

# AFGHAN PUBLIC OPINION AND THE AFGHAN WAR: SHIFTS BY REGION AND PROVINCE

A Breakout of the Data in the ABC News Poll

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## Introduction

ABC News, in cooperation with other news organizations like the BBC, ARD, and USA Today has run a long series of polls in Afghanistan. Most of this polling data has been published in forms that focus on nationwide opinion, rather than the difference by region and province. This presentation shows the key trends and results of these polls and provides considerable insight into how Afghan opinion has changed over time and the growing impact of the war.

As the insurgency has grown in Afghanistan and Pakistan, however, it has become steadily clearer that attitudes differ sharply by region and province. Like politics, “all insurgency is local,” and this is particularly true of the key provinces in southern Afghanistan, eastern Afghanistan, and the capital.

Gary Langer has provided a more detailed breakout of the most recent ABC poll by region and key province. Such a breakout can only provide a rough indication of Afghan opinion, which is deeply divided even in given provinces and sometimes varies sharply by valley, tribe, or urban area. It should also be clear that is no way to fully sample every area of a conflict zone mid-war, and it is a grim fact that it is often the opinion of those with the guns that counts—not the opinion of the population as a whole.

At the same time, these data show important and consistent differences between opinion in the south, east, Kabul, and the rest of the country in some areas; and equally important consistencies in others. It is clear that the war is still winnable at the political level and that the Taliban, other Jihadists, and bin Laden do not have broad support even in the Pashtun areas in the south and east and the key provinces where the Taliban is most active.

At the same time, the U.S., NATO/ISAF, and foreign aid efforts have limited support in many areas, and NATO/ISAF is perceived as killing civilians and failing to provide adequate security. The foreign aid effort and reconstruction efforts are seen as failures on a broad level, but particularly in the high-threat, high-combat areas where they should be most important.

The regional data show that Afghan government still has considerable support, but it also has many areas of weakness. The civil government is often seen as failing in critical areas and as being ineffective or absent in the regions where it needs to be most effective to win. The Afghan army and Afghan police are popular, but the Afghan police are also seen as largely ineffective in providing security and an active presence in key high-threat, high-combat areas. The polls also show that while there is little support for

narcotics trafficking outside the areas where it plays a critical place in the economy, there is broad national opposition to current eradication efforts. More reassuringly, there is little support for local militias and warlords.

There is, however, a real danger in trying to simplify a complex set of polling results and choosing one trend over others. Like most counterinsurgency efforts, it has long been clear that the any effective strategy means a patient effort to come to grips with the complex interactions among ideology, politics, ethnic and sectarian differences, governance, and economics that actually drive Afghan perceptions and the war; rather than some simple bottom line. Accordingly, the results presented in this analysis cluster together a group of related questions, show all of the data, and highlight key trends in the data—rather than present a summary or punch line graphics. At the same time, all polls have limits to their scope, and the reader is cautioned to examine the full range of data presented and the annex on methodology at the end of this report.

### Afghanistan: Location of Key Provinces and Areas



Source: Kenneth Katzman, *Afghanistan, Post War Governance, Security, and US Policy*, November 26, 2008, Congressional Research Service, CRS RL30588 p. 76.

## Key Nationwide Results of the ABC Poll

The following summary is taken from the work of Gary Langer and ABC News Afghanistan poll analysis of Feb. 9, 2009. The full report can be found at <http://abcnews.go.com/images/PollingUnit/1083a1Afghanistan2009.pdf>:

- In 2005, 83% of Afghans expressed a favorable opinion of the United States – unheard of in a Muslim nation. Today just 47% still hold that view, down 36 points, accelerating with an 18-point drop in U.S. approval this year alone. For the first time slightly more Afghans now see the United States unfavorably as favorably.
- The number who say the United States has performed well in Afghanistan has been more than halved, from 68% in 2005 to 32% now.
- Ratings of NATO/ISAF forces are no better. Just 37% of Afghans now say most people in their area support Western forces; it was 67% in 2006. And 25% now say attacks on U.S. or NATO/ISAF forces can be justified, double the level, 13%, in 2006.
- The election of Barack Obama hold much promise in the eyes of the Afghan public: While two in 10 think he'll make things better for their country, nearly as many think he'll make things worse. The rest either expect no change – or are waiting to see.
- Just 18% say the number of U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces in Afghanistan should be increased. Far more, 44% want the opposite – a decrease in the level of these forces.
- Far fewer Afghans than in past years say Western forces have a strong presence in their area (34%, down from 57% in 2006), or – crucially – see them as effective in providing security (42%, down from 67%).
- The number of Afghans who rate their own security positively has dropped from 72% in 2005 to 55% today – and it goes far lower in high-conflict provinces. In the country's beleaguered Southwest (Helmand, Kandahar, Nimroz, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces) only 26% feel secure from crime and violence; in Helmand alone, just 14% feel safe.
- Civilian casualties in U.S. or NATO/ISAF air strikes are a key irritant. Seventy-seven% of Afghans call such strikes unacceptable, saying the risk to civilians outweighs the value of these raids in fighting the Taliban. Forty-one% chiefly blame

U.S. or NATO/ISAF forces for poor targeting, vs. 28% who mainly blame the insurgents for concealing themselves among civilians.

- There's been a 9-point drop in the number of Afghans who mainly blame the Taliban for the country's violence, to 27%. More, now 36%, mostly blame U.S., Afghan or NATO forces, or their governments, for the violence in Afghanistan, up by 10 points in 2008.
- In 2005, in the full flush of celebration over the Taliban's ouster, 83% of Afghans approved of the work of President Karzai and 80% approved of the national government overall. Today those have slid to 52 and 49% respectively. (Karzai's expected to run for re-election in August.) Fewer than half rate their provincial government positively.
- Among people who say the central government has a strong presence in their area, 58% rate it positively; where its presence is seen as weak, that drops to 31%. Provincial governments are rated positively by 57% where they are seen as strong vs. 22% where weak. And the United States is rated positively by 46% among those who see U.S. or NATO/ISAF forces as strong in their area – vs. 25% where those forces are seen as weak.
- Among people who report coalition bombing or shelling in their area, support for the presence of U.S. forces drops to 46%, vs. 70% among those who report no such bombardment.
- Yet, while 25% of all Afghans say violence against U.S. or other Western forces can be justified, that jumps, to 44%, among those who report coalition bombing or shelling in their area, and to 38% in the top five high-conflict provinces (Helmand, Ghazni, Kandahar, Paktia and Khost). It's 18%, by contrast, where no bombing or shelling has occurred, and 15% in the provinces where conflict has been lowest, roughly the northern half of the country.
- All told, one in six Afghans reports bombing or shelling by U.S. or NATO/ISAF forces in their area within the past year, but with an enormous range, peaking at nearly half in the Southwest and nearly four in 10 in the East (Nuristan, Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar), bordering part of Pakistan's Taliban-associated tribal areas.

- 25% report car bombs or suicide attacks in their area in the past year; three in 10, kidnappings for ransom. 38% report civilian casualties in the past year, attributed about equally either to U.S./NATO/ISAF forces or to anti-government forces, and somewhat less so to Afghan government forces.
- The number of Afghans who expect their lives to improve in the year ahead has dropped from a peak of 67% in 2005 to 51% today. 47%, expect a better life for their children, hardly a ringing endorsement of Afghanistan's future prospects.
- 58% of Afghans see the Taliban as the biggest danger to the country, measured against local warlords, drug traffickers or the U.S. or Afghan governments. And 43% say the Taliban have grown stronger in the past year, well more than the 24% who think the movement has weakened.
- Notably more in the Southeast and Southwest – 55% – say the Taliban have grown stronger. And again in Helmand province, the heart of the opium trade that's said to finance the group, 63% say the Taliban have gained strength.
- The Taliban are far from achieving popular support – across a range of measures the group still is shunned by vast majorities of Afghans. But 22% say it has at least some support in their area, and this soars to 57% in the Southwest overall, including 64% in its home base, Kandahar. That's up sharply from 44% in the Southwest last year, and up from 41% in Kandahar.
- There's also evidence the Taliban have made some progress rebranding themselves. Twenty-four% of Afghans say it's their impression the Taliban "have changed and become more moderate" – far from a majority, but one in four. And that view spikes in some provinces – most notably, to 58% in Wardak and 53% in Nangarhar, bordering Kabul to the west and east, respectively.
- Another result indicates a possible change in tactics. Twenty-six% of Afghans report bombings by the Taliban in their area; that's down from 43% in 2006. Thirty-two% report murders by the Taliban – down by 10 points from 2006 (though level with 2007). Reports of Taliban engagements with government or foreign troops is down by 12 points; arson attacks on school or government buildings, down by 18 points from the 2006 peak.
- There has been a significant drop in the number of Afghans who call the U.S.-led invasion and overthrow of the Taliban a good thing for their country – 69%, still a substantial majority but well below the 88% who said so in 2006. And while 63%

still support the presence of the U.S. military in Afghanistan, that's down from 78% in 2006, with "strong" support for the U.S. presence down from 30% then to just 12% now. (It's similar now for NATO/ISAF forces. ISAF stands for International Security Assistance Force, the U.N.-mandated, NATO-led multinational force in Afghanistan.)

