

YouGov-Cambridge Survey Results

Sample Size: 64303 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 13th April - 20th May 2011

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Do you think the British troops are winning the war with the Taliban in Afghanistan, or not?

Yes	8	12	4	13	8	4	7	9	9	7	8	6	8	7	14
No – but will eventually	20	21	19	20	18	20	17	23	18	20	19	20	18	25	23
No – victory is not possible	53	55	52	38	57	62	58	47	54	55	56	50	55	47	49
Don't know	19	12	25	29	16	13	17	22	19	18	18	24	19	21	14

Should British troops be brought home from Afghanistan?

Yes – immediately	26	26	27	24	28	27	24	29	28	28	25	28	23	25	26
Yes – soon	46	45	48	45	44	51	48	44	47	44	50	42	49	46	45
No - only when the job's done	17	23	11	18	18	15	17	16	16	15	13	18	18	19	21
Don't know	10	6	14	14	11	7	10	11	9	13	12	11	10	10	8

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Overall, do you think the war in Afghanistan is worth fighting or not?

Worth fighting	22	29	17	24	23	20	23	22	20	21	23	23	23	24	30
Not worth fighting	59	59	58	51	58	66	59	58	62	60	61	57	59	55	50
Don't know	19	12	25	24	19	14	18	20	18	19	16	20	18	21	20

For what reason(s) do you oppose the war?

Please tick all that apply

[Only people who think the war in Afghanistan is not worth fighting, n=2549]

The war is too costly in human lives	68	61	75	59	66	75	70	66	71	65	68	70	68	63	65
The war is unwinnable	63	64	62	45	67	72	68	56	58	65	65	59	69	64	62
Our purpose there is unclear	61	60	61	63	60	59	63	58	59	55	62	62	64	62	62
The war is too expensive	55	60	51	53	54	58	56	54	53	55	53	57	58	56	55
Our armed forces are overstretched	54	52	57	40	53	65	55	53	53	58	54	45	61	50	51
The war is increasing the terrorist threat to Britain	48	47	49	45	48	50	49	47	53	41	50	46	49	46	44
We are in economic crisis	45	47	43	43	44	47	46	43	47	41	40	39	48	49	49
The Afghan rebels are not a major threat to Britain	28	38	18	24	29	30	30	25	29	32	22	19	27	30	38
The invasion was unjust	26	29	24	32	27	22	26	27	30	24	22	27	26	28	25
Other (please specify in next question)	3	4	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	4	2	1	5
Don't know	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	0

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Do you think that the presence of British troops in Afghanistan has increased, reduced or made no difference to the threat of terrorist attacks here in the UK?

Increased the threat	41	44	38	38	43	42	43	38	43	39	46	41	39	37	41
Reduced the threat	13	17	9	14	12	11	12	14	11	13	13	12	13	15	17
Made no difference	33	32	35	27	33	38	33	33	34	34	29	29	37	32	31
Don't know	13	8	18	21	11	9	12	15	12	14	12	19	12	16	11

Do you feel you have a good understanding of what the conflict is all about?

I think I have a good understanding of the conflict in Afghanistan	37	51	23	32	41	38	38	35	38	35	35	37	37	40	39
There are many things I do not understand about the conflict in Afghanistan	52	42	62	51	48	57	54	50	51	50	57	53	53	47	55
I know nothing about the conflict in Afghanistan	5	3	8	9	5	3	5	6	6	9	5	5	5	2	2
Don't know	5	4	7	9	6	3	4	8	5	6	4	5	5	11	4

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Why do you think Britain sent armed forces to Afghanistan in the first place? Please tick all that apply

Because the Taliban and al Qaeda presented a threat to Britain	58	63	53	52	59	62	61	54	57	51	62	61	60	54	61
To maintain Britain's special relationship with America and the Bush administration	46	50	43	49	41	49	48	43	48	45	44	45	46	42	50
To improve the conditions of Afghan people	31	30	33	27	32	34	32	30	32	34	35	28	29	33	27
To spread democracy	15	17	13	18	12	16	15	15	15	16	11	19	14	13	20
To increase Western economic power	12	14	10	17	11	8	12	12	10	13	10	14	12	13	16
Because a NATO country was attacked	11	12	10	13	11	8	11	10	10	8	8	17	12	11	10
To increase Western military power	7	7	7	10	8	5	7	7	8	5	7	11	6	6	9
Other (please specify in next question)	3	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	4	4	4
Don't know	12	7	18	19	13	7	9	16	12	15	10	13	11	18	10

