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**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>	2009	2007	2006	2005	2004
	<b>%</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	<b>70</b>	40	54	55	77	64
Wrong direction	<b>21</b>	38	24	22	6	11
Mixed	<b>5</b>	14	15	17	11	8
No opinion	<b>3</b>	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>	2009
	<b>%</b>	%
Economy/poverty/jobs	<b>34</b>	34
Security/warlords/attacks/violence	<b>32</b>	38
Weak government/Corruption	<b>14</b>	9
Reconstruction problems	<b>8</b>	7
Foreign influence	<b>2</b>	2
Education/schools/literacy	<b>4</b>	4
Drug trade/poppy cultivation	<b>2</b>	2
Discord/Lack of unity	<b>1</b>	1
No opinion	<b>2</b>	3

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

**Q3.** I would like to ask you about today's conditions in the village/neighbourhood where you live. How would you rate the following using very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

Your living conditions overall

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	<b>%</b>	%	%	%	%

Very good	<b>16</b>	10	11	11	15
Somewhat good	<b>55</b>	52	59	65	68
Somewhat bad	<b>20</b>	27	23	21	13
Very bad	<b>9</b>	11	5	3	3
No opinion	-	-	1	-	1

Security from crime and violence

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

Availability of jobs/economic opportunities

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

Roads, bridges and other infrastructure

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

Availability of clean water

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	<b>26</b>	23	17	14	18
Somewhat good	<b>38</b>	42	37	40	40
Somewhat bad	<b>20</b>	20	28	31	31
Very bad	<b>15</b>	15	18	15	10
No opinion	<b>1</b>	-	1	0	0

Supply of electricity

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

#### Availability of food

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

#### Availability of medical care

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

#### Local schools

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	<b>28</b>	28	21	18	25
Somewhat good	<b>43</b>	49	49	55	55
Somewhat bad	<b>18</b>	15	15	23	13
Very bad	<b>9</b>	7	14	4	6
No opinion	<b>2</b>	1	1	0	0

#### Rights of women

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very good	<b>19</b>	15	17	21
Somewhat good	<b>44</b>	44	44	50
Somewhat bad	<b>21</b>	23	22	22
Very bad	<b>12</b>	14	14	6
No opinion	<b>3</b>	4	3	0

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

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007

	%	%	%
Very good	<b>23</b>	24	27
Somewhat good	<b>43</b>	36	44
Somewhat bad	<b>21</b>	29	18
Very bad	<b>11</b>	10	10
No opinion	<b>2</b>	1	2

Security from the Taliban and other armed groups

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
Very good	<b>16</b>	19
Somewhat good	<b>31</b>	30
Somewhat bad	<b>30</b>	27
Very bad	<b>19</b>	22
No opinion	<b>3</b>	2

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

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
Very good	<b>7</b>	4
Somewhat good	<b>43</b>	37
Somewhat bad	<b>34</b>	38
Very bad	<b>15</b>	20
No opinion	<b>3</b>	1

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

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
Very good	<b>11</b>	6
Somewhat good	<b>34</b>	31
Somewhat bad	<b>32</b>	30
Very bad	<b>19</b>	23
No opinion	<b>5</b>	11

**Q4.** Compared to before the fall of the Taliban government in late 2001, is each item I name much better now, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse or much worse?

Your living conditions overall

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Much Better	<b>24</b>
Somewhat Better	<b>46</b>
About the Same	<b>10</b>
Somewhat Worse	<b>7</b>
Much Worse	<b>3</b>
No opinion	<b>-</b>

Security from crime and violence

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Much Better	<b>13</b>
Somewhat Better	<b>33</b>
About the Same	<b>28</b>
Somewhat Worse	<b>18</b>
Much Worse	<b>5</b>
No opinion	<b>3</b>

Availability of jobs or economic opportunities

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Much Better	<b>11</b>
Somewhat Better	<b>32</b>
About the Same	<b>28</b>
Somewhat Worse	<b>21</b>
Much Worse	<b>6</b>
No opinion	<b>1</b>