- Anger against official corruption has swelled; 85% of Afghans call it a problem and 63% call it a big problem – the latter up from 45% last year. And half say corruption has increased in the past year, more than twice as many as say it's subsided.
- Ratings for the Afghan government, and Karzai personally, run anywhere from 9 to 15 points lower among people who call corruption a major problem, compared with those who call it a moderate or less serious concern.
- 55% have no electricity whatsoever in their homes; just one in 20 has power all day. More than half report incomes less than the equivalent of \$100 a month; 93%, under \$300. Fifty-nine% have no formal education. Forty-eight% cannot read.
- The affordability of food is worsening: 63% of Afghans say they cannot afford to buy all or even "some but not all" of the food they need, up 9 points. And while 63% report adequate availability of food (regardless of affordability), that's down from 82% in 2006.
- Fuel prices, likewise, are a major problem; 68% say they can't afford the fuel they need for cooking or heat, a serious issue in the cold Afghan winter.
- While 62% of Afghans rate their basic living conditions positively, that's declined steadily from 83% in 2005. And just 29% say there's a good supply of jobs or economic opportunities in their area. The number who characterize their economic opportunities as "very bad" has doubled since 2006 – from 17% then to 33% now, one in three Afghans.
- After electricity supply – steadily the single biggest complaint – economic opportunity and prices, another poorly rated area is support for agriculture, such as the availability of seed, fertilizer and farm equipment, a central concern in a country that's three-quarters rural, with food prices so problematic.
- In other areas, barely over half rate their access to medical care positively. Just under half positively rate their protection from the Taliban and other armed groups. While 61% say they can move about safely, that's down 10 points from 2007, and leaves



four in 10 without such freedom of movement. And beyond food and fuel, in terms of prices overall, 58% report difficulty being able to afford things they want and need.

- 72% of Afghans say schools have been rebuilt or reopened in their area in the past five years (up 7 points from 2007); 53%, mosques; 47%, roads (up 12 points); 45%, health clinics (up 8 points); and 44%, police stations.
- Fewer than half, 42%, say they have good roads, bridges and other infrastructure in their area, that's up sharply from 24% in 2005. Seventy-seven% rate their local schools positively; 65% say they have clean water, up 12 points compared with 2007 and a new high. And 73% support the presence of foreign aid organizations in Afghanistan.
- Nonetheless, 51%, say foreign aid groups are making progress in providing a better life for Afghans. And fewer still, 30% of Afghans, say foreign development aid has benefited them personally. (Nearly three-quarters are worried about the impact of the global financial crisis on aid to their country.)
- 59% think the Afghan government is making progress in providing a better life for Afghans, 75% express confidence in its ability to provide security and stability, as many express confidence in their local police, and nearly as many in their provincial government.
- Anywhere from 63% to 66% report support for these entities among people in their area. And even though support for the central government has declined from 81% in 2007 to 65% now, these levels remain far higher than support for other players – U.S. or NATO/ISAF forces (as reported above, 37%), local commanders, 17%; foreign jihadis, 14%; the Taliban, 9%; and drug traffickers, 7%.
- 57% of Afghans rate the performance of the police positively, and ditto for the Afghan Army – not overwhelmingly positive measures, but the best out there. (Again as noted, just 32 rate the performance of the United States positively; 33%, NATO/ISAF forces.) Given Afghan institutions' support, it could prove more popular to put their imprint – rather than a Western face – on anti-insurgent efforts.

- 64% of Afghans say the government should negotiate a settlement with the Taliban in which they’re allowed to hold political offices if they agree to stop fighting. But among those who support negotiations, most by far, seven in 10, say talks should occur only if the Taliban stop fighting first.
- 33%, of Afghans think the government will defeat the Taliban outright with foreign support,. Another 33% expect a negotiated settlement; 19% expect continued fighting; 8% foresee an outright Taliban victory.
- 91% of Afghans have an unfavorable opinion of Pakistan (up 11 points from last year), and 86% say Pakistan is playing a negative role in Afghanistan.
- 74% of Afghans see India favorably. Fewer but a majority, 57%, also have a favorable view of Iran, Afghanistan’s neighbor to the west.
- Germany’s favorability rating is high at 61%; but its NATO/ISAF troops in Afghanistan have been in the North, away from the heaviest fighting. Favorable views of Great Britain are much lower, 39%; ratings of United States have dropped steadily to 47%, from a high of 83% in 2005.
- 63 % of Afghans call raising opium poppy “unacceptable in all cases.” But in the six top-producing provinces that drops to 31 % – and in Helmand, source of two-thirds of Afghanistan’s opium poppy, to just 12%. Even nationally, few Afghans, just 13%, support spraying pesticides as a way to eradicate the crop.

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q2a/b: Why do you say Afghanistan is headed in the RIGHT direction? (Total of Two Mentions)</b>										
Security NET	66%		40%		46%					
Peace/end of war	14%		5%		9%					

Disarmament	5%	3%	3%
Good Security	38%	24%	27%
Police are doing a good job	5%	2%	3%
Increasing ANA/ANP	3%	5%	1%
Eradicating Taliban	2%	0%	3%
Government NET	29%	37%	16%
Freedom/free speech	7%	11%	4%
Democracy/free elections	8%	11%	4%
Good government	12%	10%	9%
Established Constitutional Law	2%	3%	0%
Decreasing Administration/Corruption	1%	2%	0%
Education NET	24%	27%	10%
Education is improved	15%	19%	5%
Girls schools/education	9%	8%	5%
Reconstruction/rebuilding	43%	56%	16%
Travel possible/free movement	4%	1%	2%
Economic revival	5%	6%	2%
International assistance	5%	5%	3%
Return of Taliban / Opposition to government / Jihad	3%	3%	2%
Demolishing poppy cultivation	2%	1%	1%
Increasing foreign forces	0%	0%	0%
Woman can work	1%	0%	0%
Women's freedom	2%	2%	1%
Don't Know	15%	22%	1%

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q3a/b: Why do you say Afghanistan is headed in the WRONG direction? (Total of Two Mentions)</b>										
Security NET	70%		88%		41%		52%			
Crime	6%		11%		2%		3%			
Security/ warlords/ attacks/ violence	52%		64%		31%		42%			
Taliban	8%		8%		6%		6%			

Terrorism	3%	5%	2%	2%
Government NET	42%	30%	25%	56%
Corruption	26%	22%	14%	30%
Government/Weak government/lack of political stability	16%	8%	11%	26%
Economy NET	36%	19%	15%	46%
Economy/poverty/jobs	25%	11%	12%	33%
High prices	10%	8%	3%	13%
Foreign influence NET	8%	9%	7%	6%
Foreign interference/Western influences/Dangers to Islam	8%	6%	7%	6%
Pakistan/Iran/neighboring countries	1%	2%	0%	0%
Reconstruction NET	5%	6%	4%	4%
Electricity	1%	3%	0%	1%
Health care/clinics/hospital	1%	1%	1%	1%
Roads	1%	1%	1%	2%
Water	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reconstruction/rebuilding/development problems/lack of foreign aid	2%	1%	2%	0%
Drug trade / cultivation of poppy	3%	4%	2%	0%
Education / schools / literacy	3%	3%	1%	2%
Lack of shelter	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unhelpful operations of US troops	1%	0%	0%	1%
Lack of unity among people	5%	4%	2%	13%
Oppression of women	1%	0%	0%	1%
Unprofessional ANA/ANP	1%	1%	1%	0%
Don't Know	23%	34%	1%	19%

