

This ABC News/BBC/ARD/Washington Post poll is based on in-person interviews with a random national sample of 1,691 Afghan adults Oct. 29–Nov. 13, 2010. The results have a 3.5-point error margin. Fieldwork was conducted by the Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and Opinion Research in Kabul.

**Q1.** *Generally speaking, do you think things in Afghanistan today are going in the right direction, or do you think they are going in the wrong direction?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
	<b>%</b>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Right direction	59	70	40	54	55	77	64
Wrong direction	28	21	38	24	22	6	11
Mixed	10	5	14	15	17	11	8
No opinion	3	3	9	7	5	6	16

**Q2.** *In your view, what is the biggest problem facing Afghanistan as a whole? And after that, what is the next biggest problem?*

<b>Biggest Problem</b>	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	<b>%</b>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Economy/poverty/jobs	28	34	34
Security/warlords/attacks/violence	37	32	38
Weak government/Corruption	14	14	9
Reconstruction problems	6	8	7
Foreign influence	3	2	2
Education/schools/literacy	6	4	4
Drug trade/poppy cultivation	2	2	2
Discord/Lack of unity	1	1	1
No opinion	2	2	3

<b>Next Biggest Problem</b>	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	<b>%</b>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Economy/poverty/jobs	30	34	37
Security/warlords/attacks/violence	19	20	19
Weak government/Corruption	13	12	12
Reconstruction problems	7	8	7
Foreign influence	2	2	2
Education/schools/literacy	8	5	2
Drug trade/poppy cultivation	2	2	3
Discord/Lack of unity	1	1	1
No opinion	16	15	16

**Q3.** *I would like to ask you about today's conditions in the village/neighbourhood where you live?*

Your living conditions overall

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	10	16	10	11	11	15
Somewhat good	60	55	52	59	65	68
Somewhat bad	23	20	27	23	21	13
Very bad	8	9	11	5	3	3
No opinion	-	-	-	1	-	1

#### Security from crime and violence

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	16	16	15	16	20	28
Somewhat good	41	38	40	50	49	45
Somewhat bad	32	31	29	24	25	19
Very bad	11	12	13	8	6	5
No opinion	1	2	3	1	0	3

#### Availability of jobs/economic opportunities

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	5	8	4	3	5	5
Somewhat good	28	33	25	23	28	30
Somewhat bad	37	33	37	45	49	41
Very bad	30	25	33	28	17	19
No opinion	1	2	1	1	0	6

#### Roads, bridges and other infrastructure

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	12	15	9	4	6	2
Somewhat good	38	36	34	27	24	21
Somewhat bad	30	28	33	36	39	39
Very bad	19	20	24	33	30	37
No opinion	1	1	-	1	0	1

#### Availability of clean water

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	19	26	23	17	14	18
Somewhat	40	38	42	37	40	40

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Somewhat bad	22	20	20	28	31	31
Very bad	18	15	15	18	15	10
No opinion	1	1	-	1	0	0

#### Supply of electricity

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	18	17	5	4	4	4
Somewhat good	19	22	14	10	17	14
Somewhat bad	20	17	17	23	28	29
Very bad	41	42	60	61	50	52
No opinion	2	3	4	2	0	1

#### Availability of food

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	12	14	9	11	17	22
Somewhat good	53	52	54	54	64	56
Somewhat bad	26	22	25	27	14	17
Very bad	8	9	10	6	4	3
No opinion	2	2	2	1	0	2

#### Availability of medical care

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	13	14	7	6	9	12
Somewhat good	41	38	43	40	40	33
Somewhat bad	32	33	33	35	39	44
Very bad	14	15	16	18	12	11
No opinion	1	1	-	1	0	1

#### Local schools

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	26	28	28	21	18	25
Somewhat good	45	43	49	49	55	55

Somewhat bad	18	18	15	15	23	13
Very bad	10	9	7	14	4	6
No opinion	1	2	1	1	0	0

#### Rights of women

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	11	19	15	17	21
Somewhat good	41	44	44	44	50
Somewhat bad	30	21	23	22	22
Very bad	16	12	14	14	6
No opinion	2	3	4	3	0

#### Your freedom of movement – the ability to go where you wish safely

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007
	%	%	%	%
Very good	16	23	24	27
Somewhat good	41	43	36	44
Somewhat bad	30	21	29	18
Very bad	12	11	10	10
No opinion	-	2	1	2

#### Security from the Taliban and other armed groups

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Very good	19	16	19
Somewhat good	28	31	30
Somewhat bad	32	30	27
Very bad	20	19	22
No opinion	2	3	2

