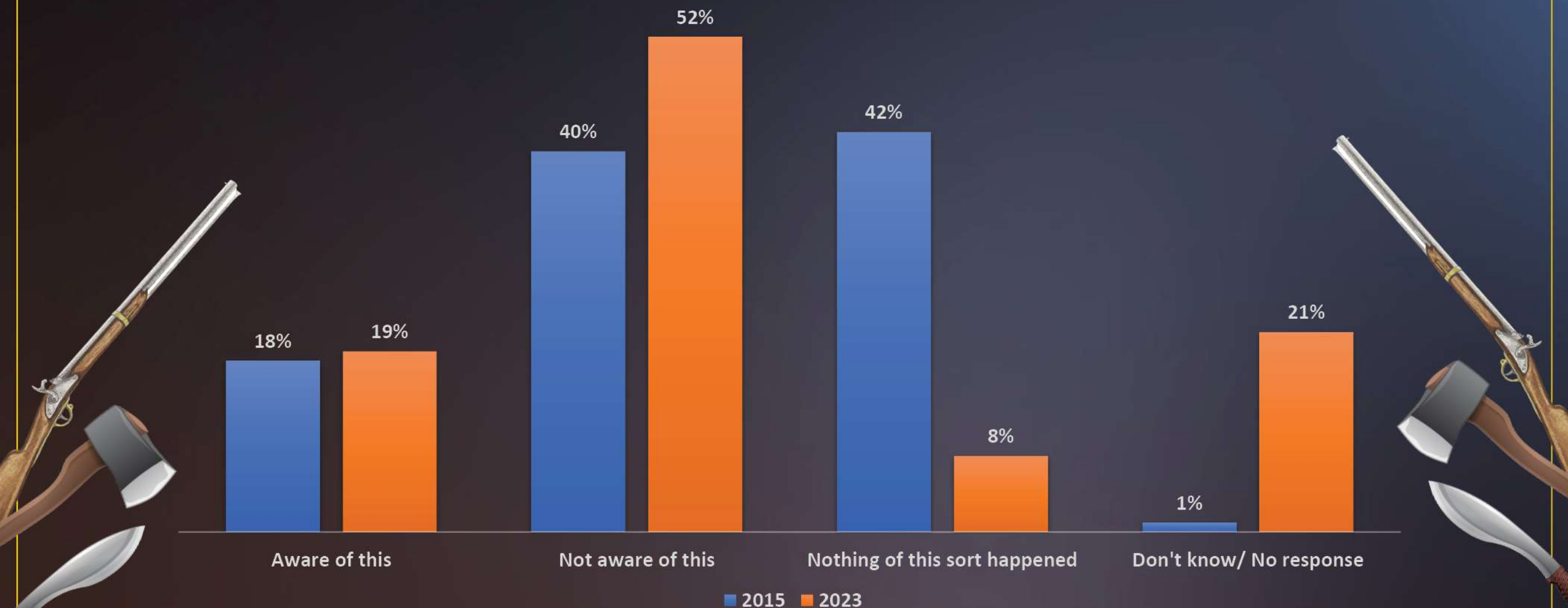


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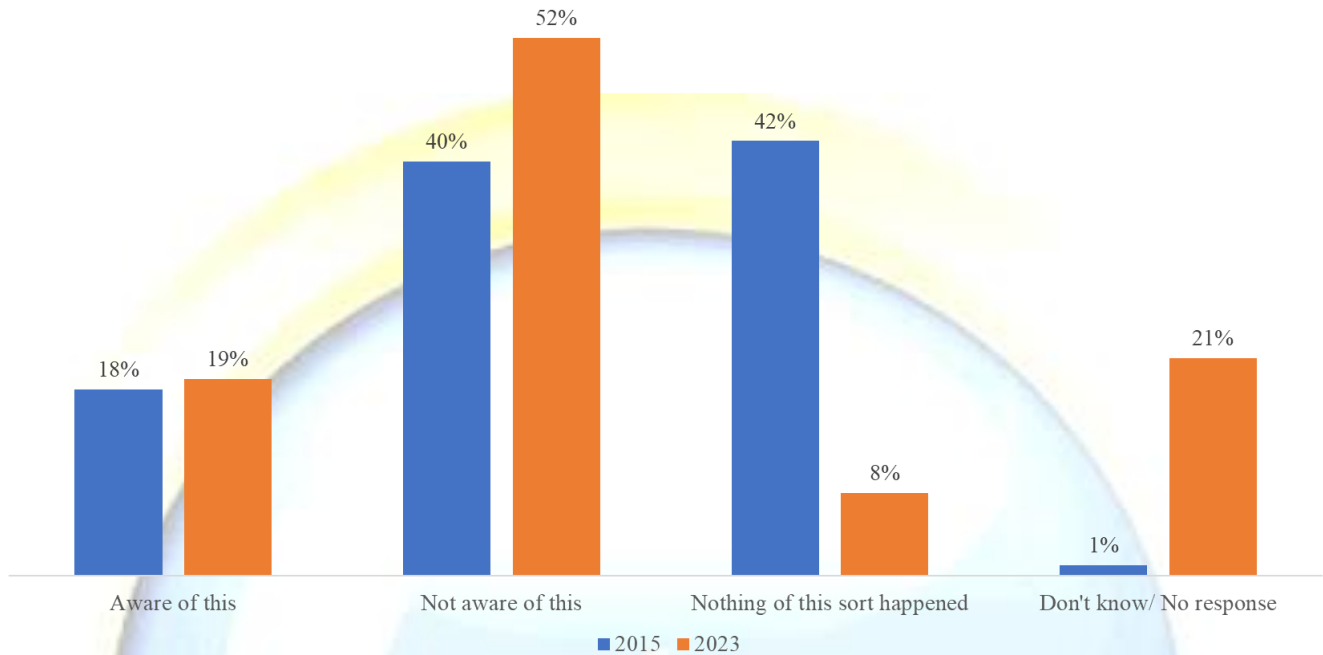
In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2015, a representative sample of adult men and women from across Pakistan was asked the following question, *“According to some people, extremist religious groups (belonging to different religions) were instrumental in distributing secret weapons causing bloody clashes between Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims. Are you aware of this or do you think that nothing of this sort happened?”* In response to this question, 18% said ‘Aware of this’, 40% said ‘Not aware of this’, 42% said ‘Nothing of this sort happened’, and 1% 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, 19% said ‘Aware of this’, 52% said ‘Not aware of this’, 8% said ‘Nothing of this sort happened’, and 21% said they did not know or refused to respond.

Trend Analysis: Between 2015 and 2023, there has been a shift in awareness regarding the involvement of extremist religious groups being instrumental in the distribution of weapons, causing clashes between Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims during 1947. 1% more believe they are aware of such an activity, and 12% more believe they are not aware of this, while 32% fewer people believe that nothing of the sort happened. It is important to note that the proportion of respondents who either did not know or refused to respond has also significantly increased by 20% 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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