## Rating the Key Dangers to Afghanistan

Total    East    South    Kabul    All Others                    Helmand    Kabul    Kandahar    Logar    Nangarhar

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**Which do you think poses the biggest danger in our country: drug traffickers, local commanders, the United States, the Taliban, the current Afghan Government or something else?**

Taliban	58%	53%	50%	55%	61%	65%	55%	51%	49%	48%
Drug traffickers	13%	11%	14%	14%	13%	8%	14%	25%	31%	11%
Local commanders	7%	9%	12%	3%	7%	13%	3%	9%	9%	8%
United States	8%	17%	13%	7%	4%	7%	7%	6%	2%	23%
Current Afghan government	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	4%
Suicide attacks	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	3%	3%
Neighbor countries	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	3%
Criminals	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Corruption in the government	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Al-Qaeda	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Poppy cultivation	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
High prices / lack of jobs	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Foreign forces bombardment	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Lack of security	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Something else	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
Don't Know	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	1%	1%	0%

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q19: Who do you blame the most for the violence that is occurring in the country?</b>										
Afghan government / Karzai	12%	17%	9%	22%	10%	9%	22%	15%	14%	21%
Afghan forces	3%	5%	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	4%	0%	7%
U.S. / American forces	12%	16%	21%	12%	9%	3%	12%	29%	23%	22%
NATO/ISAF forces	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%	6%	0%	4%
Taliban	27%	21%	18%	27%	31%	35%	27%	13%	23%	18%
Al Qaeda / foreign jihadis	22%	14%	20%	15%	26%	27%	15%	18%	31%	11%
Bush / U.S. government / America	6%	8%	11%	8%	4%	9%	8%	4%	3%	12%
Local commanders / warlords	6%	10%	6%	1%	6%	5%	1%	4%	1%	2%
Drug traffickers	4%	0%	2%	5%	6%	3%	5%	3%	2%	0%
Neighboring countries	3%	2%	6%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Other (specify)	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	0%

### Who is Perceived As Killing Civilians? US & NATO/ISAF? ANSF? Taliban?

	All									
4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q32e: Has or has not occurred in this area? Civilians killed or seriously hurt by U.S., NATO or ISAF forces</b>										
HAS OCCURRED NET	34%	51%	67%	27%	22%	92%	27%	78%	43%	39%
Yes, in past year	21%	28%	37%	12%	18%	47%	12%	44%	25%	22%
Yes, longer than 1 year	13%	23%	30%	15%	5%	45%	15%	34%	18%	17%
No	62%	48%	28%	70%	73%	6%	70%	19%	33%	60%
Don't Know	4%	1%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	24%	1%
<b>Q32f: Has or has not occurred in this area? Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the Afghan army or police</b>										
HAS OCCURRED NET	24%	31%	43%	17%	18%	55%	17%	46%	24%	30%
Yes, in past year	13%	20%	23%	9%	9%	24%	9%	26%	7%	23%
Yes, longer than 1 year	11%	11%	20%	8%	9%	31%	8%	20%	17%	7%
No	70%	68%	48%	79%	76%	37%	79%	50%	53%	69%
Don't Know	6%	1%	9%	5%	6%	8%	5%	4%	23%	1%
<b>Q32g: Has or has not occurred in this area? Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the Taliban, Al Qaeda or foreign jihadis</b>										
HAS OCCURRED NET	42%	52%	70%	32%	34%	89%	32%	78%	65%	51%
Yes, in past year	24%	28%	38%	10%	22%	45%	10%	38%	37%	31%
Yes, longer than 1 year	19%	24%	33%	21%	13%	44%	21%	40%	28%	20%
No	53%	46%	21%	67%	61%	11%	67%	18%	24%	47%
Don't Know	5%	2%	9%	2%	5%	0%	2%	4%	11%	2%

### Rating the Quality of Afghan Governance

	All									
	Total	East	South	Kabul	Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q9a: How would you rate the work of... the present government - excellent, good, fair, or poor?</b>										
EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	49%	74%	39%	33%	51%	48%	33%	33%	35%	77%
Excellent	10%	19%	9%	5%	11%	11%	5%	8%	6%	13%
Good	38%	56%	31%	28%	40%	37%	28%	25%	28%	64%
FAIR / POOR NET	49%	26%	59%	63%	46%	51%	63%	67%	58%	23%
Fair	30%	20%	34%	33%	30%	39%	33%	40%	44%	20%
Poor	18%	6%	25%	30%	15%	12%	30%	27%	14%	3%
Don't Know	3%	0%	2%	4%	3%	1%	4%	0%	7%	0%

**Q9b: How would you rate the work of... Hamid Karzai as president of Afghanistan - excellent, good, fair, or poor?**

EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	52%	73%	47%	32%	55%	58%	32%	39%	48%	74%
Excellent	16%	27%	18%	6%	17%	28%	6%	7%	9%	24%
Good	36%	46%	30%	26%	38%	31%	26%	32%	39%	50%
FAIR / POOR NET	47%	27%	52%	68%	45%	42%	68%	59%	46%	26%
Fair	29%	25%	31%	33%	29%	30%	33%	29%	35%	24%
Poor	18%	3%	21%	35%	16%	12%	35%	30%	12%	2%
Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	5%	0%

**Q9c: How would you rate the work of... the provincial government here - excellent, good, fair, or poor?**

EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	46%	64%	38%	30%	49%	53%	30%	30%	26%	65%
Excellent	10%	15%	6%	9%	12%	12%	9%	5%	7%	16%
Good	35%	48%	32%	21%	38%	41%	21%	25%	19%	49%
FAIR / POOR NET	53%	36%	61%	68%	50%	47%	68%	70%	66%	35%
Fair	36%	31%	38%	39%	36%	35%	39%	53%	54%	33%
Poor	17%	5%	23%	30%	14%	12%	30%	17%	13%	2%
Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	7%	0%



## Local Support for the Afghan Government and Police

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q30a: Level of support among the people in this area: The central government led by Hamid Karzai</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	65%	76%	51%	52%	70%	61%	52%	49%	71%	83%
Very Strong Support	27%	25%	16%	26%	31%	7%	26%	16%	25%	24%
Fairly Strong Support	38%	51%	35%	27%	39%	54%	27%	33%	45%	59%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO SUPPORT NET	34%	23%	46%	47%	30%	39%	47%	51%	28%	17%
Fairly Weak Support	26%	22%	29%	38%	23%	31%	38%	25%	25%	17%
No Significant Support at All	8%	1%	17%	10%	6%	8%	10%	26%	3%	0%
Don't Know	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
<b>Q30b: Level of support among the people in this area: The provincial government</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	63%	70%	51%	49%	70%	59%	49%	50%	52%	76%
Very Strong Support	22%	23%	14%	18%	25%	21%	18%	6%	12%	20%
Fairly Strong Support	42%	47%	37%	31%	45%	38%	31%	44%	40%	56%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO SUPPORT NET	36%	29%	47%	49%	30%	41%	49%	49%	48%	24%
Fairly Weak Support	26%	24%	27%	40%	23%	31%	40%	31%	46%	19%
No Significant Support at All	9%	4%	20%	9%	6%	10%	9%	18%	2%	5%
Don't Know	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Q30c: Level of support among the people in this area: The local police</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	66%	70%	44%	66%	73%	60%	66%	55%	38%	73%
Very Strong Support	23%	18%	9%	27%	28%	13%	27%	19%	6%	16%
Fairly Strong Support	43%	52%	35%	39%	45%	47%	39%	36%	32%	57%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO SUPPORT NET	32%	29%	51%	33%	25%	40%	33%	41%	57%	27%
Fairly Weak Support	23%	23%	26%	29%	21%	31%	29%	26%	49%	23%
No Significant Support at All	8%	6%	24%	4%	4%	9%	4%	15%	7%	4%
Don't Know	2%	1%	5%	1%	2%	0%	1%	4%	5%	0%