#### Your ability to afford the price of things you want and need

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Very good	7	7	4
Somewhat good	37	43	37
Somewhat bad	38	34	38
Very bad	18	15	20
No opinion	-	3	1

#### Support for agriculture, including the availability of seed, fertilizer and farming equipment

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%

Very good	7	11	6
Somewhat good	27	34	31
Somewhat bad	41	32	30
Very bad	23	19	23
No opinion	2	5	11

**Q4.** Now for each of these would you say it's getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Your living conditions overall

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	35
Getting worse	26
About the Same	38
No opinion	1

Security from crime and violence

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	31
Getting worse	40
About the Same	28
No opinion	1

Availability of jobs or economic opportunities

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	22
Getting worse	40
About the Same	38
No opinion	1

Freedom to express political opinion

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	29
Getting worse	34
About the Same	33
No opinion	5

The rights of women

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	32
Getting worse	32

About the Same	32
No opinion	3

Roads, bridges and other infrastructure

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	40
Getting worse	28
About the Same	31
No opinion	2

Your freedom of movement – the ability to go where you wish safely

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	32
Getting worse	39
About the Same	28
No opinion	1

Security from the Taliban and other armed groups

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Getting Better	30
Getting worse	35
About the Same	33
No opinion	3

**Q5.** *What is your expectation for things overall in your life a year from now? Will they be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Much Better	22	31	14	14	11	23
Somewhat Better	43	40	37	36	43	44
About the Same	22	19	28	26	23	13
Somewhat Worse	8	4	10	7	7	0
Much Worse	2	1	3	2	2	1
No opinion	3	5	8	15	14	19

**Q6.** *Do you think your children will have a better life than you, worse, or about the same?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Better	56	61	47	51
Worse	17	11	14	11
About the Same	20	19	21	21

No opinion	8	9	18	17
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Q7. How would you rate the work of:

Present government

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Excellent	15	19	10	15	15	27
Good	43	41	38	44	48	53
Fair	26	25	30	29	27	14
Poor	13	10	18	11	9	5
No opinion	4	5	3	1	0	1

Hamid Karzai as President of Afghanistan

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Excellent	23	28	16	26	21	45
Good	39	44	36	37	46	38
Fair	27	19	29	28	25	14
Poor	11	8	18	8	7	2
No opinion	1	1	1	1	0	1

Provincial government here

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Excellent	13	14	10	10	10
Good	45	44	35	41	42
Fair	29	29	36	32	36
Poor	11	12	17	13	11
No opinion	1	1	1	3	1

Police in this area

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Excellent	19	19	15
Good	46	44	42
Fair	24	26	32
Poor	10	10	11
No opinion	1	2	1

Afghan Army forces

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Excellent	25	28	18
Good	40	41	39
Fair	26	20	26

Poor	7	6	8
No opinion	2	4	9

U.S. in Afghanistan

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Excellent	5	6	5	8	12	20
Good	27	32	27	35	45	48
Fair	40	33	36	32	27	22
Poor	27	25	27	21	15	8
No opinion	2	3	5	5	1	3

NATO/ISAF Forces

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Excellent	7	7	6
Good	24	28	27
Fair	39	35	36
Poor	28	27	26
No opinion	2	4	5

Foreign aid organizations

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Excellent	11	14	12
Good	32	37	33
Fair	38	31	32
Poor	17	17	19
No opinion	2	2	4

The UN in Afghanistan

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Excellent	14	21
Good	41	40
Fair	31	28
Poor	13	9
No opinion	2	2

**Q8.** Here in this district, how much influence do you think Hamid Karzai has as president?

	2010
	%
A great deal	31
A good amount	40
Just some	14
Very little	10
None	3



No opinion	2
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**Q9.** *Who would you rather have ruling Afghanistan today?*

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Current government	86	90	82	84	88	91
Taliban	9	6	4	4	3	1
Other	1	-	10	6	4	2
No opinion	5	3	4	6	5	6

**Q10.** *Which of the following do you think poses the biggest danger in our country?*

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Taliban	64	69	58	52	57	41
Drug traffickers	14	11	13	23	20	28
Local commanders	6	6	7	9	9	22
United States	6	4	8	10	8	4
Current Afghan government	1	2	1	1	3	2
Something else	5	3	10	2	0	2
No opinion	2	4	3	2	0	2

**Q11.** *On another subject, say a government representative asks for money or other payment in exchange for favourable treatment in the performance of his official duties. Do you personally regard this as corruption, do you see it as acceptable behaviour, or do you think it depends and may be corrupt in some cases but acceptable in others?*