Freedom to express political opinion

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Much Better	<b>23</b>
Somewhat Better	<b>38</b>
About the Same	<b>20</b>
Somewhat Worse	<b>10</b>
Much Worse	<b>4</b>
No opinion	<b>6</b>

The rights of women

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Much Better	<b>25</b>
Somewhat Better	<b>41</b>
About the Same	<b>18</b>
Somewhat Worse	<b>10</b>
Much Worse	<b>3</b>
No opinion	<b>3</b>

Roads, bridges and other infrastructure

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Much Better	<b>24</b>

Somewhat Better	<b>38</b>
About the Same	<b>21</b>
Somewhat Worse	<b>12</b>
Much Worse	<b>5</b>
No opinion	<b>1</b>

**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>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Much Better	<b>31</b>	14	14	11	23
Somewhat Better	<b>40</b>	37	36	43	44
About the Same	<b>19</b>	28	26	23	13
Somewhat Worse	<b>4</b>	10	7	7	0
Much Worse	<b>1</b>	3	2	2	1
No opinion	<b>5</b>	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>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Better	<b>61</b>	47	51
Worse	<b>11</b>	14	11
About the Same	<b>19</b>	21	21
No opinion	<b>9</b>	18	17

**Q7.** *How would you rate the work of:*

Present government

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Excellent	<b>19</b>	10	15	15	27
Good	<b>41</b>	38	44	48	53
Fair	<b>25</b>	30	29	27	14
Poor	<b>10</b>	18	11	9	5
No opinion	<b>5</b>	3	1	0	1

Hamid Karzai as President of Afghanistan

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Excellent	<b>28</b>	16	26	21	45
Good	<b>44</b>	36	37	46	38
Fair	<b>19</b>	29	28	25	14
Poor	<b>8</b>	18	8	7	2
No opinion	<b>1</b>	1	1	0	1

Provincial government here

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
	%	%	%	%
Excellent	<b>14</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>
Good	<b>44</b>	<i>35</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>42</i>
Fair	<b>29</b>	<i>36</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>36</i>
Poor	<b>12</b>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>11</i>
No opinion	<b>1</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>

Police in this area

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Excellent	<b>19</b>	<i>15</i>
Good	<b>44</b>	<i>42</i>
Fair	<b>26</b>	<i>32</i>
Poor	<b>10</b>	<i>11</i>
No opinion	<b>2</b>	<i>1</i>

Afghan Army forces

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Excellent	<b>28</b>	<i>18</i>
Good	<b>41</b>	<i>39</i>
Fair	<b>20</b>	<i>26</i>
Poor	<b>6</b>	<i>8</i>
No opinion	<b>4</b>	<i>9</i>

U.S. in Afghanistan

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Excellent	<b>6</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>20</i>
Good	<b>32</b>	<i>27</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>48</i>
Fair	<b>33</b>	<i>36</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>22</i>
Poor	<b>25</b>	<i>27</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>8</i>
No opinion	<b>3</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>

NATO/ISAF Forces

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Excellent	<b>7</b>	<i>6</i>
Good	<b>28</b>	<i>27</i>
Fair	<b>35</b>	<i>36</i>
Poor	<b>27</b>	<i>26</i>
No opinion	<b>4</b>	<i>5</i>

Foreign aid organizations

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
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	%	%
Excellent	<b>14</b>	12
Good	<b>37</b>	33
Fair	<b>31</b>	32
Poor	<b>17</b>	19
No opinion	<b>2</b>	4

The UN in Afghanistan

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Excellent	<b>21</b>
Good	<b>40</b>
Fair	<b>28</b>
Poor	<b>9</b>
No opinion	<b>2</b>

**Q8.** How confident are you that the newly re-elected government of Hamid Karzai in Kabul will work well for the benefit of the Afghan people?