### Afghan Government and Police “Presence”

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q28a: How much of a presence it has in this area: The central government led by Hamid Karzai</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	67%	52%	54%	82%	71%	52%	82%	56%	58%	58%
Very Strong	26%	30%	17%	36%	26%	2%	36%	24%	16%	32%
Fairly Strong	41%	22%	37%	46%	45%	50%	46%	32%	42%	26%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	32%	48%	45%	17%	29%	48%	17%	44%	40%	42%
Fairly Weak	27%	33%	37%	17%	25%	47%	17%	31%	37%	23%
No Significant Presence	5%	15%	9%	1%	3%	1%	1%	13%	3%	19%
Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
<b>Q28b: How much of a presence it has in this area: The provincial government</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	69%	64%	59%	70%	73%	64%	70%	41%	49%	70%
Very Strong	25%	20%	19%	32%	26%	36%	32%	6%	9%	14%
Fairly Strong	44%	43%	40%	38%	47%	29%	38%	35%	40%	56%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	31%	36%	40%	29%	27%	36%	29%	59%	49%	30%
Fairly Weak	27%	33%	31%	24%	25%	30%	24%	45%	43%	26%
No Significant Presence	4%	3%	9%	4%	2%	6%	4%	14%	6%	4%
Don't Know	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
<b>Q28c: How much of a presence it has in this area: The local police</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	73%	69%	58%	86%	76%	72%	86%	60%	36%	81%
Very Strong	29%	22%	19%	40%	32%	27%	40%	24%	8%	18%
Fairly Strong	44%	47%	39%	46%	44%	46%	46%	36%	27%	63%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	25%	31%	38%	14%	23%	28%	14%	38%	63%	19%
Fairly Weak	21%	27%	26%	12%	21%	19%	12%	26%	60%	15%
No Significant Presence	4%	4%	12%	2%	2%	8%	2%	12%	3%	4%
Don't Know	1%	0%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%

## Can the Afghan Government and Police Provide Security?

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q29a: How confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area: The central government led by Hamid Karzai</b>										
VERY / SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT NET	75%	77%	55%	71%	82%	56%	71%	54%	82%	86%
Very Confident	28%	30%	20%	24%	32%	9%	24%	20%	24%	30%
Somewhat Confident	47%	47%	36%	47%	50%	47%	47%	34%	58%	56%
NOT SO / AT ALL CONFIDENT NET	25%	23%	44%	29%	18%	43%	29%	45%	16%	14%
Not so confident	19%	23%	32%	20%	14%	31%	20%	27%	13%	14%
Not Confident at all	6%	1%	12%	8%	5%	12%	8%	18%	3%	0%
Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
<b>Q29b: How confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area: The provincial government</b>										
VERY / SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT NET	69%	72%	55%	67%	74%	65%	67%	46%	73%	79%
Very Confident	24%	29%	17%	21%	26%	26%	21%	8%	9%	25%
Somewhat Confident	45%	43%	38%	45%	48%	40%	45%	38%	63%	54%
NOT SO / AT ALL CONFIDENT NET	30%	28%	43%	32%	25%	35%	32%	53%	26%	21%
Not so confident	24%	24%	29%	24%	22%	29%	24%	35%	24%	17%
Not Confident at all	6%	4%	15%	8%	4%	6%	8%	18%	2%	4%
Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
<b>Q29c: How confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area: The local police</b>										
VERY / SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT NET	75%	66%	49%	83%	83%	66%	83%	50%	64%	73%
Very Confident	28%	26%	15%	28%	33%	24%	28%	26%	9%	31%
Somewhat Confident	47%	40%	34%	55%	50%	42%	55%	24%	55%	42%
NOT SO / AT ALL CONFIDENT NET	24%	33%	49%	17%	16%	34%	17%	46%	35%	26%
Not so confident	17%	23%	28%	14%	12%	29%	14%	30%	29%	15%
Not Confident at all	7%	10%	20%	3%	4%	5%	3%	16%	5%	11%
Don't Know	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	4%	1%	1%

## Rating the Quality of Afghan Forces

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q9d: How would you rate the work of... the police in this area - excellent, good, fair, or poor?</b>										
EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	57%	68%	36%	65%	59%	54%	65%	48%	20%	75%
Excellent	15%	18%	7%	21%	16%	16%	21%	9%	7%	20%
Good	42%	50%	29%	45%	43%	38%	45%	39%	13%	55%
FAIR / POOR NET	42%	31%	60%	34%	40%	46%	34%	52%	76%	25%
Fair	32%	24%	36%	27%	33%	35%	27%	30%	59%	17%
Poor	11%	8%	25%	7%	7%	11%	7%	22%	17%	8%
Don't Know	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	4%	0%

### Q9e: How would you rate the work of... Afghan Army forces - excellent, good, fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	57%	69%	52%	65%	55%	53%	65%	48%	47%	75%
Excellent	18%	23%	18%	28%	15%	17%	28%	11%	19%	32%
Good	39%	46%	33%	38%	40%	36%	38%	37%	28%	43%
FAIR / POOR NET	34%	30%	41%	34%	32%	47%	34%	52%	44%	24%
Fair	26%	25%	28%	24%	26%	36%	24%	37%	39%	21%
Poor	8%	5%	13%	10%	7%	11%	10%	15%	5%	3%
Don't Know	9%	1%	8%	1%	12%	0%	1%	0%	8%	1%

### Q15: How much of a problem is the issue of corruption among government officials or the police in this area – is that a big problem, a moderate problem, a small problem, or not a problem?

PROBLEM NET	85%	77%	80%	93%	86%	88%	93%	89%	79%	73%
A big problem	63%	53%	53%	82%	64%	48%	82%	64%	73%	44%
A moderate problem	21%	25%	27%	11%	22%	40%	11%	25%	6%	29%
SMALL/NOT PROBLEM NET	11%	15%	12%	6%	12%	10%	6%	7%	18%	16%
A small problem	8%	9%	6%	5%	9%	7%	5%	4%	13%	9%
Not a problem	3%	6%	5%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	7%
Don't Know	4%	7%	8%	1%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	11%

## Growing Strength of Taliban and Support or Opposition for the Taliban and Insurgents

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
Q18d: Do you strongly or oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today? Fighters from the Taliban										
SUPPORT NET	8%	7%	18%	2%	7%	9%	2%	26%	7%	4%
Strongly Support	2%	1%	5%	1%	2%	0%	1%	5%	0%	1%
Support Somewhat	6%	6%	13%	1%	5%	9%	1%	21%	7%	3%
OPPOSE NET	90%	92%	78%	96%	92%	87%	96%	71%	82%	96%
Somewhat Oppose	20%	31%	29%	11%	17%	28%	11%	38%	29%	30%
Strongly Oppose	70%	61%	49%	86%	75%	59%	86%	33%	53%	66%
Don't Know	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%	11%	0%
Q20: Over the past 12 months, would you say the Taliban in Afghanistan have grown stronger, grown weaker, or remained about the same?										
Grown stronger	43%	39%	55%	43%	40%	63%	43%	49%	45%	50%
Grown weaker	24%	34%	15%	30%	24%	16%	30%	27%	13%	21%
Remained about the same	25%	22%	18%	21%	29%	18%	21%	18%	27%	19%
Don't Know (vol.)	8%	6%	12%	6%	7%	2%	6%	6%	16%	10%
Q18c: Do you strongly or oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today? Jihadi fighters from other countries										
SUPPORT NET	11%	7%	14%	4%	12%	20%	4%	16%	7%	6%
Strongly Support	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	5%	0%
Support Somewhat	9%	6%	13%	3%	9%	18%	3%	15%	2%	6%
OPPOSE NET	86%	92%	83%	95%	84%	80%	95%	81%	83%	93%
Somewhat Oppose	27%	37%	25%	23%	26%	23%	23%	34%	35%	37%
Strongly Oppose	60%	56%	58%	71%	58%	56%	71%	47%	48%	56%
Don't Know	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%	0%	2%	3%	9%	1%

