

## WorldPublicOpinion.org Poll of Afghanistan

### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: November 27-December 4, 2005  
Sample Size: 2,089

Margin of Error: +/- 2.2 %

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?

Right direction .....	83%
Wrong direction .....	11
Refused/Don't know .....	6

Q2. How would you rate the security situation in your area? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Excellent .....	21%
Good.....	49
Fair .....	25
Poor .....	5
Refused/Don't know .....	1

Q3. For each of the following please tell me if your opinion of them is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

Q3a. The United States

Very favorable .....	40%
Somewhat favorable.....	41
Somewhat unfavorable.....	12
Very unfavorable .....	4
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q3b. The US military forces in Afghanistan

Very favorable .....	39%
Somewhat favorable.....	44
Somewhat unfavorable.....	10
Very unfavorable .....	7

Refused/Don't know .....2

Q3c. President Hamid Karzai

Very favorable ..... 68%  
 Somewhat favorable.....25  
 Somewhat unfavorable.....4  
 Very unfavorable .....2  
 Refused/Don't know .....\*

Q3d. The Taliban

Very favorable ..... 2%  
 Somewhat favorable.....6  
 Somewhat unfavorable.....26  
 Very unfavorable .....62  
 Refused/Don't know .....4

Q3e. Osama Bin Laden

Very favorable ..... 2%  
 Somewhat favorable.....3  
 Somewhat unfavorable.....15  
 Very unfavorable .....75  
 Refused/Don't know .....5

Q3f. The United Nations

Very favorable ..... 57%  
 Somewhat favorable.....36  
 Somewhat unfavorable.....4  
 Very unfavorable .....1  
 Refused/Don't know .....1

Q4. Please tell me if you think each of the following are having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world:

Q4a. al Qaeda

Mainly positive influence ..... 6%  
 Mainly negative influence.....81  
 Depends (volunteer).....6  
 Refused/Don't know .....6

Q4b. Pakistan

Mainly positive influence .....	13%
Mainly negative influence.....	63
Depends (volunteer).....	17
Refused/Don't know .....	6

## Q4c. Iran

Mainly positive influence .....	30%
Mainly negative influence.....	36
Depends (volunteer).....	25
Refused/Don't know .....	9

Q5. Please tell me whether each of the following is being very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective or not at all effective.

## Q5a. The central Afghan government

Very effective.....	55%
Somewhat effective.....	36
Not very effective .....	6
Not at all effective.....	2
Refused/Don't know .....	1

## Q5b. Local leaders

Very effective.....	21%
Somewhat effective.....	43
Not very effective .....	20
Not at all effective.....	12
Refused/Don't know .....	4

## Q5c. International agencies providing aid for reconstruction

Very effective.....	38%
Somewhat effective.....	41
Not very effective .....	13
Not at all effective.....	6
Refused/Don't know .....	3

## Q5d. The ISAF force of NATO troops providing peacekeeping and reconstruction

Very effective.....	46%
Somewhat effective.....	36
Not very effective .....	10

Not at all effective.....5  
 Refused/Don't know .....4

Q6. Do you think the Pakistan government is allowing the Taliban to operate in Pakistan, or is seriously trying to stop the Taliban from operating in Pakistan?

Allowing the Taliban to operate in Pakistan..... 66%  
 Seriously trying to stop the Taliban from  
 operating in Pakistan.....21  
 Refused/Don't know .....13

Q7. Overall, do you think that overthrowing the Taliban government was a good thing or a bad thing for Afghanistan?

Good thing ..... 82%  
 Bad thing.....11  
 Refused/Don't know .....7

Q8. As you may know US military forces are conducting operations to capture or kill al Qaeda fighters in Afghanistan. Do you approve of disapprove of this effort?

Approve..... 79%  
 Disapprove .....13  
 Refused/Don't know .....8

Q9a. As you may know the NATO peacekeeping forces known as ISAF have recently expanded their presence beyond Kabul to several other areas. Do you approve or disapprove of this expansion?

Approve..... 66%  
 Disapprove .....18  
 Refused/Don't know .....16

[IF ANSWER "APPROVE" IN ABOVE]

Q9b. Would you favor or oppose expanding the ISAF presence to more areas?

Favor expanding ISAF presence to more areas ..... 58%\*  
 Oppose expanding ISAF presence to more areas .....5  
 Refused/Don't know .....2

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\* Percent of total sample

Q10. Do you approve or disapprove of international military forces efforts to stop the growing of opium poppies in Afghanistan?

Approve.....	78%
Disapprove .....	15
Refused/Don't know .....	7

Q11. As you may know, some seats in parliament are reserved for women representatives. Do you think this is a good idea or not a good idea?

Good idea .....	82%
Bad idea .....	13
Refused/Don't know .....	5

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### D1. ETHNICITY

Pashtun.....	36.8%
Tajik .....	38.8
Uzbek .....	8.8
Turkmen.....	2.3
Hazara .....	8.9
Baloch .....	0.3
Nuristani.....	0.3
Aimak.....	0.4
Arab.....	0.8
Other .....	2.6

### D2. GENDER

Male .....	50%
Female.....	50

### D3. AGE

18-29 .....	41%
30-39 .....	24
40-49 .....	20
50+ .....	15

## D4. EDUCATION

Illiterate.....	50%
Primary.....	20
Secondary.....	26
Higher education.....	5

## D5. MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Less than 2,000 Afghanis.....	9%
2,001 – 4,000 Afghanis.....	23
4,001 – 6,000 Afghanis.....	29
6,001 – 10,000 Afghanis.....	26
More than 10,001 Afghanis.....	9
(Don't know).....	4

**METHODOLOGY**

The survey was designed by the Program on International Policy Attitudes for the WorldPublicOpinion.org website. Field work was conducted through D3 Systems and its partner the Afghan Center for Social and Opinion Research in Kabul. Face-to-face interviews were conducted among a national random sample of 2,089 Afghan adults from November 27 to December 4, 2005.

The sample design was a multi-stage area probability sample conducted in 30 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. At the final stage, the sample was further stratified into male and female sub-samples to enable gender matching of respondents and interviewers. Urban and rural areas were proportionally represented in the sample.

Of the sampled cases, 4.9% resulted in non-contacts and an additional 2.7% were non-cooperative; the net response rate was 92.4%. Distributions by gender and ethnicity were reviewed and considered close to population figures; the data were not weighted.