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very confident	<b>30</b>
Fairly confident	<b>48</b>
Not very confident	<b>13</b>
Not at all confident	<b>6</b>
No opinion	<b>2</b>

**Q9.** Who would you rather have ruling Afghanistan today?

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Current government	<b>90</b>	82	84	88	91
Taliban	<b>6</b>	4	4	3	1
Other	<b>-</b>	10	6	4	2
No opinion	<b>3</b>	4	6	5	6

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

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



**Q11.** *Since 2002, has foreign aid coming into the country brought any benefit to you personally, or not?*

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Yes	<b>28</b>	<i>30</i>
No	<b>66</b>	<i>67</i>
No opinion	<b>6</b>	<i>3</i>

**Q12.** *Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area:*

<b>2009</b>	Yes	<i>Yes09</i>	No	<i>No09</i>
		%		%
School	<b>69</b>	<i>72</i>	<b>30</b>	<i>27</i>
Health clinic	<b>50</b>	<i>45</i>	<b>49</b>	<i>54</i>
Government offices	<b>34</b>	<i>31</i>	<b>62</b>	<i>65</i>
Mosque	<b>58</b>	<i>53</i>	<b>41</b>	<i>44</i>
Police station	<b>46</b>	<i>44</i>	<b>50</b>	<i>51</i>
Road	<b>56</b>	<i>47</i>	<b>43</b>	<i>52</i>

**Q13.** *How much of a problem is the issue of corruption among government officials or the police in this area?*

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

**Q14.** *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>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Increased	<b>44</b>	<i>50</i>
Decreased	<b>31</b>	<i>22</i>
Remained about the same	<b>25</b>	<i>21</i>
No opinion	<b>-</b>	<i>7</i>

**Q15.** *Beyond any corruption occurring in your local area, what is your view of the level of corruption?*

Within the government of this province?

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Big problem	<b>64</b>
Moderate problem	<b>26</b>

Small problem	<b>6</b>
Not a problem	<b>2</b>
No opinion	<b>2</b>

At the national level within the government in Kabul?

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Big problem	<b>64</b>
Moderate problem	<b>19</b>
Small problem	<b>9</b>
Not a problem	<b>2</b>
No opinion	<b>5</b>

**Q16.** 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?

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

**Q17.** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today?

U.S. military forces

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	<b>21</b>	12	20	30
Somewhat support	<b>47</b>	51	51	48
Somewhat oppose	<b>17</b>	21	15	15
Strongly oppose	<b>14</b>	15	12	6
No opinion	<b>1</b>	2	2	1

NATO/ISAF military forces

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

Jihadi fighters from other countries

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

Fighters from the Taliban

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

Foreign aid organizations

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
Strongly support	<b>30</b>	30
Somewhat support	<b>45</b>	43
Somewhat oppose	<b>14</b>	14
Strongly oppose	<b>9</b>	10
No opinion	<b>2</b>	2

**Q18.** Who do you blame the most for the violence that is occurring in the country?

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Taliban	<b>42</b>	27	36
Al Qaeda/foreign jihadis	<b>24</b>	22	22
U.S./American forces	<b>5</b>	12	9
Obama/Bush/U.S. government/America	<b>2</b>	6	7
Local commanders/warlords	<b>7</b>	6	6
Drug traffickers	<b>6</b>	5	6
Afghan government/Karzai	<b>6</b>	12	5
Afghan forces	<b>1</b>	3	2
NATO/ISAF forces	<b>3</b>	3	3
Other	<b>3</b>	3	-
No opinion	<b>1</b>	1	2

**Q19.** 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>	2009	2007
	%	%	%

Grown stronger	<b>30</b>	43	42
Grown weaker	<b>40</b>	24	24
Remained about same	<b>25</b>	25	26
No opinion	<b>5</b>	8	8

**Q20.** *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?*

<b>2010</b>	Better	Worse	About same	Don't know
	%	%	%	%
Providing security in our country	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>
Avoiding civilian casualties	<b>24</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>
Providing reconstruction and development assistance	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>

**Q21.** *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 enter into these negotiations?*

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

**Q22.** *Do you think the government should negotiate only if the Taliban first stop fighting, or negotiate even as fighting continues?*

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
Negotiate only if the Taliban stop fighting	<b>76</b>	71
Negotiate even as fighting continues	<b>23</b>	29
No opinion	<b>1</b>	1