	2010
	%
Corruption	73
Acceptable behaviour	8
Depends	17
No opinion	2

**Q12.** *Has it ever happened to you personally that a representative of.....has asked for money or other payment in exchange for favourable treatment in the performance of his official duties?*

2010	Yes	No
	%	%
Afghan national police	21	78
Afghan national army	7	92
Provincial government	27	72

**IF YES:**

**Q13.** *The last time this happened, did you regard this as corruption or did you see it as acceptable behaviour in this case?*

2010	Corruption	Acceptable	No opinion
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	%	%	%
Afghan national police	75	22	3
Afghan national army	55	40	5
Provincial government	78	17	5

**Q14.** *Imagine that you have a complaint about a government official. Do you think filing a complaint with the authorities would make your situation better, make your situation worse, or have no effect?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Make situation better	30
Make situation worse	28
Have no effect	37
No opinion	5

**Q15.** *Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area:*

<b>2010</b>	Yes	Yes09D	Yes09J	No	No09D	No09J
	%	%	%	%	%	%
School	62	69	72	38	30	27
Health clinic	47	50	45	52	49	54
Government offices	30	34	31	66	62	65
Mosque	54	58	53	44	41	44
Police station	42	46	44	55	50	51
Road	58	56	47	41	43	52

**Q16.** *Have any of the following projects been started in this area in the past five years, but then been stopped for security reasons?*

<b>2010</b>	Yes	No
	%	%
School	20	79
Health clinic	14	84
Government offices	12	84
Mosque	15	82
Police station	17	79
Road	22	75

**Q17.** *Thinking now about just the last year, have any such projects been started in the past year, or not?*

<b>2010</b>	Yes	No
	%	%
School	40	58
Health clinic	26	71
Government offices	19	77
Mosque	37	59
Police station	31	66
Road	45	52

**Q18.** *Thinking now about foreign aid money – that is money from foreign sources used for community development and support - as far as you are aware, is foreign aid money being spent.....in this area, or not?*

<b>2010</b>	Yes	No	No opinion
	%	%	%
on infrastructure projects	51	46	3
to provide food, medical assistance and other necessities	47	49	4

**IF YES to EITHER**

**Q19.** *Do you feel this foreign aid money is mainly being put to good use, or mainly being wasted?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Put to good use	51
Mainly being wasted	41
No opinion	9

**Q20.** *How much of the foreign aid money coming into this country do you think is being misdirected for personal gain by government officials?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Great deal	28
Good amount	39
Just some	19
Hardly any	8
None	4
No opinion	2

**Q21.** *Overall, how much of a problem is the issue of corruption among government officials or the police in this area?*

	<b>2010</b>	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Big problem	50	76	63	45	55
Moderate problem	35	19	21	27	23
Small problem	11	3	8	10	11
Not a problem	3	-	3	11	9
No opinion	1	2	4	6	2

**Q22.** *Is it your opinion that corruption among government officials or the police has increased over the last year or so, decreased, or has it remained about the same?*

	<b>2010</b>	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Increased	37	44	50

Decreased	33	31	22
Remained about the same	29	25	21
No opinion	2	-	7

**Q23.** *Beyond any corruption occurring in your local area, what is your view of the level of corruption?*

Within the government of this province?

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Big problem	61	64
Moderate problem	31	26
Small problem	6	6
Not a problem	1	2
No opinion	1	2

At the national level within the government in Kabul?

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Big problem	65	64
Moderate problem	22	19
Small problem	9	9
Not a problem	2	2
No opinion	2	5

**Q24.** *From today's perspective, do you think it was very good, mostly good, mostly bad or very bad that U.S. military forces came into our country to bring down the Taliban government in 2001?*

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	34	41	27	35	45	48
Mostly good	40	42	42	40	43	39
Mostly bad	12	9	12	10	7	6
Very bad	12	6	12	10	4	3
No opinion	3	2	7	4	1	4

**Q25.** *Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today?*

U.S. military forces

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	16	21	12	20	30
Somewhat support	47	47	51	51	48
Somewhat oppose	23	17	21	15	15

Strongly oppose	15	14	15	12	6
No opinion	1	1	2	2	1

NATO/ISAF military forces

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	13	18	13	25	30
Somewhat support	41	44	46	42	48
Somewhat oppose	29	21	24	17	15
Strongly oppose	16	16	16	13	6
No opinion	1	2	2	2	1

