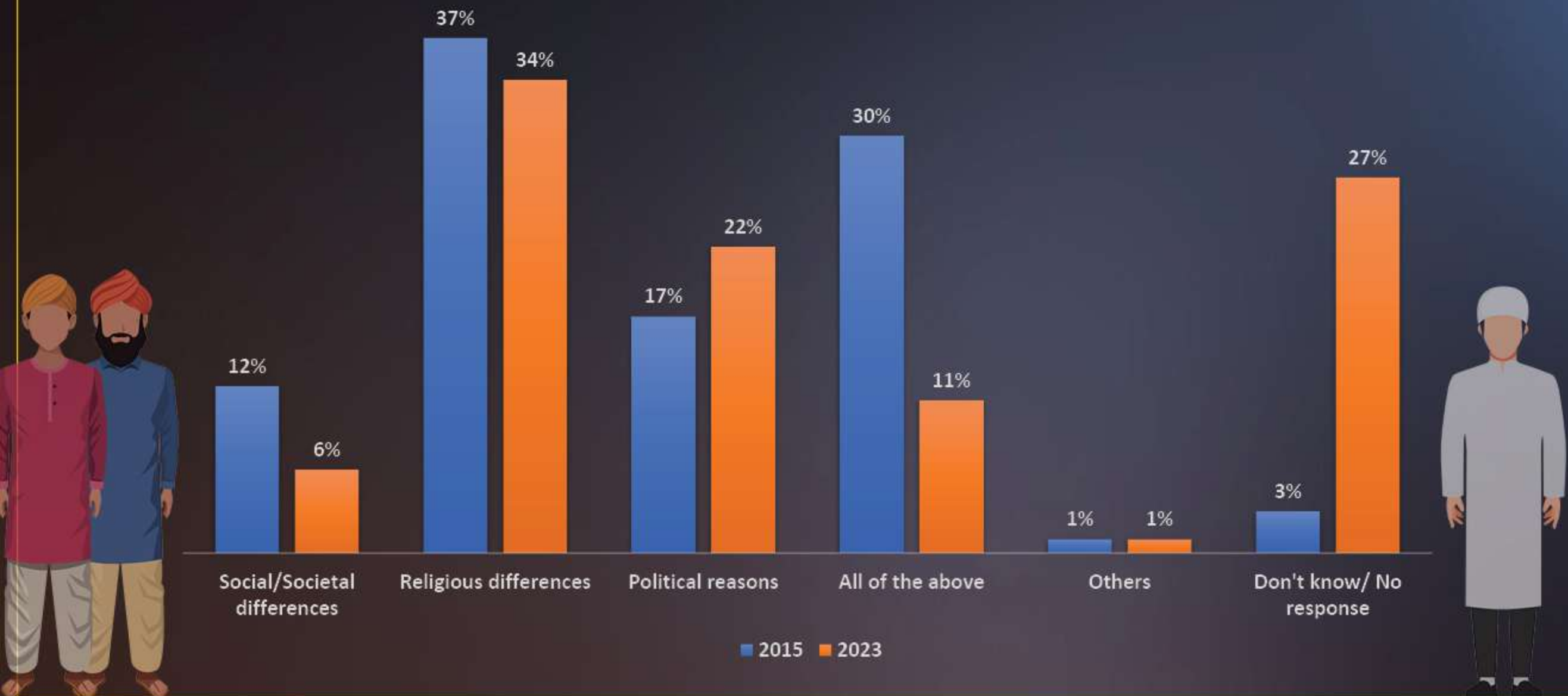


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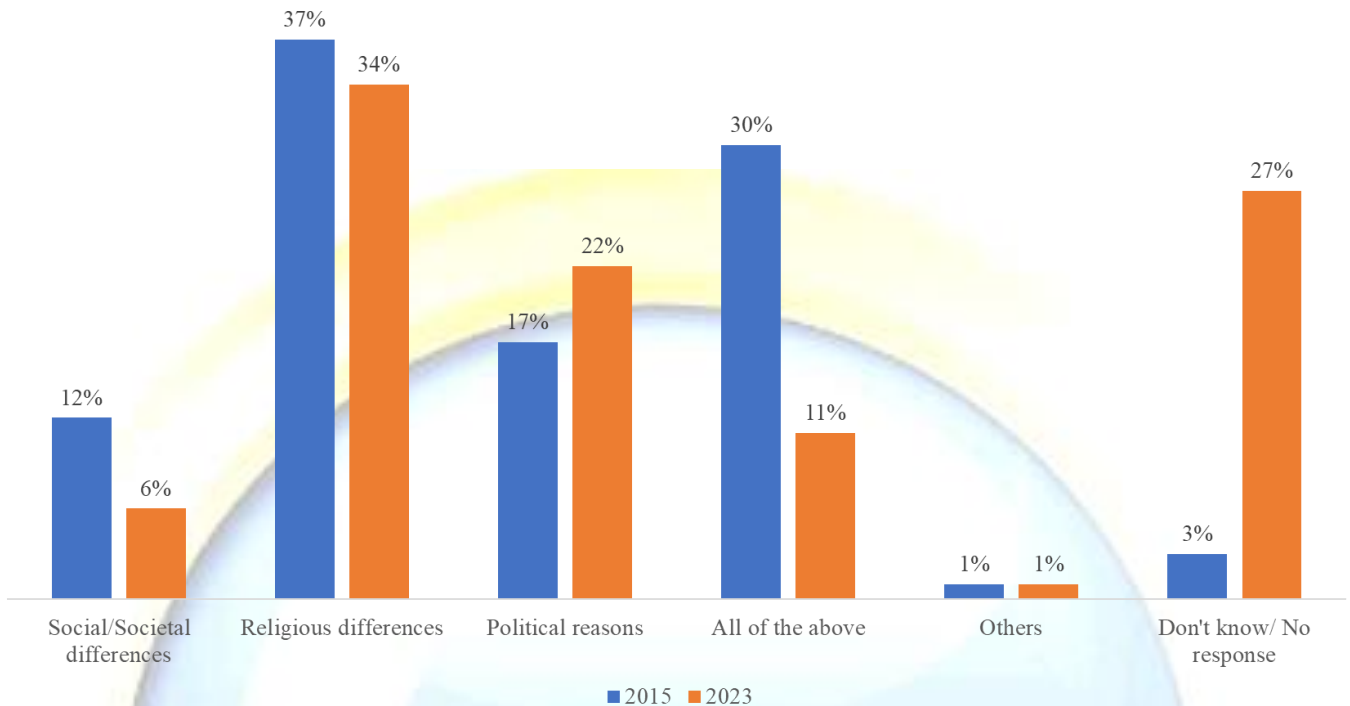
Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2023 to allow a comparison to be made across the years. In 2023, 6% said for ‘Social/societal differences’, 34% said ‘Religious differences’, 22% said ‘Political reasons’, 11% said ‘All of the above’, 1% said ‘Others’ and 27% said they did not know or refused to respond.

Trend Analysis: Between 2015 and 2023 opinion regarding the root cause behind the violence of the Partition of India shifted quite a bit, those attributing the violence to ‘Social/Societal differences’ decreased by 6%, those crediting ‘Religious differences’ decreased by 3%, while those holding ‘Political reasons’ responsible increased by 5%. Meanwhile those opining that all these reasons combined led to this violence decreased by 19%.

It is important to note that the proportion of respondents who either did not know or refused to respond has also significantly increased by 24% from 2015 to 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 $\pm 2-3$ 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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