### Taliban, Jihadi “Presence”

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q28e: How much of a presence it has in this area: The Taliban</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	14%	8%	35%	1%	11%	50%	1%	39%	7%	4%
Very Strong	3%	2%	7%	0%	3%	13%	0%	8%	1%	0%
Fairly Strong	10%	6%	28%	1%	8%	37%	1%	31%	6%	4%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	83%	84%	62%	99%	87%	50%	99%	59%	71%	82%
Fairly Weak	21%	36%	32%	3%	19%	28%	3%	34%	49%	36%
No Significant Presence	63%	48%	30%	96%	68%	22%	96%	25%	21%	46%
Don't Know	3%	9%	3%	0%	3%	0%	0%	2%	22%	14%
<b>Q28h: How much of a presence it has in this area: Foreign Jihadis</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	14%	7%	19%	8%	15%	31%	8%	29%	5%	7%
Very Strong	2%	0%	2%	3%	2%	7%	3%	3%	1%	0%
Fairly Strong	12%	7%	17%	5%	12%	23%	5%	26%	4%	7%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	79%	86%	71%	90%	77%	68%	90%	67%	71%	83%
Fairly Weak	22%	35%	32%	10%	19%	36%	10%	44%	26%	38%
No Significant Presence	57%	52%	39%	80%	59%	33%	80%	23%	44%	45%
Don't Know	8%	7%	10%	2%	8%	1%	2%	4%	24%	10%

## Favorable vs. Unfavorable to Taliban and Bin Laden

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q38a: Is your opinion of The Taliban very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
FAVORABLE NET	7%	6%	21%	3%	4%	3%	3%	34%	12%	10%
Very Favorable	3%	0%	9%	1%	2%	0%	1%	18%	6%	0%
Somewhat Favorable	4%	6%	12%	2%	2%	3%	2%	16%	5%	10%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>87%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	12%	20%	26%	2%	8%	22%	2%	38%	35%	19%
Very Unfavorable	79%	64%	50%	95%	87%	67%	95%	28%	37%	68%
Don't Know	2%	11%	3%	1%	1%	7%	1%	0%	17%	3%
<b>Q38b: Is your opinion of Osama Bin Laden very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
FAVORABLE NET	6%	9%	13%	4%	3%	10%	4%	19%	8%	15%
Very Favorable	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	3%
Somewhat Favorable	4%	7%	9%	1%	3%	10%	1%	18%	8%	12%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>83%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	10%	18%	14%	4%	8%	15%	4%	22%	20%	16%
Very Unfavorable	82%	63%	69%	90%	87%	74%	90%	58%	46%	67%
Don't Know	3%	10%	4%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	25%	2%

### Local Support for Taliban and Foreign Jihadis

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q30e: Level of support among the people in this area: The Taliban</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	9%	4%	28%	1%	5%	27%	1%	36%	12%	6%
Very Strong Support	3%	1%	11%	1%	1%	6%	1%	17%	1%	1%
Fairly Strong Support	6%	3%	17%	1%	5%	20%	1%	19%	11%	5%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO SUPPORT NET	85%	87%	69%	97%	87%	69%	97%	60%	72%	82%
Fairly Weak Support	13%	23%	23%	2%	11%	20%	2%	28%	22%	22%
No Significant Support at All	72%	64%	46%	95%	76%	49%	95%	32%	49%	60%
Don't Know	6%	9%	3%	2%	8%	4%	2%	4%	17%	12%
<b>Q30h: Level of support among the people in this area: Foreign Jihadis</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	14%	12%	14%	8%	15%	18%	8%	22%	15%	13%
Very Strong Support	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	6%	1%	0%
Fairly Strong Support	12%	11%	12%	5%	13%	17%	5%	16%	14%	13%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO SUPPORT NET	78%	80%	76%	91%	76%	79%	91%	73%	36%	79%
Fairly Weak Support	18%	30%	18%	9%	18%	27%	9%	34%	9%	37%
No Significant Support at All	61%	50%	58%	82%	58%	52%	82%	39%	26%	42%
Don't Know	8%	8%	9%	1%	9%	3%	1%	5%	49%	8%



## Are the Taliban and/or Jihadis a Source of Security?

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q29e: How confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area: The Taliban</b>										
VERY / SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT NET	7%	4%	20%	0%	5%	9%	0%	31%	8%	4%
Very Confident	2%	1%	7%	0%	1%	4%	0%	9%	2%	1%
Somewhat Confident	5%	4%	13%	0%	4%	5%	0%	22%	6%	3%
NOT SO / AT ALL CONFIDENT NET	90%	96%	76%	96%	92%	88%	96%	66%	71%	96%
Not so confident	10%	20%	21%	2%	7%	22%	2%	28%	29%	19%
Not Confident at all	79%	76%	55%	93%	85%	65%	93%	38%	41%	77%
Don't Know	3%	0%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	21%	0%
<b>Q29g: How confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area: Foreign Jihadis</b>										
VERY / SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT NET	13%	11%	13%	5%	15%	18%	5%	22%	14%	8%
Very Confident	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Somewhat Confident	11%	9%	11%	4%	14%	14%	4%	19%	9%	6%
NOT SO / AT ALL CONFIDENT NET	84%	89%	82%	94%	81%	80%	94%	76%	58%	92%
Not so confident	17%	26%	17%	13%	17%	16%	13%	30%	14%	27%
Not Confident at all	67%	64%	65%	82%	65%	63%	82%	46%	44%	65%
Don't Know	3%	0%	5%	1%	4%	2%	1%	2%	28%	0%

### Level and Type of Taliban Activity and Attacks - I

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q31a: Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area? The delivery of night letters</b>										
Yes	21%	17%	50%	0%	17%	56%	0%	65%	72%	20%
No	74%	82%	45%	94%	78%	43%	94%	34%	26%	80%
Don't Know (vol.)	5%	1%	5%	6%	6%	1%	6%	1%	2%	0%
<b>Q31b: Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area? Bombings</b>										
Yes	26%	29%	55%	11%	20%	90%	11%	60%	55%	16%
No	69%	69%	42%	89%	74%	10%	89%	39%	35%	83%
Don't Know (vol.)	4%	1%	4%	1%	6%	0%	1%	1%	11%	1%
<b>Q31c: Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area? Killing individuals</b>										
Yes	32%	46%	60%	10%	26%	81%	10%	62%	36%	42%
No	64%	54%	35%	90%	70%	18%	90%	37%	62%	58%
Don't Know (vol.)	4%	1%	5%	0%	5%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
<b>Q31d: Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area? Burning schools / government buildings</b>										
Yes	27%	37%	48%	2%	25%	93%	2%	46%	41%	25%
No	69%	62%	46%	97%	71%	7%	97%	53%	53%	75%
Don't Know (vol.)	4%	1%	6%	1%	4%	0%	1%	1%	6%	0%
<b>Q31e: Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area? Fighting government or foreign troops</b>										
Yes	33%	36%	71%	2%	27%	90%	2%	71%	45%	28%
No	63%	63%	24%	95%	68%	10%	95%	28%	33%	72%
Don't Know (vol.)	5%	1%	4%	3%	6%	0%	3%	1%	22%	0%

