

1. Mistake Sending Troops

Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	37%	31%	43%	42%	35%	38%	35%	35%	43%	40%	41%
No	39%	49%	29%	25%	38%	45%	44%	43%	21%	36%	35%
Not sure	24%	20%	28%	33%	28%	17%	22%	22%	36%	23%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (485)	100% (515)	100% (181)	100% (267)	100% (383)	100% (169)	100% (665)	100% (117)	100% (144)	100% (74)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	37%	44%	41%	18%	43%	35%	22%	35%	36%	45%	35%	35%
No	39%	32%	34%	60%	33%	40%	63%	35%	34%	35%	40%	42%
Not sure	24%	24%	25%	22%	24%	25%	14%	30%	30%	20%	25%	22%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (361)	100% (416)	100% (223)	100% (478)	100% (237)	100% (129)	100% (156)	100% (173)	100% (223)	100% (423)	100% (181)

2. Won or Lost the War

Do you think the United States has won or lost the war in Afghanistan?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Won	12%	15%	10%	15%	18%	10%	4%	12%	9%	17%	11%
Lost	36%	36%	36%	25%	32%	41%	45%	38%	28%	34%	38%
Not sure	52%	49%	54%	59%	50%	48%	51%	50%	63%	49%	52%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (483)	100% (513)	100% (180)	100% (265)	100% (383)	100% (168)	100% (662)	100% (117)	100% (143)	100% (74)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Won	12%	14%	12%	11%	13%	9%	21%	9%	13%	11%	13%	13%
Lost	36%	36%	38%	33%	35%	42%	33%	35%	33%	40%	34%	38%
Not sure	52%	51%	50%	56%	52%	49%	46%	56%	54%	50%	53%	49%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (359)	100% (415)	100% (222)	100% (476)	100% (236)	100% (129)	100% (155)	100% (173)	100% (222)	100% (420)	100% (181)

3. Won with a Different Strategy

Do you think the United States could have won the war in Afghanistan with a different strategy, or do you think any strategy would probably have failed?

Asked of those who think the US has lost the war or are not sure if the US has won or lost the war

	Gender		Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point				
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The U.S. could have won with a different strategy	33%	40%	27%	23%	29%	37%	45%	34%	21%	37%	38%
Any strategy would probably have failed	26%	26%	25%	23%	25%	27%	28%	26%	30%	22%	22%
Thinks the US has won the war	12%	15%	10%	15%	18%	10%	4%	12%	9%	17%	11%
Not sure	29%	19%	37%	38%	28%	25%	23%	27%	40%	24%	29%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (483)	100% (511)	100% (180)	100% (265)	100% (383)	100% (166)	100% (660)	100% (117)	100% (143)	100% (74)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The U.S. could have won with a different strategy	33%	22%	33%	52%	30%	38%	33%	37%	26%	28%	39%	35%
Any strategy would probably have failed	26%	36%	24%	15%	25%	31%	25%	22%	22%	30%	23%	28%
Thinks the US has won the war	12%	14%	12%	11%	13%	9%	21%	9%	13%	11%	13%	13%
Not sure	29%	29%	31%	22%	32%	22%	20%	32%	38%	31%	25%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (358)	100% (414)	100% (222)	100% (474)	100% (236)	100% (129)	100% (155)	100% (171)	100% (222)	100% (420)	100% (181)

4. Likely Outcome

Which of these do you think is most likely?

	Gender		Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point				
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Afghanistan will become a stable democracy in the next year or two.	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	0%	1%	7%	3%	1%
Afghanistan will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two.	23%	28%	19%	29%	29%	18%	20%	22%	24%	24%	36%
Afghanistan will probably never become a stable democracy.	53%	53%	52%	38%	42%	65%	62%	58%	33%	50%	39%
Not sure	22%	16%	27%	31%	25%	16%	17%	19%	36%	23%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (485)	100% (513)	100% (181)	100% (267)	100% (382)	100% (168)	100% (663)	100% (117)	100% (144)	100% (74)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Afghanistan will become a stable democracy in the next year or two.	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	—	1%	1%	3%	2%
Afghanistan will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two.	23%	25%	20%	30%	23%	22%	33%	20%	22%	22%	24%	25%
Afghanistan will probably never become a stable democracy.	53%	53%	51%	55%	50%	58%	54%	52%	45%	60%	54%	51%
Not sure	22%	20%	27%	13%	24%	19%	10%	28%	33%	18%	19%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(360)	(415)	(223)	(478)	(236)	(129)	(155)	(173)	(223)	(422)	(180)

