



Interviews with 1,160 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 16-20, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 259 interviews among African-Americans (plus or minus 6 percentage points) and 786 non-Hispanic whites (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for respondents who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American regardless of their ethnic background.

Trend results for racial groups are shown only for polls which had enough African-American respondents to produce statistically valid results.

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

	<u>Dec. 16-20, 2009</u>			<u>Dec. 2-3</u>	<u>Nov. 13-15</u>	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	43%	26%	48%	46%	45%	40%
Oppose	55%	71%	50%	51%	52%	58%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%

	<u>Oct. 16-18</u>	<u>Sept. 11-13</u>	<u>Aug. 28-31</u>	<u>July 31-Aug. 3</u>	<u>May 14-17</u>	<u>Apr. 3-5</u>
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	41%	39%	42%	41%	50%	53%
Oppose	57%	58%	57%	54%	48%	46%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%

	<u>Feb. 18-19</u>	<u>Dec. 1-2</u>	<u>July 27-29</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Favor	47%	52%	46%	44%	50%
Oppose	51%	46%	52%	52%	48%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%

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

25. (IF OPPOSE) Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: You currently oppose the U.S. war in Afghanistan because you opposed the initial decision in 2001 to go to war in that country, or you favored the initial decision in 2001 to go to war in Afghanistan but events since then have made you change your mind (RANDOM ORDER)

QUESTIONS 24 AND 25 COMBINED

	<u>Dec. 16-20, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Favor (from Q.24)	43%	26%	48%
Opposed initial decision in 2001	31%	47%	25%
Oppose now but favored in 2001	23%	23%	23%
No opinion	4%	4%	4%

26. Regardless of how you feel about the war in general, do you favor or oppose President Obama's plan to send about 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan in an attempt to stabilize the situation there?

	<u>Dec. 16-20, 2009</u>			<u>Dec. 2-3</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	59%	54%	62%	62%
Oppose	39%	44%	37%	36%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%

26. Regardless of how you feel about the war in general, do you favor or oppose President Obama's plan to send about 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan in an attempt to stabilize the situation there?
27. (IF OPPOSE) Do you think the U.S. should keep the same number of troops in Afghanistan as it currently has, or do you think the U.S. should reduce the number of troops in that country but keep some there, or do you think the U.S. should immediately withdraw all troops from Afghanistan?

QUESTIONS 26 AND 27 COMBINED

	<u>Dec. 16-20, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Favor (from Q.26)	59%	54%	62%
Keep the same number of troops	5%	5%	5%
Reduce the number of troops	10%	8%	12%
Withdraw all troops	23%	30%	19%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%

28. Who do you think is currently winning the war in Afghanistan -- the U.S. and its allies, the insurgents in Afghanistan, or neither side?

	<u>Dec. 16-20, 2009</u>			<u>Dec. 6-9</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
U.S. and its allies	18%	20%	19%	30%	28%
Insurgents	14%	12%	14%	10%	10%
Neither side	67%	67%	66%	58%	58%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	5%