## Level and Type of Taliban Activity and Attacks - II

		All									
4.00		Total	East	South	Kabul	Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q31f: Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area? People giving food/money to Taliban</b>											
	Yes	17%	15%	47%	1%	12%	83%	1%	53%	4%	15%
	No	75%	84%	43%	96%	79%	17%	96%	46%	72%	85%
	Don't Know (vol.)	8%	1%	10%	3%	10%	0%	3%	1%	24%	0%
<b>Q32a: Has or has not occurred in this area? Has it happened in the past year, or longer ago than that? Car bombs, suicide attacks</b>											
	HAS OCCURRED	39%	50%	63%	43%	28%	94%	43%	70%	24%	52%
	NET										
	Yes, in past year	26%	30%	47%	29%	17%	88%	29%	44%	21%	36%
	Yes, longer than 1 year	13%	21%	16%	14%	10%	6%	14%	26%	3%	16%
	No	59%	49%	34%	57%	70%	6%	57%	29%	67%	47%
	Don't Know	2%	1%	3%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	8%	1%
<b>Q32b: Has or has not occurred in this area? Has it happened in the past year, or longer ago than that? Snipers, crossfire</b>											
		1,534	160	338	168		98	168	100	95	100
	HAS OCCURRED	35%	52%	74%	20%	23%	73%	20%	87%	69%	44%
	NET										
	Yes, in past year	19%	26%	44%	7%	13%	36%	7%	55%	53%	29%
	Yes, longer than 1 year	16%	26%	30%	13%	10%	38%	13%	32%	17%	15%
	No	62%	46%	24%	79%	73%	27%	79%	13%	23%	54%
	Don't Know	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	0%	1%	0%	7%	2%
<b>Q32c: Has or has not occurred in this area? Has it happened in the past year, or longer ago than that? Kidnappings for ransom</b>											
	HAS OCCURRED	45%	43%	58%	54%	38%	67%	54%	78%	55%	51%
	NET										
	Yes, in past year	31%	28%	37%	39%	27%	42%	39%	47%	34%	32%
	Yes, longer than 1 year	14%	15%	22%	15%	11%	26%	15%	31%	21%	19%
	No	52%	56%	37%	45%	58%	30%	45%	19%	21%	48%
	Don't Know	3%	1%	5%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%	24%	1%

## Will the Taliban Win? Should the Government Negotiate?

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q22: (IF NEGOTIATE) Do you think the government should negotiate only if the Taliban first stop fighting, or negotiate even as fighting continues?</b>										
Negotiate only if the Taliban stop fighting	71%	69%	56%	71%	77%		71%			
Negotiate even as fighting continues.	29%	30%	44%	29%	23%		29%			
Don't Know (vol.)	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%		0%			
<b>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>										
Afghan government will defeat the Taliban with foreign assistance	33%	26%	21%	41%	37%	20%	41%	22%	14%	34%
The Taliban will defeat the government	8%	12%	9%	4%	8%	11%	4%	15%	13%	8%
Both sides will negotiate a settlement	33%	57%	49%	24%	26%	54%	24%	42%	27%	50%
The fighting will go on with no winner and no settlement	19%	6%	15%	29%	20%	14%	29%	15%	24%	8%
Don't Know (vol.)	7%	0%	5%	3%	9%	0%	3%	6%	22%	0%
<b>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>										
The Taliban are more moderate now	24%	47%	29%	18%	19%	23%	18%	36%	14%	53%
The Taliban are the same as before	64%	46%	58%	77%	67%	76%	77%	60%	60%	37%
Don't Know (vol.)	12%	7%	13%	5%	15%	1%	5%	4%	26%	10%

## The Role of Counter-Narcotics and Drug Trafficking

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q37: 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>										
Allow Poppies to be Grown	5%	3%	12%	1%	4%	24%	1%	3%	6%	3%
TAKE MEASURES TO KILL OFF NET	91%	96%	78%	97%	93%	76%	97%	92%	83%	95%
Take measures - support spraying	13%	8%	10%	10%	15%	12%	10%	13%	4%	5%
Take measures - oppose spraying	48%	64%	49%	54%	44%	48%	54%	67%	29%	67%
Take measures - unsure of spraying	30%	24%	19%	33%	34%	15%	33%	12%	49%	23%
Don't Know	4%	1%	10%	2%	4%	0%	2%	5%	11%	2%
<b>Q30f: Level of support among the people in this area: Drug traffickers</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	7%	8%	12%	3%	7%	33%	3%	16%	8%	3%
Very Strong Support	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	9%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Fairly Strong Support	6%	7%	10%	2%	6%	23%	2%	15%	7%	3%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO SUPPORT NET	85%	78%	80%	94%	86%	65%	94%	79%	47%	80%
Fairly Weak Support	17%	21%	23%	2%	18%	27%	2%	31%	9%	23%
No Significant Support at All	68%	57%	57%	92%	67%	39%	92%	48%	38%	57%
Don't Know	8%	14%	8%	3%	8%	2%	3%	5%	44%	17%

## Local Support for, and Presence of Drug Traffickers

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q28f: A670How much of a presence it has in this area: The drug traffickers</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	13%	11%	28%	5%	11%	62%	5%	34%	13%	9%
Very Strong	3%	1%	6%	2%	2%	21%	2%	6%	2%	0%
Fairly Strong	11%	10%	21%	3%	9%	41%	3%	28%	11%	9%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	81%	81%	68%	90%	84%	38%	90%	63%	73%	80%
Fairly Weak	28%	30%	32%	7%	31%	21%	7%	37%	19%	35%
No Significant Presence	54%	51%	36%	83%	53%	16%	83%	26%	54%	45%
Don't Know	5%	7%	4%	5%	5%	0%	5%	3%	15%	11%

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q30d: Level of support among the people in this area: Local commanders and their militias</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	17%	13%	19%	7%	21%	20%	7%	50%	19%	12%
Very Strong Support	4%	3%	6%	1%	5%	9%	1%	17%	0%	2%
Fairly Strong Support	13%	9%	13%	5%	16%	11%	5%	33%	19%	10%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO SUPPORT NET	78%	83%	77%	90%	74%	77%	90%	48%	52%	83%
Fairly Weak Support	29%	37%	25%	19%	31%	31%	19%	30%	9%	48%
No Significant Support at All	49%	46%	51%	71%	43%	46%	71%	18%	42%	35%
Don't Know	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	2%	29%	5%
4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q28d: How much of a presence it has in this area: Local commanders and their militias</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	23%	25%	33%	7%	23%	30%	7%	62%	18%	21%
Very Strong	7%	7%	10%	3%	7%	6%	3%	17%	4%	2%
Fairly Strong	16%	17%	22%	4%	16%	23%	4%	45%	14%	19%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	74%	74%	65%	91%	73%	70%	91%	37%	61%	77%
Fairly Weak	36%	45%	31%	18%	40%	39%	18%	20%	32%	42%
No Significant Presence	39%	29%	34%	73%	34%	32%	73%	17%	29%	35%
Don't Know	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%	0%	2%	1%	21%	2%
<b>Q29d: How confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area: Local commanders and their militias</b>										
VERY / SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT NET	18%	12%	19%	11%	21%	15%	11%	59%	20%	13%
Very Confident	5%	1%	5%	1%	6%	2%	1%	16%	3%	1%
Somewhat Confident	13%	11%	14%	10%	14%	13%	10%	43%	17%	12%
NOT SO / AT ALL CONFIDENT NET	79%	88%	77%	85%	77%	84%	85%	37%	63%	87%
Not so confident	27%	31%	22%	14%	30%	37%	14%	18%	17%	37%
Not Confident at all	52%	57%	55%	71%	46%	47%	71%	19%	46%	50%
Don't Know	3%	0%	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	4%	17%	0%

### Support or Opposition for the US, NATO, and Foreign Aid

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q18a: Do you strongly or oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today? U.S. military forces</b>										
SUPPORT NET	63%	46%	52%	51%	72%	50%	51%	37%	33%	27%
Strongly Support	12%	2%	11%	8%	15%	0%	8%	10%	4%	0%
Support Somewhat	51%	43%	41%	43%	57%	50%	43%	27%	28%	27%
OPPOSE NET	36%	53%	46%	48%	27%	48%	48%	61%	52%	73%
Somewhat Oppose	21%	32%	17%	29%	18%	32%	29%	23%	27%	42%
Strongly Oppose	15%	22%	29%	19%	8%	16%	19%	38%	24%	31%
Don't Know	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	16%	0%

**Q18b: Do you strongly or oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today? NATO/ISAF military forces**

SUPPORT NET	59%	27%	46%	52%	70%	40%	52%	32%	37%	10%
Strongly Support	13%	4%	16%	8%	14%	7%	8%	5%	2%	0%
Support Somewhat	46%	23%	30%	44%	55%	33%	44%	27%	35%	10%
OPPOSE NET	40%	72%	52%	45%	29%	60%	45%	66%	46%	90%
Somewhat Oppose	24%	44%	19%	26%	21%	36%	26%	22%	20%	48%
Strongly Oppose	16%	28%	33%	19%	7%	24%	19%	44%	26%	42%
Don't Know	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	17%	0%

