



**Interviews with 1,018 adult Americans, including 952 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 30 – November 1, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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32. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Afghanistan?

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	
Favor	40%	39%	42%	41%	50%	
Oppose	58%	58%	57%	54%	48%	
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	5%	3%	
	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>
Favor	53%	47%	52%	46%	44%	50%
Oppose	46%	51%	46%	52%	52%	48%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%

33. Would you favor or oppose sending more troops to Afghanistan?

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>
Favor	42%	39%
Oppose	56%	59%
No opinion	2%	2%

35. As you may know, Barack Obama has been considering whether to send more troops to Afghanistan. Do you think Obama has taken too long to make that decision, or don't you think so?

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>
Taken too long	49%
Don't think so	50%
No opinion	1%

36. When it comes to decisions about military strategy and troop strength in Afghanistan, do you think Obama should follow the recommendations of the generals in charge of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, or should Obama take other matters into account as well?

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>
Follow recommendations of generals	52%
Take other matters into account	48%
No opinion	1%

37. Do you think that, within the next 12 months, there will or will not be a stable democratic government in Afghanistan that can maintain order in the country without assistance from U.S. troops? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

Oct. 30-Nov. 1  
2009

Yes, will	8%
No, will not	90%
No opinion	1%

**FOR COMPARISON**

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND

Do you think that, within the next 12 months, there will or will not be a stable democratic government **in Iraq** that can maintain order in the country without assistance from U.S. troops? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	<u>Yes, will</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	19	75	6

38. Do you think that, eventually, there will or will not be a stable democratic government in Afghanistan that can maintain order in the country without assistance from U.S. troops? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 512 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

Oct. 30-Nov. 1  
2009

Yes, will	32%
No, will not	64%
No opinion	4%

**FOR COMPARISON**

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND

Do you think that, eventually, there will or will not be a stable democratic government **in Iraq** that can maintain order in the country without assistance from U.S. troops? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	<u>Yes, will</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	46	46	7