5. Afghans Better Off Now

Are Afghan civilians better off today than they were when the war in Afghanistan began?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Definitely yes	7%	12%	2%	2%	9%	8%	7%	8%	8%	4%	3%
Probably yes	25%	25%	26%	29%	30%	23%	18%	25%	21%	25%	37%
Probably no	28%	25%	30%	23%	18%	35%	35%	30%	24%	22%	27%
Definitely no	10%	11%	10%	8%	11%	12%	10%	11%	6%	12%	10%
Not sure	30%	27%	32%	37%	32%	22%	30%	27%	41%	37%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (484)	100% (514)	100% (180)	100% (266)	100% (383)	100% (169)	100% (663)	100% (117)	100% (144)	100% (74)

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	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Definitely yes	7%	5%	6%	12%	7%	6%	7%	7%	5%	7%	8%	6%
Probably yes	25%	26%	24%	27%	23%	27%	37%	21%	26%	18%	30%	24%
Probably no	28%	31%	26%	30%	28%	36%	23%	21%	21%	31%	28%	32%
Definitely no	10%	10%	12%	8%	10%	13%	9%	10%	10%	12%	10%	11%
Not sure	30%	29%	32%	24%	32%	18%	23%	41%	38%	33%	25%	27%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (360)	100% (415)	100% (223)	100% (477)	100% (237)	100% (129)	100% (155)	100% (173)	100% (223)	100% (422)	100% (180)

6. Approval to Keep Troops in Afghanistan

All American troops except for Embassy guards had been scheduled to leave the country by the end of 2016. Wednesday morning, the administration announced that 5,500 American soldiers will remain in Afghanistan through 2017. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

	Gender		Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point				
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	13%	19%	8%	9%	9%	17%	19%	16%	11%	8%	2%
Somewhat approve	26%	27%	25%	23%	26%	24%	33%	26%	22%	27%	26%
Somewhat disapprove	22%	20%	25%	28%	19%	24%	19%	23%	21%	20%	20%
Strongly disapprove	16%	15%	17%	12%	19%	18%	14%	16%	12%	18%	18%
Not sure	22%	18%	26%	29%	28%	17%	15%	18%	34%	27%	34%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (485)	100% (513)	100% (181)	100% (267)	100% (382)	100% (168)	100% (663)	100% (117)	100% (144)	100% (74)

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	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	13%	10%	13%	20%	10%	15%	25%	14%	7%	12%	17%	14%
Somewhat approve	26%	32%	20%	31%	22%	31%	35%	24%	22%	28%	28%	23%
Somewhat disapprove	22%	26%	21%	21%	28%	19%	16%	14%	25%	25%	19%	24%
Strongly disapprove	16%	14%	20%	11%	17%	16%	13%	16%	15%	16%	15%	19%
Not sure	22%	18%	26%	18%	23%	19%	12%	32%	30%	20%	21%	20%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (361)	100% (414)	100% (223)	100% (477)	100% (237)	100% (129)	100% (155)	100% (172)	100% (223)	100% (423)	100% (180)

7. Afghan Government Capable of Independent Defense

Do you think that the Afghan government is capable of defeating the Taliban without American soldiers being involved in combat?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Definitely	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	0%	1%	8%	1%	—
Probably	9%	9%	9%	15%	8%	9%	2%	8%	7%	15%	9%
Probably not	43%	43%	42%	48%	38%	38%	52%	45%	38%	39%	41%
Definitely not	29%	36%	23%	13%	25%	41%	33%	32%	21%	22%	31%
Not sure	17%	9%	25%	22%	25%	11%	12%	14%	26%	23%	19%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (484)	100% (513)	100% (181)	100% (265)	100% (382)	100% (169)	100% (663)	100% (117)	100% (143)	100% (74)

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Definitely	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Probably	9%	12%	7%	7%	9%	12%	3%	9%	8%	7%	9%	10%
Probably not	43%	47%	39%	45%	44%	44%	46%	35%	41%	50%	39%	44%
Definitely not	29%	21%	31%	38%	25%	30%	43%	32%	26%	25%	34%	27%
Not sure	17%	17%	21%	9%	20%	14%	7%	21%	24%	17%	15%	17%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (359)	100% (415)	100% (223)	100% (476)	100% (236)	100% (129)	100% (156)	100% (171)	100% (223)	100% (423)	100% (180)

Interviewing Dates	October 15 - 19, 2015
Target population	U.S. adults, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.15 to 4.075, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.855.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	20 questions not reported.