**Q18e: Do you strongly or oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today? Foreign aid organizations**

SUPPORT NET	73%	54%	57%	68%	83%	38%	68%	47%	82%	45%
Strongly Support	30%	16%	23%	31%	35%	0%	31%	11%	32%	6%
Support Somewhat	43%	38%	34%	38%	48%	38%	38%	36%	51%	39%
OPPOSE NET	25%	46%	38%	30%	15%	55%	30%	49%	8%	55%
Somewhat Oppose	14%	28%	17%	17%	11%	18%	17%	25%	3%	31%
Strongly Oppose	10%	18%	21%	13%	5%	37%	13%	24%	5%	24%
Don't Know	2%	0%	5%	1%	2%	7%	1%	4%	9%	0%



## Rating the Quality of US, NATO/ISAF, and Foreign Aid Efforts

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q9f: How would you rate the work of... the United States in Afghanistan - excellent, good, fair, or poor?</b>										
EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	32%	18%	28%	29%	37%	28%	29%	25%	13%	14%
Excellent	5%	4%	3%	4%	6%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Good	27%	13%	25%	25%	31%	27%	25%	23%	9%	12%
FAIR / POOR NET	63%	81%	64%	70%	58%	72%	70%	75%	51%	86%
Fair	36%	45%	22%	38%	39%	44%	38%	32%	23%	41%
Poor	26%	37%	42%	32%	18%	29%	32%	43%	27%	45%
Don't Know	5%	1%	8%	1%	6%	0%	1%	0%	37%	0%

<b>Q9g: How would you rate the work of... NATO / ISAF Forces - excellent, good, fair, or poor?</b>										
EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	33%	19%	27%	35%	36%	22%	35%	24%	22%	10%
Excellent	6%	5%	4%	4%	7%	0%	4%	2%	3%	1%
Good	27%	14%	23%	31%	29%	22%	31%	22%	19%	9%
FAIR / POOR NET	62%	81%	65%	64%	58%	74%	64%	74%	34%	90%
Fair	36%	39%	23%	35%	40%	42%	35%	33%	20%	37%
Poor	26%	42%	42%	29%	18%	33%	29%	41%	14%	53%
Don't Know	5%	1%	8%	2%	6%	3%	2%	2%	44%	0%

<b>Q9h: How would you rate the work of... Foreign aid organizations - excellent, good, fair, or poor?</b>										
EXCELLENT / GOOD NET	45%	44%	33%	30%	53%	23%	30%	35%	48%	36%
Excellent	12%	10%	10%	6%	15%	0%	6%	8%	12%	4%
Good	33%	34%	23%	24%	38%	23%	24%	27%	37%	32%
FAIR / POOR NET	51%	55%	61%	69%	42%	74%	69%	64%	32%	64%
Fair	32%	39%	32%	39%	29%	42%	39%	33%	24%	43%
Poor	19%	17%	28%	30%	14%	33%	30%	31%	7%	21%
Don't Know	4%	1%	6%	1%	5%	2%	1%	1%	20%	0%

## Does NATO/ISAF and US Provide Security?

**Q29f: How confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area: United States or NATO or ISAF forces**

VERY / SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT NET	42%	18%	40%	38%	47%	48%	38%	32%	19%	10%
Very Confident	6%	1%	6%	5%	7%	4%	5%	4%	1%	1%
Somewhat Confident	35%	17%	33%	33%	40%	44%	33%	28%	18%	9%
NOT SO / AT ALL CONFIDENT NET	<b>55%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Not so confident	27%	34%	18%	26%	29%	21%	26%	25%	37%	38%
Not Confident at all	29%	48%	40%	36%	19%	31%	36%	41%	31%	52%
Don't Know	3%	0%	2%	0%	5%	0%	0%	2%	14%	0%

## Why NATO is Losing Support in Afghanistan: Combat and Air Strikes

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q32d: Has or has not occurred in this area? Bombing or shelling by U.S., NATO or ISAF forces</b>										
HAS OCCURRED NET	27%	53%	67%	12%	13%	87%	12%	64%	17%	43%
Yes, in past year	16%	37%	39%	5%	8%	50%	5%	40%	6%	34%
Yes, longer than 1 year	11%	17%	28%	7%	5%	37%	7%	24%	11%	9%
No	65%	44%	28%	83%	77%	13%	83%	32%	39%	54%
Don't Know	8%	3%	4%	5%	10%	0%	5%	4%	44%	3%
<b>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>										
Acceptable	16%	10%	14%	10%	18%	8%	10%	7%	6%	15%
Unacceptable	77%	89%	80%	85%	72%	92%	85%	91%	83%	83%
Don't Know (vol.)	8%	1%	6%	6%	10%	0%	6%	2%	11%	2%
<b>Q34: When civilians are harmed in U.S. and NATO/ISAF air strikes, who do you mainly blame:</b>										
U.S and NATO/ISAF forces for mistaken targeting	41%	45%	47%	51%	37%	48%	51%	45%	60%	43%
Anti-government forces for being among civilians	28%	34%	30%	17%	28%	29%	17%	32%	14%	28%
Both sides equally	27%	21%	21%	29%	30%	23%	29%	19%	15%	27%
Don't Know (vol.)	4%	1%	1%	4%	5%	0%	4%	4%	12%	2%

## NATO/Foreign Aid Active? Increase NATO Forces? Attacks on NATO Justified?

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>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. or NATO/ISAF military forces in Afghanistan can be justified or cannot be justified?</b>										
Can be justified	25%	47%	44%	19%	16%	9%	19%	55%	18%	63%
Cannot be justified	64%	45%	43%	76%	72%	84%	76%	42%	42%	29%
Don't Know (vol.)	11%	8%	13%	5%	12%	7%	5%	3%	40%	8%
<b>Q26: Do you think the number of U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces in Afghanistan should be increased, decreased or kept at the current level?</b>										
Increased	18%	8%	16%	20%	20%	9%	20%	3%	11%	8%
Decreased	44%	64%	53%	50%	36%	57%	50%	73%	32%	72%
Kept at the current level	29%	25%	26%	26%	32%	33%	26%	22%	37%	16%
Don't Know (vol.)	9%	3%	5%	4%	12%	1%	4%	2%	21%	4%
<b>Q28g: How much of a presence it has in this area: United States or NATO or ISAF forces</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	34%	21%	38%	44%	33%	50%	44%	37%	31%	16%
Very Strong	6%	7%	8%	7%	4%	3%	7%	6%	0%	4%
Fairly Strong	29%	14%	30%	37%	29%	47%	37%	31%	31%	12%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	63%	78%	60%	55%	64%	49%	55%	61%	60%	82%
Fairly Weak	39%	49%	38%	32%	40%	36%	32%	39%	39%	44%
No Significant Presence	24%	29%	22%	23%	24%	13%	23%	22%	21%	38%
Don't Know	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	9%	2%
<b>Q28i: How much of a presence it has in this area: Foreign aid organizations</b>										
VERY / FAIRLY STRONG NET	41%	37%	30%	30%	48%	27%	30%	39%	34%	32%
Very Strong	9%	10%	5%	4%	12%	0%	4%	5%	4%	6%
Fairly Strong	32%	27%	25%	26%	36%	27%	26%	34%	29%	26%
FAIRLY WEAK / NO PRESENCE NET	56%	63%	63%	69%	49%	70%	69%	58%	57%	68%
Fairly Weak	36%	42%	31%	33%	37%	27%	33%	46%	38%	44%
No Significant Presence	20%	21%	32%	36%	12%	44%	36%	12%	19%	24%
Don't Know	3%	0%	6%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	9%	0%

## Rating the Quality of Reconstruction Efforts – Schools, Health Clinics, Government Offices

Total    East    South    Kabul    All Others                    Helmand    Kabul    Kandahar    Logar    Nangarhar

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### Q13a: Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area?