Jihadi fighters from other countries

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	4	3	2	1	1
Somewhat support	13	14	9	13	10
Somewhat oppose	25	27	27	27	27
Strongly oppose	57	54	60	56	61
No opinion	1	2	3	3	1

Fighters from the Taliban

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	3	3	2	1	1
Somewhat support	8	7	6	4	3
Somewhat oppose	21	19	20	19	14
Strongly oppose	67	70	70	73	81
No opinion	1	2	2	3	1

Foreign aid organizations

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
Strongly support	26	30	30
Somewhat support	46	45	43
Somewhat oppose	16	14	14
Strongly oppose	11	9	10
No opinion	1	2	2

**Q26.** Who do you blame the most for the violence that is occurring in the country?

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Taliban	33	42	27	36
Al Qaeda/foreign jihadis	20	24	22	22

U.S./American forces	14	5	12	9
Obama/Bush/U.S. government/America	7	2	6	7
Local commanders/warlords	7	7	6	6
Drug traffickers	4	6	5	6
Afghan government/Karzai	6	6	12	5
Afghan forces	3	1	3	2
NATO/ISAF forces	3	3	3	3
Other	1	3	3	-
No opinion	1	1	1	2

**Q27.** *Over the past 12 months, would you say the Taliban in Afghanistan have grown stronger, grown weaker, or remained about the same?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Grown stronger	31	30	43	42
Grown weaker	33	40	24	24
Remained about same	33	25	25	26
No opinion	3	5	8	8

**Q28.** *In the terms of each item below, over the past 12 months would you say the performance of U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces has got better, got worse, or remained about the same?*

Providing security in our country

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>
	%	%
Better	36	35
Worse	32	37
About the Same	31	27
No opinion	1	1

Avoiding civilian casualties

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>
	%	%
Better	30	24
Worse	39	43
About the Same	30	31
No opinion	1	3

Providing reconstruction and development assistance

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>
	%	%
Better	32	33
Worse	30	28
About the Same	37	35
No opinion	2	3

Supporting local authorities

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Better	28
Worse	28
About the Same	40
No opinion	4

Training the Afghan National Army and local police

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Better	53
Worse	20
About the Same	24
No opinion	4

**Q29.** *Do you think the government in Kabul should negotiate a settlement with Afghan Taliban in which they are allowed to hold political offices if they agree to stop fighting, or do you think the government in Kabul should continue to fight the Taliban and not negotiate a settlement?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Negotiate a settlement	73	65	64	60
Continue to fight Taliban	23	28	25	32
No opinion	4	7	11	8

**Q30.** *As you may have heard, the Afghan central government has entered into informal negotiations with the Taliban. How willing would you be to accept an agreement between the central government and the Taliban?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very willing	37
Somewhat willing	27
Not so willing	18
Not willing at all	15
Depends	2
No opinion	1

**Q31.** *What if an agreement to stop the fighting ceded control over certain provinces to the Taliban – would you be very willing, somewhat willing, not so willing, or not willing at all to accept such an agreement?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very willing	13
Somewhat willing	24
Not so willing	16

Not willing at all	45
No opinion	2

**Q32.** *Is it your impression that the Taliban have changed and become more moderate, or do you think they remain the same as they were when they ruled Afghanistan before?*

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
The Taliban are more moderate now	32	28	24
The Taliban are the same as before	63	63	64
No opinion	5	9	12

**Q33.** *At present there are attacks against U.S. and other military forces in some parts of Afghanistan. Under current circumstances, do you think attacks against U.S. military forces or NATO/ISAF in Afghanistan can be justified or cannot be justified?*

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan*	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Justified	27	8	25	17	13	30
Not justified	64	76	64	74	78	60
No opinion	9	16	11	8	9	10

\* NATO/ISF only in both 2009 surveys

**Q34.** *The Americans have added 30,000 additional U.S. troops to their force in Afghanistan, and other NATO countries have added 7,000 more. Is this increase in U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces something you support strongly, support somewhat, oppose somewhat, or oppose strongly?*

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Support strongly	14	22
Support somewhat	35	39
Oppose somewhat	24	18
Oppose strongly	25	18
No opinion	2	3

**Q35.** *The American President Obama has set forth several goals. As I name each of those goals, please tell me if you think the Americans and NATO are or are not making progress toward this goal?*