**Q23.** *What do you think is most likely: The Afghan government with foreign assistance will defeat the Taliban; the Taliban will defeat the Afghan government; both sides will negotiate a settlement; or the fighting will go on with no winner and no settlement?*

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
Afghan government will defeat the Taliban with foreign assistance	<b>41</b>	33
The Taliban will defeat the	<b>10</b>	8

government		
Both sides will negotiate a settlement	<b>33</b>	33
The fighting will go on with no winner and no settlement	<b>12</b>	19
No opinion	<b>4</b>	7

**Q24.** *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?*

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
The Taliban are more moderate now	<b>28</b>	24
The Taliban are the same as before	<b>63</b>	64
No opinion	<b>9</b>	12

**Q25.** *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?*

	<b>2010</b>	2009*	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Justified	<b>8</b>	25	17	13	30
Not justified	<b>76</b>	64	74	78	60
No opinion	<b>16</b>	11	8	9	10

\* NATO/ISF only in 2009 and 2010 surveys

**Q26.** *The Americans are adding 30,000 additional U.S. troops to their force in Afghanistan, and other NATO countries are adding 7,000 more. Is this increase in U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces something you support strongly, support somewhat, oppose somewhat, or oppose strongly?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Support strongly	<b>22</b>
Support somewhat	<b>39</b>
Oppose somewhat	<b>18</b>
Oppose strongly	<b>18</b>
No opinion	<b>3</b>

**Q27.** *The American president Barack Obama has called for a new strategy with several goals. As I name each of those goals, please tell me how confident you are that the Americans and NATO will accomplish it?*

<b>2010</b>	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not so confident	Not at all confident	Don't know
	%	%	%		%

Training Afghan forces to be able to take over security in our country starting a year and a half from now.	33	42	14	9	2
Preventing al Qaeda from establishing bases of operation in Afghanistan.	23	37	24	13	3
Preventing the Taliban from retaking control of the country.	26	35	22	15	3
Reducing official corruption in Afghanistan	22	33	23	18	3
Strengthening Afghanistan's government so it can better serve all Afghans	27	41	20	10	3
Improving economic development in our country	20	42	24	11	4
Preventing al Qaeda and the Taliban from maintaining bases of operation in Pakistan	20	31	26	18	6

**Q28.** *Obama has said he will begin withdrawing U.S. forces 18 months from now. Would it be your preference to have American and NATO/ISAF forces begin to leave Afghanistan 18 months from now, should they leave sooner than 18 months from now, or should they stay longer than that?*

	<b>2010</b>
	<b>%</b>
American and NATO/ISAF forces should begin to leave Afghanistan 18 months from now	<b>25</b>
They should leave sooner than 18 months from now	<b>22</b>
They should stay longer than 18 months from now	<b>21</b>
Depends on the security situation	<b>29</b>
No opinion	<b>3</b>

**Q29.** *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>	2009	2007	2006
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Very strong presence	<b>41</b>	26	31	23
Fairly strong presence	<b>38</b>	41	43	47
Fairly weak presence	<b>15</b>	27	18	25

No significant presence at all	<b>4</b>	5	6	4
No opinion	<b>1</b>	1	1	0

#### Provincial government

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

#### Local police

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

#### Local commanders and their militias

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

#### The Taliban

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	<b>3</b>	3	3	2
Fairly strong presence	<b>11</b>	10	7	6
Fairly weak presence	<b>22</b>	21	15	17
No significant presence at all	<b>62</b>	63	71	74
No opinion	<b>2</b>	3	4	2

#### Drug traffickers

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very strong presence	<b>2</b>	3	2	3
Fairly strong presence	<b>11</b>	11	9	9
Fairly weak presence	<b>30</b>	28	21	29
No significant presence at all	<b>53</b>	54	62	55

No opinion	<b>4</b>	5	6	5
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United States or NATO or ISAF forces

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

Foreign jihadis

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

Foreign aid organizations

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

The Afghan National Army

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very strong presence	<b>32</b>
Fairly strong presence	<b>39</b>
Fairly weak presence	<b>15</b>
No significant presence at all	<b>12</b>
No opinion	<b>2</b>