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Why do you think Britain STILL has armed forces in Afghanistan? Please tick all that apply

Because the government doesn't want to look defeated	45	49	40	45	43	45	47	41	47	37	45	47	46	41	47
To maintain Britain's special relationship with America	35	39	31	32	34	37	35	34	36	32	34	31	35	33	40
To improve the living conditions of the Afghan people	32	33	32	33	33	31	32	32	31	31	37	29	34	33	31
Because it's important for security in the rest of the world	28	31	25	28	28	27	28	27	27	25	27	30	27	27	31
Because it's important for security in Britain	25	27	24	25	26	24	26	24	23	24	30	26	25	22	30
To spread democracy	14	16	13	16	12	15	15	13	13	17	13	16	14	15	14
To increase Western economic power	9	10	8	12	8	7	8	9	9	7	8	10	8	9	13
To increase Western military power	7	8	7	9	8	5	7	8	8	5	7	9	7	8	8
Other (please specify in next question)	3	3	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	4	3	0	2
Don't know	15	9	21	20	14	11	12	18	13	21	12	16	14	18	11

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Recently there has been news about possible negotiations between NATO and the Taliban. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Afghan farmers should be allowed to grow opium if it stops them from joining the rebels."

Strongly agree	5	6	3	7	4	3	4	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	3
Agree	16	19	13	19	16	13	18	13	14	15	19	16	18	15	15
TOTAL AGREE	21	25	16	26	20	16	22	18	19	19	23	21	23	18	18
Neither agree nor disagree	21	19	23	19	21	23	20	22	21	20	20	23	22	21	20
Disagree	25	25	25	22	26	26	26	24	26	24	24	23	25	16	29
Strongly disagree	17	22	13	9	18	24	18	16	18	19	17	17	14	21	22
TOTAL DISAGREE	42	47	38	31	44	50	44	40	44	43	41	40	39	37	51
Don't know	16	9	24	25	15	10	14	20	16	18	16	16	17	23	12

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Providing it leads to peace, NATO and Afghan authorities should accept an Afghan-Islamic state, where religious authorities control politics and women will have limited rights to jobs, education and freedom of speech.

Strongly agree	3	5	1	3	4	3	2	4	4	3	2	2	2	5	3
Agree	15	18	12	16	15	14	15	14	14	13	15	14	17	15	16
TOTAL AGREE	18	23	13	19	19	17	17	18	18	16	17	16	19	20	19
Neither agree nor disagree	21	22	20	17	22	23	23	18	20	22	22	22	22	20	16
Disagree	26	26	26	25	25	27	26	26	27	24	26	25	25	22	31
Strongly disagree	19	19	18	16	19	21	20	17	17	20	17	23	17	17	22
TOTAL DISAGREE	45	45	44	41	44	48	46	43	44	44	43	48	42	39	53
Don't know	16	10	23	24	16	11	13	21	17	18	17	13	17	22	11

The Taliban should have a large role in the Afghan government, providing it leads to successful negotiations for peace.

Strongly agree	2	4	1	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	4	1	2	4	2
Agree	15	20	10	12	15	18	17	13	17	13	15	13	16	11	16
TOTAL AGREE	17	24	11	15	17	21	19	16	20	15	19	14	18	15	18
Neither agree nor disagree	24	24	24	18	25	28	25	22	24	23	22	25	26	20	23
Disagree	26	25	27	27	26	26	27	25	26	26	28	27	25	25	28
Strongly disagree	15	16	14	16	15	14	15	14	14	16	15	16	13	16	17
TOTAL DISAGREE	41	41	41	43	41	40	42	39	40	42	43	43	38	41	45
Don't know	17	11	24	25	16	13	14	22	16	19	16	18	18	23	14