#### Schools

Yes	72%	82%	58%	66%	77%	27%	66%	47%	93%	77%
No	27%	18%	41%	34%	22%	73%	34%	52%	6%	23%
Don't Know (vol.)	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%

### Q13b: Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area?

#### Health clinics

Yes	45%	55%	58%	30%	43%	12%	30%	63%	62%	58%
No	54%	45%	41%	69%	56%	88%	69%	36%	35%	42%
Don't Know (vol.)	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%

### Q13c: Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area?

#### Government offices

Yes	31%	51%	43%	30%	23%	17%	30%	35%	19%	46%
No	65%	48%	55%	70%	70%	83%	70%	62%	53%	53%
Don't Know (vol.)	4%	1%	2%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3%	28%	1%

## Rating the Quality of Reconstruction Efforts – Mosques, Police Stations, Roads

	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q13d: Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area? Mosques</b>										
Yes	53%	64%	34%	67%	54%	15%	67%	65%	37%	69%
No	44%	36%	64%	33%	41%	83%	33%	34%	52%	31%
Don't Know (vol.)	3%	0%	2%	1%	5%	2%	1%	1%	12%	0%
<b>Q13e: Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area? Police stations</b>										
Yes	44%	65%	53%	49%	37%	42%	49%	66%	17%	74%
No	51%	35%	44%	49%	57%	58%	49%	33%	49%	26%
Don't Know (vol.)	4%	0%	3%	1%	7%	0%	1%	1%	34%	0%
<b>Q13f: Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area? Roads</b>										
Yes	47%	68%	48%	31%	47%	10%	31%	73%	60%	69%
No	52%	32%	50%	69%	52%	90%	69%	26%	32%	31%
Don't Know (vol.)	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	8%	0%

### Afghan Perceptions of Outside States – US, UK, Pakistan, Iran

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q38c: Is your opinion of The United States very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
FAVORABLE NET	47%	17%	39%	30%	59%	39%	30%	12%	16%	9%
Very Favorable	7%	1%	3%	4%	11%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%
Somewhat Favorable	40%	16%	37%	26%	49%	38%	26%	10%	14%	8%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>69%</b>	40%	<b>60%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	25%	41%	19%	26%	24%	33%	26%	34%	54%	34%
Very Unfavorable	27%	41%	40%	43%	16%	28%	43%	50%	20%	56%
Don't Know	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	11%	1%
<b>Q38e: Is your opinion of Great Britain very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
FAVORABLE NET	39%	15%	28%	30%	48%	11%	30%	13%	14%	8%
Very Favorable	6%	1%	3%	7%	8%	0%	7%	1%	2%	1%
Somewhat Favorable	32%	14%	25%	23%	40%	11%	23%	12%	12%	7%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>91%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	26%	32%	23%	29%	26%	52%	29%	28%	42%	15%
Very Unfavorable	28%	50%	43%	38%	17%	35%	38%	52%	26%	76%
Don't Know	7%	3%	7%	3%	9%	2%	3%	7%	18%	1%
<b>Q38g: Is your opinion of Germany very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
FAVORABLE NET	<b>61%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>	38%	32%	20%
Very Favorable	17%	4%	16%	20%	19%	7%	20%	4%	2%	3%
Somewhat Favorable	43%	24%	37%	40%	49%	55%	40%	34%	29%	17%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	31%	70%	36%	38%	21%	32%	38%	<b>58%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>79%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	17%	28%	16%	21%	15%	22%	21%	26%	31%	13%
Very Unfavorable	14%	42%	20%	17%	6%	9%	17%	32%	14%	66%
Don't Know	8%	1%	11%	1%	11%	6%	1%	4%	24%	1%

### Afghan Perceptions of Outside States –Pakistan, India, Iran

4.00	Total	East	South	Kabul	All Others	Helmand	Kabul	Kandahar	Logar	Nangarhar
<b>Q38d: Is your opinion of Pakistan very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
FAVORABLE NET	8%	9%	10%	2%	8%	13%	2%	14%	14%	11%
Very Favorable	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	3%
Somewhat Favorable	7%	8%	10%	2%	7%	12%	2%	13%	11%	8%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>86%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	26%	26%	19%	21%	30%	26%	21%	24%	38%	22%
Very Unfavorable	65%	62%	68%	76%	62%	61%	76%	61%	43%	64%
Don't Know	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	5%	3%
<b>Q38h: Is your opinion of India very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
<b>FAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>41%</b>
Very Favorable	27%	18%	24%	26%	30%	16%	26%	17%	4%	9%
Somewhat Favorable	47%	38%	44%	49%	49%	64%	49%	37%	47%	32%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>57%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	13%	20%	12%	13%	12%	9%	13%	26%	21%	21%
Very Unfavorable	8%	23%	11%	11%	4%	9%	11%	18%	13%	36%
Don't Know	5%	1%	9%	2%	6%	1%	2%	2%	15%	2%
<b>Q38f: Is your opinion of Iran very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?</b>										
<b>FAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>57%</b>	25%	35%	<b>64%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>46%</b>	26%
Very Favorable	19%	3%	4%	21%	27%	5%	21%	8%	6%	4%
Somewhat Favorable	38%	22%	30%	43%	42%	61%	43%	32%	40%	22%
<b>UNFAVORABLE NET</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>62%</b>	35%	29%	<b>34%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>72%</b>
Somewhat Unfavorable	22%	34%	22%	16%	21%	22%	16%	28%	21%	22%
Very Unfavorable	19%	38%	40%	18%	8%	11%	18%	30%	17%	50%
Don't Know	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%	16%	2%



## ABC News Iraq poll – Note on Methodology

This survey was conducted for ABC News, the BBC and ARD by the Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and Opinion Research (ACSOR) in Kabul, a subsidiary of D3 Systems Inc. in Vienna, Va. Interviews were conducted in person, in Dari or Pashto, among a random national sample of 1,534 Afghan adults from Dec. 30, 2008 to Jan. 12, 2009.

A total of 194 sampling points were distributed proportional to population size in each of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, stratified by urban/nonurban status. Sampling points were then distributed to randomly selected districts within provinces, also proportionate to population size; and lastly to randomly selected villages or neighborhoods within those districts, by simple random sampling. Sources for population parameters were population projections from the Afghan Central Statistics Office.

**Sample sizes and margin of error:**

Total	1,534	3
East	160	9
South	338	6
Kabul	168	8.5
All others	868	4
Helmand*	98	11
Kabul	168	8.5
Kandahar*	100	11
Logar*	95	11.5
Nangarhar*	100	11

\*oversampled

The sample sizes and error margins for the tables on page 12 and 13, which are subsets of the full set.

**Right direction subset**

Total	593	4.5
South	99	10.5
All others	386	5.5

**Wrong direction subset**

<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Kabul</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>All others</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>6.5</b>

Half the sampling points were designated for male interviews, half for female interviews. Male respondents were interviewed only by male interviewers, female respondents only by female interviewers. Residences were selected within each settlement by random route/random interval and respondents were selected within residence by Kish grid.

In addition to the national sample, oversamples were drawn in Balkh, Helmand, Herat, Kandahar, Kunduz, Logar, Nangarhar and Wardak provinces to allow for more reliable analysis in those areas. The sample was weighted by population of province to correct for the oversample.

In order to reduce the design effect due to clustering, where randomly drawn male/female sampling points fell within close proximity to each other in districts with fewer than 20,000 residents, the number of sampling points was doubled, also by random selection, and the number of interviews per point was halved, from 10 to five. Of the total of 194 sampling points, 76 were assigned in this manner.

Interviews, which averaged 33 minutes in length, were conducted by 176 interviewers (86 female and 90 male) in 34 supervised teams. All interviewers were trained and all had experience on previous ACSOR field projects. Six percent of interviews were directly observed by field supervisors and an additional 12 percent were back-checked in person afterwards, with further logical controls conducted at ACSOR offices in Kabul.

The survey had a contact rate of 91 percent and a cooperation rate of 95 percent for a net response rate of 86 percent. The impact of clustering on the sample produces an estimated design effect of 1.13, for a total margin of sampling error of 2.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.