**Q30.** 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

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%



Very confident	<b>46</b>	28	35	32
Fairly confident	<b>37</b>	47	47	47
Not very confident	<b>11</b>	19	12	16
Not at all confident	<b>5</b>	6	5	4
No opinion	<b>1</b>	1	1	0

Provincial government

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very confident	<b>31</b>	24	28	24
Fairly confident	<b>45</b>	45	46	52
Not very confident	<b>16</b>	24	18	21
Not at all confident	<b>7</b>	6	7	3
No opinion	<b>1</b>	1	1	0

Local police

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

Local commanders and their militias

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very confident	<b>9</b>	5	5	3
Fairly confident	<b>20</b>	13	21	17
Not very confident	<b>30</b>	27	31	32
Not at all confident	<b>38</b>	52	41	47
No opinion	<b>3</b>	3	2	1

The Taliban

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very confident	<b>4</b>	2	1	2
Fairly confident	<b>7</b>	5	7	4
Not very confident	<b>11</b>	10	12	9
Not at all confident	<b>76</b>	79	77	84
No opinion	<b>2</b>	3	3	2

United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very confident	<b>7</b>	6	12	18
Fairly confident	<b>40</b>	35	40	49
Not very confident	<b>25</b>	27	23	17
Not at all confident	<b>24</b>	29	22	14

No opinion	<b>3</b>	3	3	3
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Foreign jihadis

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Very confident	<b>4</b>	1	2
Fairly confident	<b>14</b>	11	10
Not very confident	<b>21</b>	17	21
Not at all confident	<b>56</b>	67	63
No opinion	<b>4</b>	3	4

The Afghan national Army

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very confident	<b>43</b>
Fairly confident	<b>40</b>
Not very confident	<b>10</b>
Not at all confident	<b>6</b>
No opinion	<b>2</b>

**Q31.** For each of these same 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

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	<b>40</b>	27	35	28
Fairly strong support	<b>40</b>	38	46	50
Fairly weak support	<b>14</b>	26	14	19
No significant support at all	<b>5</b>	8	5	2
No opinion	-	1	1	1

Provincial government

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

Local police

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	<b>28</b>	23	24	26
Fairly strong support	<b>43</b>	43	40	49

Fairly weak support	<b>20</b>	23	25	21
No significant support at all	<b>8</b>	8	10	3
No opinion	2	2	1	1

#### Local commanders and their militias

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

#### Taliban

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

#### Drug traffickers

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	<b>2</b>	1	2	1
Fairly strong support	<b>7</b>	6	6	6
Fairly weak support	<b>22</b>	17	15	19
No significant support at all	<b>65</b>	68	71	70
No opinion	<b>5</b>	8	6	3

#### United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%	%
Very strong support	<b>7</b>	5	11	18
Fairly strong support	<b>33</b>	32	42	49
Fairly weak support	<b>33</b>	32	22	18
No significant support at all	<b>24</b>	26	22	13
No opinion	<b>3</b>	5	3	1

#### Foreign jihadis

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Very strong support	<b>4</b>	2	3
Fairly strong support	<b>12</b>	12	12
Fairly weak support	<b>25</b>	18	20

No significant support at all	<b>53</b>	61	58
No opinion	<b>5</b>	8	7

The Afghan National Army

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very strong support	<b>42</b>
Fairly strong support	<b>40</b>
Fairly weak support	<b>10</b>
No significant support at all	<b>6</b>
No opinion	<b>2</b>

**Q32.** For each item I read, please tell me if it has or has not occurred in this area?

	Have occurred nearby here	Have <u>not</u> occurred nearby here	Refuse/ don't know
	%	%	%
Car bombs, suicide attacks	33	66	1
Snipers, crossfire	39	60	1
Kidnappings for ransom	41	56	2
Bombing or shelling by U.S., NATO or ISAF forces	30	68	2
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by U.S., NATO or ISAF forces	35	63	2
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the Afghan army or police	25	73	2
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the Taliban, Al Qaeda or foreign jihadis	43	55	2

**Q33.** 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>	2009
	%	%
Acceptable	<b>27</b>	16
Unacceptable	<b>66</b>	77
No opinion	<b>7</b>	8

**Q34.** When civilians are harmed in U.S. and NATO/ISAF air strikes, who do you mainly blame?

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

**Q35.** What about when civilians are harmed in engagements on the ground – who do you mainly blame in those cases: U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces for mistaken targeting, anti-government forces for being among civilians, or both sides equally?