2010	Great deal of progress	Some progress	No progress	No opinion
	%	%	%	%
Training Afghan forces to be able to take over security in our country starting next summer.	30	54	15	2
Preventing al Qaeda from establishing bases of	20	46	32	2



operation in Afghanistan.				
Preventing the Taliban from retaking control of the country.	19	44	34	2
Reducing official corruption in Afghanistan	15	38	45	3
Strengthening Afghanistan's government so it can better serve all Afghans	22	47	29	2
Improving economic development in our country	19	44	35	2
Preventing al Qaeda and the Taliban from maintaining bases of operation in Pakistan	17	40	40	3

**Q36.** *The American President Barack Obama has said he will begin withdrawing U.S. forces next summer. Would it be your preference to have American and NATO/ISAF forces begin to leave Afghanistan next summer, should they leave sooner than next summer, or should they stay longer than that?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
American and NATO/ISAF forces should begin to leave Afghanistan next summer	27
They should leave sooner than next summer	28
They should stay longer than that	17
Depends on security situation	26
No opinion	2

**Q37.** *Imagine the security situation in our country gets much worse in the next six months. In that case would you want U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces to leave sooner, or to stay longer?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Leave sooner	41
Stay longer	54
No opinion	5

**Q38.** *Now imagine the security situation in our country gets much better in the next six months. In that case would you want U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces to leave sooner, or to stay longer?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Leave sooner	59
Stay longer	37
No opinion	5

**Q39.** *I'm going to mention some groups. For each, please say how much of a presence it has in this area: A very strong presence, a fairly strong presence, a fairly weak presence or no significant presence at all?*

Central government led by Hamid Karzai

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	33	41	26	31	23
Fairly strong presence	42	38	41	43	47
Fairly weak presence	19	15	27	18	25
No significant presence at all	5	4	5	6	4
No opinion	1	1	1	1	0

Provincial government

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	31	28	25	26	21
Fairly strong presence	46	48	44	43	51
Fairly weak presence	20	20	27	24	27
No significant presence at all	3	3	4	5	1
No opinion	-	1	-	1	0

Local police

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	38	32	29	28	30
Fairly strong presence	42	42	44	39	48
Fairly weak presence	42	18	21	26	20
No significant presence at all	17	5	4	6	2
No opinion	1	3	1	1	0

Local commanders and their militias

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	10	9	7	5	4
Fairly strong presence	24	20	16	22	24
Fairly weak presence	34	37	36	40	41
No significant presence at all	32	31	39	31	30
No opinion	1	3	3	2	2

The Taliban

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%

Very strong presence	4	3	3	3	2
Fairly strong presence	11	11	10	7	6
Fairly weak presence	30	22	21	15	17
No significant presence at all	55	62	63	71	74
No opinion	1	2	3	4	2

Drug traffickers

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	3	2	3	2	3
Fairly strong presence	11	11	11	9	9
Fairly weak presence	32	30	28	21	29
No significant presence at all	52	53	54	62	55
No opinion	3	4	5	6	5

United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	6	7	6	11	14
Fairly strong presence	30	33	29	39	44
Fairly weak presence	35	29	39	26	22
No significant presence at all	28	26	24	21	17
No opinion	2	5	2	3	3

Foreign jihadis

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	4	4	2	3
Fairly strong presence	13	14	12	11
Fairly weak presence	29	26	22	22
No significant presence at all	53	50	57	56
No opinion	3	6	8	8

Foreign aid organizations

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	11	11	9
Fairly strong presence	32	37	32
Fairly weak presence	30	28	36
No significant presence at all	23	21	20
No opinion	2	3	3

The Afghan National Army

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>
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	%	%
Very strong presence	26	32
Fairly strong presence	43	39
Fairly weak presence	18	15
No significant presence at all	11	12
No opinion	1	2

**Q40.** Now, for each group I mention, please tell me how confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area – very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

Central government led by Hamid Karzai

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	38	46	28	35	32
Fairly confident	43	37	47	47	47
Not very confident	14	11	19	12	16
Not at all confident	5	5	6	5	4
No opinion	-	1	1	1	0

Provincial government

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	32	31	24	28	24
Fairly confident	47	45	45	46	52
Not very confident	16	16	24	18	21
Not at all confident	5	7	6	7	3
No opinion	-	1	1	1	0

Local police

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	34	34	28	25	29
Fairly confident	43	42	47	42	50
Not very confident	15	15	17	24	17
Not at all confident	7	7	7	9	4
No opinion	1	2	1	1	0

Local commanders and their militias

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	7	9	5	5	3
Fairly confident	20	20	13	21	17
Not very confident	32	30	27	31	32
Not at all confident	41	38	52	41	47

No opinion	1	3	3	2	1
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The Taliban

