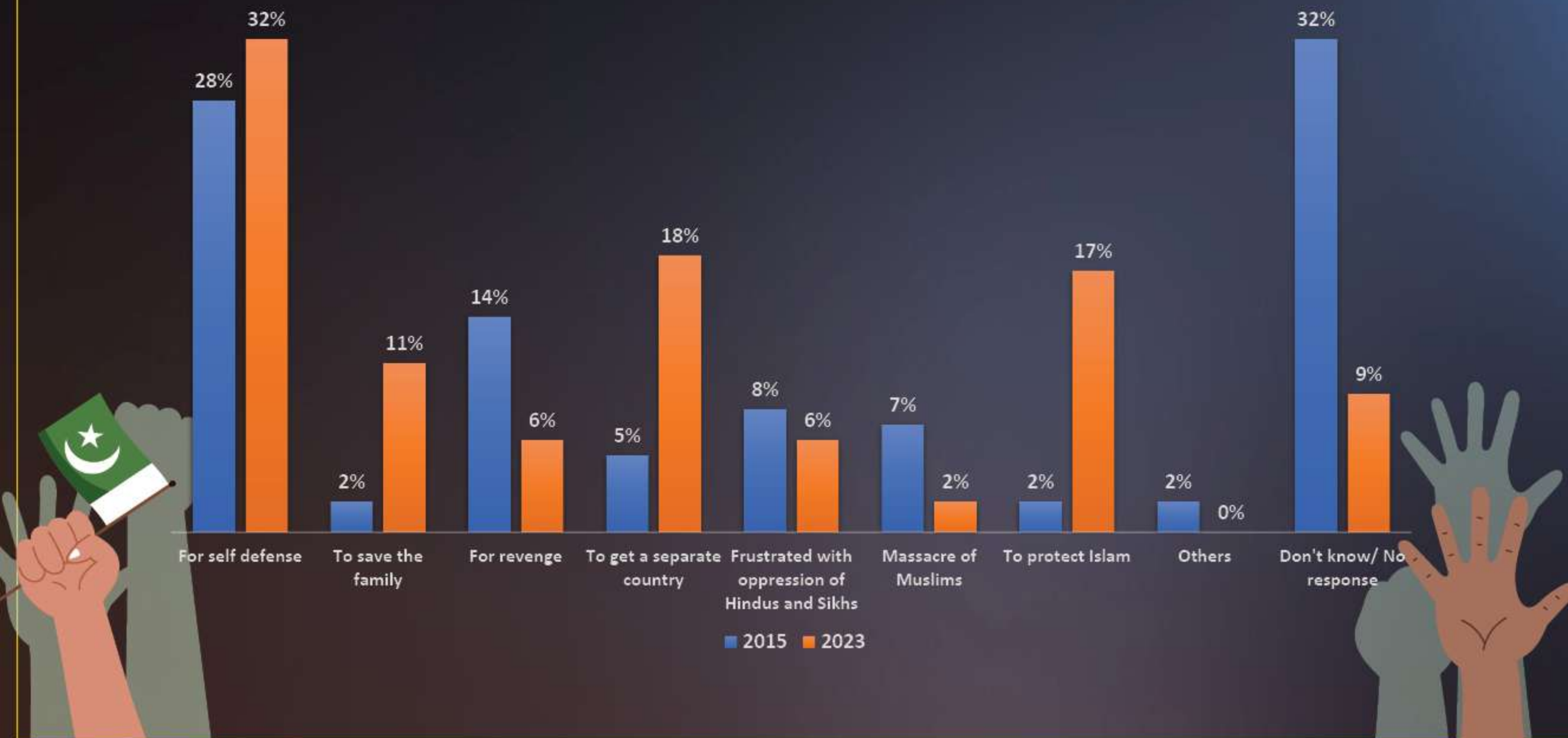


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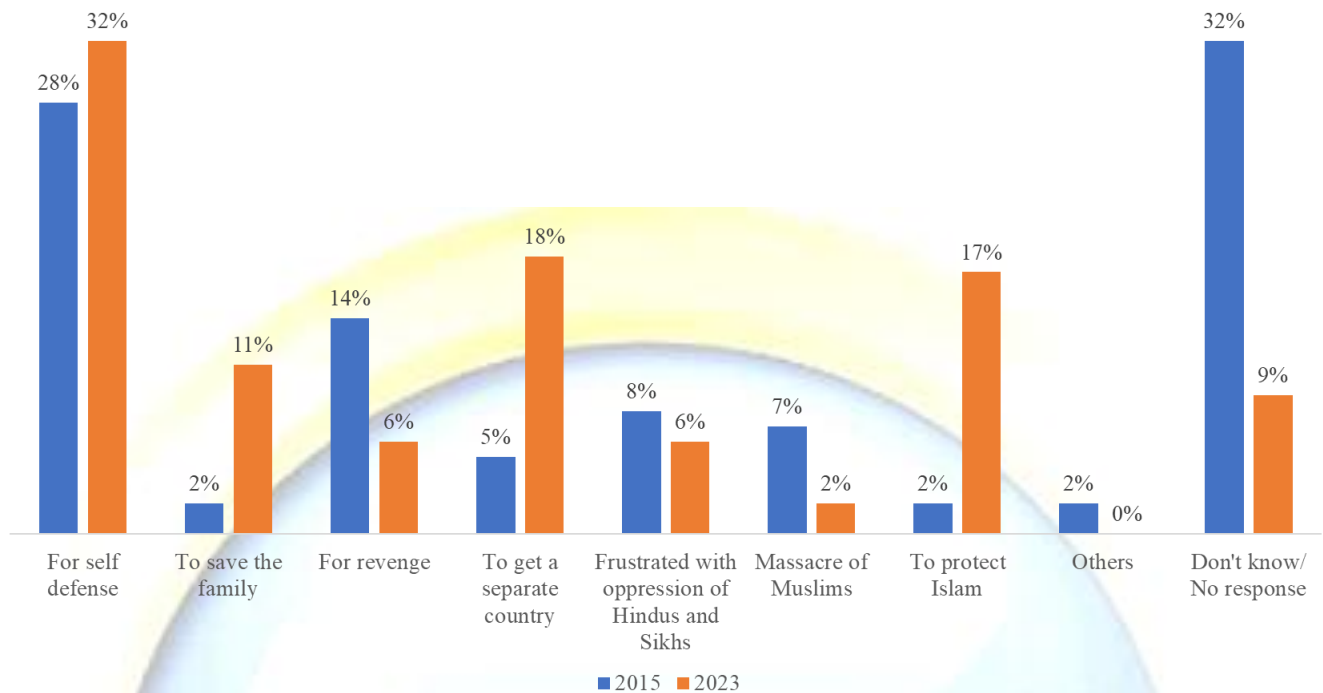
Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2023 to allow a comparison to be made across the years. In 2023, 32% said for self-defense, 11% said to save the family, 6% said for revenge, 18% responded to get a separate country, 6% believed it was because they were frustrated with oppression of Hindus and Sikhs, 2% believed it was in response to the massacre of Muslims, 17% to protect Islam, and 9% said they did not know or refused to respond.

Trend Analysis: Between 2015 and 2023 opinion regarding the reasons behind Muslims carrying out violations during the Partition of India have changed quite a bit, the greatest change is 15% more Pakistanis being of the opinion that violence was carried out to protect Islam, followed by 13% more believing it was done to get a separate country. 9% opined it was to save the family, and 4% more believe it was for self-defense. However, 2% fewer Pakistanis believe Muslims partook in violence because they were frustrated with oppression of Hindus and Sikhs, or for other reasons, 5% less think it was in response to the massacre of Muslims, and 8% think it was for revenge.

It is important to note that the proportion of respondents who either did not know or refused to respond has decreased by a substantial amount from 32% in 2015 to 9% in 2023, hence interpretations of the data should be done accordingly

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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 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



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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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