	<b>2010</b>
	%
U.S and NATO/ISAF forces for mistaken targeting	<b>36</b>
Anti-government forces for being among civilians	<b>36</b>
Both sides equally	<b>25</b>
No opinion	<b>3</b>

**Q36.** 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>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Is allowing	<b>53</b>	67	69
Trying to stop	<b>37</b>	24	19
No opinion	<b>10</b>	9	11

**Q37.** What is your opinion of the cultivation of poppies for opium?

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

**Q38.** Do you think the government should allow opium poppies to be grown, or take measures to kill off opium poppy fields? (**IF KILL OFF**) Do you support or oppose doing this by spraying plant-killing chemicals from airplanes?

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Allow poppies to be grown	<b>4</b>	5	11
Kill off poppies and support spraying chemicals	<b>18</b>	13	13
Kill off poppies but oppose spraying chemicals	<b>43</b>	48	45
Kill off poppies but unsure about spraying chemicals	<b>32</b>	30	26
No opinion	3	4	5

**Q39.** 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>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	<b>3</b>	3	3	2	3
Somewhat favourable	<b>7</b>	4	10	8	6
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>13</b>	12	15	13	15
Very unfavourable	<b>75</b>	79	69	76	74
No opinion	<b>1</b>	2	4	1	2

Osama Bin Laden

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	<b>2</b>	2	2	2	2
Somewhat favourable	<b>4</b>	4	7	4	3
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>13</b>	10	11	7	6
Very unfavourable	<b>77</b>	82	76	84	85
No opinion	<b>3</b>	3	4	4	5

The United States

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

Pakistan

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

Great Britain

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Very favourable	<b>7</b>	6	11
Somewhat favourable	<b>32</b>	32	38
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>28</b>	26	17
Very unfavourable	<b>24</b>	28	28
No opinion	<b>9</b>	7	6

Iran

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007

	%	%	%
Very favourable	<b>18</b>	19	14
Somewhat favourable	<b>32</b>	38	38
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>25</b>	22	20
Very unfavourable	<b>20</b>	19	25
No opinion	<b>6</b>	3	3

Germany

	<b>2010</b>	2009	2007
	%	%	%
Very favourable	<b>17</b>	17	22
Somewhat favourable	<b>42</b>	43	49
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>21</b>	17	11
Very unfavourable	<b>14</b>	14	12
No opinion	<b>8</b>	8	6

India

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	%	%
Very favourable	<b>29</b>	27
Somewhat favourable	<b>42</b>	47
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>22</b>	13
Very unfavourable	<b>14</b>	8
No opinion	<b>7</b>	5

Hamid Karzai

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very favourable	<b>55</b>
Somewhat favourable	<b>28</b>
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>8</b>
Very unfavourable	<b>5</b>
No opinion	<b>5</b>

Al Qaeda and other foreign jihadis

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very favourable	<b>3</b>
Somewhat favourable	<b>5</b>
Somewhat unfavourable	<b>19</b>
Very unfavourable	<b>67</b>
No opinion	<b>6</b>

**Q40.** Overall, please say if you think each of these countries is playing a positive, neutral, or negative role in Afghanistan now?

Russia

	<b>2010</b>	2009

	%	%
Positive	<b>22</b>	<i>14</i>
Neutral	<b>38</b>	<i>44</i>
Negative	<b>31</b>	<i>33</i>
No opinion	<b>9</b>	<i>8</i>

Iran

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Positive	<b>27</b>
Neutral	<b>29</b>
Negative	<b>39</b>
No opinion	<b>5</b>

Pakistan

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Positive	<b>9</b>	<i>5</i>
Neutral	<b>13</b>	<i>6</i>
Negative	<b>73</b>	<i>86</i>
No opinion	<b>5</b>	<i>3</i>