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	3	4	2	1	2
Fairly confident	6	7	5	7	4
Not very confident	18	11	10	12	9
Not at all confident	72	76	79	77	84
No opinion	1	2	3	3	2

United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	5	7	6	12	18
Fairly confident	31	40	35	40	49
Not very confident	33	25	27	23	17
Not at all confident	31	24	29	22	14
No opinion	1	3	3	3	3

Foreign jihadis

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007
	%	%	%	%
Very confident	4	4	1	2
Fairly confident	11	14	11	10
Not very confident	24	21	17	21
Not at all confident	60	56	67	63
No opinion	1	4	3	4

The Afghan National Army

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Very confident	42	43
Fairly confident	41	40
Not very confident	12	10
Not at all confident	6	6
No opinion	-	2

**Q41.** For each of these groups, what would you say is its level of support among the people in this area – very strong support, fairly strong support, fairly weak support or no significant support at all?

Central government led by Hamid Karzai

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%

Very strong support	36	40	27	35	28
Fairly strong support	42	40	38	46	50
Fairly weak support	16	14	26	14	19
No significant support at all	5	5	8	5	2
No opinion	1	-	1	1	1

#### Provincial government

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	30	26	22	27	22
Fairly strong support	47	47	42	45	51
Fairly weak support	18	19	26	20	22
No significant support at all	5	8	9	6	3
No opinion	1	-	1	1	1

#### Local police

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	32	28	23	24	26
Fairly strong support	44	43	43	40	49
Fairly weak support	17	20	23	25	21
No significant support at all	5	8	8	10	3
No opinion	2	2	2	1	1

#### Local commanders and their militias

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	7	7	4	4	4
Fairly strong support	17	18	13	20	16
Fairly weak support	35	31	29	34	36
No significant support at all	39	42	49	39	43
No opinion	2	2	5	3	1

#### Taliban

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	3	4	3	2	2
Fairly strong support	8	8	6	5	4
Fairly weak support	23	14	13	13	13
No significant support at all	65	71	72	75	79
No opinion	2	3	6	4	2

#### Drug traffickers

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%	%

Very strong support	2	2	1	2	1
Fairly strong support	8	7	6	6	6
Fairly weak support	23	22	17	15	19
No significant support at all	65	65	68	71	70
No opinion	3	5	8	6	3

United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	6	7	5	11	18
Fairly strong support	29	33	32	42	49
Fairly weak support	38	33	32	22	18
No significant support at all	25	24	26	22	13
No opinion	2	3	5	3	1

Foreign jihadis

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan	2007
	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	4	4	2	3
Fairly strong support	12	12	12	12
Fairly weak support	26	25	18	20
No significant support at all	55	53	61	58
No opinion	3	5	8	7

The Afghan National Army

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Very strong support	39	42
Fairly strong support	42	40
Fairly weak support	13	10
No significant support at all	5	6
No opinion	1	2

**Q42.** *To the extent that support for the Taliban exists anywhere in Afghanistan, do you have any sense of why people might support them? For each item I name, please tell me if you think it may or may not be a reason for others to support the Taliban.*

**IF YES:** *Do you think that could be a strong reason, or not a strong one?*

2010	strong reason	Not a strong reason	Not a reason	No opinion
	%	%	%	%
For religious reasons.	35	41	21	3
Because they agree with its goals.	18	39	41	2
Because they are threatened	26	42	29	2

or forced.				
Because the Taliban are better at delivering services	12	28	58	3
Because the Taliban are opposing the foreign forces	30	38	30	2
Because there is too much corruption in the government	30	41	27	2

**Q43.** *Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area?*

<b>2010</b>	Yes	No
	%	%
The delivery of night letters	24	74
Bombings	30	68
Killing individuals	35	62
Burning schools/government buildings	27	72
Fighting government or foreign troops	40	59
People giving food/money to Taliban	24	74

**Q44.** *For each item I read, please tell me if it has or has not occurred in this area?*

	No	Yes, in Past year	Yes, longer than 1 year
	%	%	%
Car bombs, suicide attacks	59	28	12
Snipers, crossfire	55	24	19
Kidnappings for ransom	58	22	18
Bombing or shelling by U.S., NATO or ISAF forces	64	19	13
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by U.S., NATO or ISAF forces	61	20	16
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the Afghan army or police	69	15	14
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the Taliban, Al Qaeda or foreign jihadis	53	25	20

**Q45.** *Do you think the use of air strikes by the U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces is acceptable because it helps defeat the Taliban and other anti-government fighters, or unacceptable because it endangers too many innocent civilians?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
Acceptable	22	27	16
Unacceptable	73	66	77
No opinion	5	7	8



**Q46.** *When civilians are harmed in U.S. and NATO/ISAF air strikes, who do you mainly blame?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
U.S and NATO/ISAF forces for mistaken targeting	35	36	41
Anti-government forces for being among civilians	32	35	28
Both sides equally	32	26	27
No opinion	1	3	4

**Q47.** *Do you think the Pakistan government is allowing the Taliban to operate within its borders, or trying to stop the Taliban from operating there?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Is allowing	60	53	67	69
Trying to stop	33	37	24	19
No opinion	7	10	9	11

**Q48.** *What is your opinion of the cultivation of poppies for opium?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Acceptable in all cases	9	7	4	8	5	5
Only acceptable if no other way to earn a living	27	24	28	28	35	21
Unacceptable in all cases	63	65	63	62	58	73
No opinion	2	4	4	3	2	1

**Q49.** *Now I'm going to ask what you think about some people and groups. Is your opinion of ..... very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?*

The Taliban

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	3	3	3	3	2	3
Somewhat favourable	7	7	4	10	8	6
Somewhat unfavourable	21	13	12	15	13	15
Very unfavourable	68	75	79	69	76	74
No opinion	1	1	2	4	1	2

Osama Bin Laden

	<b>2001</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	2	2	2	2	2	2
Somewhat favourable	4	4	4	7	4	3

Somewhat unfavourable	20	13	10	11	7	6
Very unfavourable	73	77	82	76	84	85
No opinion	1	3	3	4	4	5

The United States

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	6	8	7	17	23	24
Somewhat favourable	36	43	40	48	51	59
Somewhat unfavourable	28	21	25	11	11	8
Very unfavourable	29	25	27	21	14	6
No opinion	1	3	1	3	1	3

Pakistan

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	2	2	1	2
Somewhat favourable	15	13	7	17
Somewhat unfavourable	32	32	26	16
Very unfavourable	50	49	65	63
No opinion	1	3	1	1

United Kingdom

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	3	7	6	11
Somewhat favourable	36	32	32	38
Somewhat unfavourable	28	28	26	17
Very unfavourable	29	24	28	28
No opinion	5	9	7	6

Iran

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	16	18	19	14
Somewhat favourable	42	32	38	38
Somewhat unfavourable	21	25	22	20
Very unfavourable	20	20	19	25
No opinion	1	6	3	3

Germany

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>	<i>2007</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	12	17	17	22
Somewhat favourable	43	42	43	49
Somewhat unfavourable	23	21	17	11
Very unfavourable	18	14	14	12

No opinion	3	8	8	6
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India

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Very favourable	25	29	27
Somewhat favourable	47	42	47
Somewhat unfavourable	14	22	13
Very unfavourable	11	14	8
No opinion	3	7	5

Hamid Karzai

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Very favourable	50	55
Somewhat favourable	32	28
Somewhat unfavourable	11	8
Very unfavourable	7	5
No opinion	-	5

Al Qaeda and other foreign jihadis

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Very favourable	3	3
Somewhat favourable	9	5
Somewhat unfavourable	23	19
Very unfavourable	63	67
No opinion	2	6

**Q50.** Overall, please say if you think each of these countries is playing a positive, neutral, or negative role in Afghanistan now?

Iran

	2010	2009Dec
	%	%
Positive	28	27
Neutral	32	29
Negative	38	39
No opinion	1	5

Pakistan

	2010	2009Dec	2009Jan
	%	%	%
Positive	8	9	5
Neutral	16	13	6
Negative	76	73	86
No opinion	1	5	3

India

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
Positive	32	36	41
Neutral	51	44	42
Negative	15	13	10
No opinion	2	6	6

United States

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
Positive	36	45	44
Neutral	20	18	17
Negative	43	31	36
No opinion	2	6	3

United Kingdom

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
Positive	21	28	24
Neutral	32	31	28
Negative	43	31	38
No opinion	4	10	11

Germany

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>	<i>2009Jan</i>
	%	%	%
Positive	25	32	36
Neutral	43	39	33
Negative	28	19	19
No opinion	4	9	11

**Q51.** *Who do you think is best able to create and enforce a system of rules and laws that reflects what most people in Afghanistan want?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Central government in Kabul working through the provincial governments	52
Tribal elders of your clan in this area	46
No opinion	2

**Q52.** *Would you say a system of rules and laws that reflects what most people in Afghanistan want exists in this area at this time, or not?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Yes	40
No	51
No opinion	9