India

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Positive	<b>36</b>	<i>41</i>
Neutral	<b>44</b>	<i>42</i>
Negative	<b>13</b>	<i>10</i>
No opinion	<b>6</b>	<i>6</i>

United States

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

United Kingdom

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Positive	<b>28</b>	<i>24</i>
Neutral	<b>31</b>	<i>28</i>
Negative	<b>31</b>	<i>38</i>
No opinion	<b>10</b>	<i>11</i>

Germany

	<b>2010</b>	<i>2009</i>
	%	%
Positive	<b>32</b>	<i>36</i>
Neutral	<b>39</b>	<i>33</i>
Negative	<b>19</b>	<i>19</i>



No opinion	9	11
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**Q41.** *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...?*

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

**Q42.** *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?*

	2010
	%
Very confident	30
Somewhat confident	52
Not so confident	10
Not confident at all	5
No opinion	3

**Q43.** *Did the presidential election held in August increase or decrease your confidence that freely voting for leaders can work in Afghanistan, or did this election make no difference in your opinion on this?*

	2010
	%
Increase confidence	41
Decreased confidence	33
Made no difference	22
No opinion	4

**Q44.** *Still thinking about the presidential election, do you think there was fraud in the voting – by which I mean people being improperly turned away from voting places, people selling their voting cards, or people accepting payment for their vote – or do you think the voting was conducted honestly in his regard? **PROBE IF FRAUD:** Do you think this fraud was widespread, or not so serious?*

	2010
	%
Yes, voting was conducted honestly	39
No, voting not conducted honestly	57
<i>Of which:</i>	

<i>Fraud was widespread</i>	<b>29</b>
<i>Fraud was not so serious</i>	<b>28</b>
No opinion	<b>5</b>

**Q45.** *And in the counting of votes - do you think there was fraud in the vote count, or do you think the vote count was an honest one? **PROBE IF FRAUD:** Do you think this fraud was widespread, or not so serious?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
No fraud	<b>35</b>
Yes there was fraud	<b>59</b>
<i>Of which:</i>	
<i>fraud was widespread</i>	<b>30</b>
<i>fraud was not so serious</i>	<b>29</b>
No opinion	<b>6</b>

**Q46.** *What is your reaction to the final outcome of last summer's presidential election?*

	<b>2010</b>
	%
Very satisfied	<b>37</b>
Somewhat satisfied	<b>38</b>
Somewhat dissatisfied	<b>13</b>
Very dissatisfied	<b>9</b>
No opinion	<b>2</b>

**Q47.** *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	2009	<b>2010</b>	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	59	67	<b>61</b>	55	66
Support somewhat	27	24	<b>27</b>	29	25
Oppose somewhat	8	4	<b>9</b>	9	8
Oppose strongly	5	4	<b>3</b>	5	1
No opinion	1	-	<b>1</b>	1	-

Women holding jobs outside the home

	2007	2009	<b>2010</b>	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	38	46	<b>41</b>	33	50
Support somewhat	29	30	<b>33</b>	32	33
Oppose somewhat	20	14	<b>18</b>	21	14
Oppose strongly	11	9	<b>8</b>	13	3

No opinion	1	-	1	1	-
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Women holding government office

	2007	2009	2010	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	31	38	<b>38</b>	33	43
Support somewhat	29	31	<b>31</b>	28	33
Oppose somewhat	26	18	<b>20</b>	23	17
Oppose strongly	14	12	<b>10</b>	14	6
No opinion	1	1	<b>1</b>	2	1

Girls education

	2007	2009	2010	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	60	68	<b>66</b>	59	73
Support somewhat	29	24	<b>22</b>	25	18
Oppose somewhat	7	5	<b>8</b>	8	7
Oppose strongly	4	2	<b>4</b>	6	2
No opinion	1	1	<b>1</b>	2	-

**Q48.** *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.*

	2010	Men	Women
	%	%	%
A woman's father or husband should decide if she should wear a burka	<b>50</b>	58	42
A woman should decide herself if she should wear a burka or not	<b>47</b>	40	55
No opinion	<b>3</b>	3	4