**IF NO:**

**Q53.** *Is there movement toward such a system, or no such movement?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Is movement	17
No such movement	75
No opinion	8

**Q54.** *There can be differences between the ways government is set up in a country, called the political system. From the three options I am going to read to you, which one do you think is best for Afghanistan at this time...?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>
	%	%
Strong leader, where one man rules for life and has final say in all political matters	23	23
Islamic state, where religious authorities have final say in all political matters	39	43
Democracy, where the people can vote in elections to choose political leaders who then direct political matters	37	32
No opinion	1	3

**Q55.** *Regardless of which type of government you prefer, to what extent do you think the government should enforce Islamic principles?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very strictly	37
Somewhat strictly	36
Not so strictly	19
Not strictly at all	8
No opinion	1

**Q56.** *Regardless of the type of system of government you prefer, how confident are you that a system of freely voting for leaders can work successfully in Afghanistan?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009Dec</i>
	%	%
Very confident	27	30
Somewhat confident	50	52
Not so confident	15	10
Not confident at all	8	5
No opinion	1	3

**Q57.** *Do you think the recent parliamentary elections were mostly fair or mostly fraudulent?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%

Mostly fair	42
Mostly fraudulent	56
No opinion	2

**Q58.** *What is your reaction to the final outcome of the recent parliamentary election?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very satisfied	23
Somewhat satisfied	36
Somewhat dissatisfied	23
Very dissatisfied	17
No opinion	1

**Q59.** *Now I'd like to ask you some questions about women in Afghanistan. Please tell me if each of the following is something you support strongly, support somewhat, oppose somewhat or oppose strongly?*

Women voting

	2007	2009Jan	2009Dec	<b>2010</b>	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	59	67	61	56		
Support somewhat	27	24	27	30		
Oppose somewhat	8	4	9	9		
Oppose strongly	5	4	3	5		
No opinion	1	-	1	-		

Women holding jobs outside the home

	2007	2009Jan	2009Dec	<b>2010</b>	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	38	46	41	40		
Support somewhat	29	30	33	28		
Oppose somewhat	20	14	18	20		
Oppose strongly	11	9	8	11		
No opinion	1	-	1	-		

Women holding government office

	2007	2009Jan	2009Dec	<b>2010</b>	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	31	38	38	32		
Support somewhat	29	31	31	32		
Oppose somewhat	26	18	20	22		
Oppose strongly	14	12	10	13		
No opinion	1	1	1	1		

Girls education

	2007	2009Jan	2009Dec	2010	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	60	68	66	59		
Support somewhat	29	24	22	28		
Oppose somewhat	7	5	8	9		
Oppose strongly	4	2	4	4		
No opinion	1	1	1	1		

Women going outside the home but within this village/neighbourhood without being accompanied by a male relative

	2010	Men	Women
	%	%	%
Support strongly	21		
Support somewhat	29		
Oppose somewhat	29		
Oppose strongly	21		
No opinion	-		

Women travelling outside this village/neighbourhood without being accompanied by a male relative

	2010	Men	Women
	%	%	%
Support strongly	15		
Support somewhat	23		
Oppose somewhat	30		
Oppose strongly	31		
No opinion	1		

**Q60.** *Is there currently a.....operating in this area? By that, I mean open and accessible to the children living here?*

2010	Yes	No
	%	%
A boys' school	86	14
A girls' school	67	33

**IF NO GIRLS' SCHOOL:**

**Q61.** *Which of these better describes the situation?*

	2010
	%
Never has been a girls' school here	67
There was girls' school but it has closed	30
No opinion	3

**IF “it has closed”:**

**Q62.** *Why was it closed?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Damaged or destroyed in attack by Taliban	
Damaged or destroyed in attack by others	
Damaged or destroyed accidentally	
Not enough girls able or willing to attend	
No teachers	
No supplies	
Other	
No opinion	

**Q63.** *And who do you think is responsible for this, as far as you are aware?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Government	21
Taliban	62
Western forces	5
Local commanders	4
No one responsible	5
No opinion	4

**Q64.** *Thinking about the question of women wearing burkas, which statement is closest to your own opinion: A woman’s father or husband should decide if she should wear a burka; or, a woman should decide herself if she should wear a burka or not.*

	<i>2009Dec</i>	<b>2010</b>	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%
A woman’s father or husband should decide if she should wear a burka	50	54		
A woman should decide herself if she should wear a burka or not	47	44		
No opinion	3	2		