



Interviews with 1,008 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 5-7, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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

| | <u>Oct. 5-7 2010</u> | <u>Sept. 21-23 2010</u> | <u>Sept. 1-2 2010</u> | <u>Aug. 6-10 2010</u> | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Favor | 37% | 39% | 41% | 37% | | |
| Oppose | 58% | 58% | 57% | 62% | | |
| No opinion | 5% | 3% | 2% | 1% | | |
| | <u>May 21-23 2010</u> | <u>Mar. 19-21 2010</u> | <u>Jan. 22-24 2010</u> | <u>Dec. 16-20 2009</u> | <u>Dec. 2-3 2009</u> | <u>Nov. 13-15 2009</u> |
| Favor | 42% | 48% | 47% | 43% | 46% | 45% |
| Oppose | 56% | 49% | 52% | 55% | 51% | 52% |
| No opinion | 3% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 2% | 3% |
| | <u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2009</u> | <u>Oct. 16-18 2009</u> | <u>Sept. 11-13 2009</u> | <u>Aug. 28-31 2009</u> | <u>July 31-Aug. 3 2009</u> | <u>May 14-17 2009</u> |
| Favor | 40% | 41% | 39% | 42% | 41% | 50% |
| Oppose | 58% | 57% | 58% | 57% | 54% | 48% |
| No opinion | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 3% |
| | <u>Apr. 3-5 2009</u> | <u>Feb. 18-19 2009</u> | <u>Dec. 1-2 2008</u> | <u>July 27-29 2008</u> | <u>Jan. 19-21 2007</u> | <u>Sept. 22-24 2006</u> |
| Favor | 53% | 47% | 52% | 46% | 44% | 50% |
| Oppose | 46% | 51% | 46% | 52% | 52% | 48% |
| No opinion | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% |

18. Who do you think is currently winning the war in Afghanistan -- the U.S. and its allies, the insurgents in Afghanistan, or neither side? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

| | Oct. 5-7 <u>2010</u> | Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u> | Dec. 6-9 <u>2007</u> | Aug. 2-3 <u>2006</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| U.S. and its allies | 18% | 18% | 30% | 28% |
| Insurgents | 9% | 14% | 10% | 10% |
| Neither side | 71% | 67% | 58% | 58% |
| No opinion | 2% | 1% | 2% | 5% |

19. Do you think the war in Afghanistan has turned into a situation like the United States faced in the Vietnam War, or don't you think so? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 507 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

| | Oct. 5-7 <u>2010</u> | Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Yes, has turned into situation like Vietnam | 52% | 52% |
| No, has not done so | 39% | 46% |
| No opinion | 9% | 3% |

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

Base = Total Sample

| | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Favor | 37% | 40% | 34% | 41% | 25% |
| Oppose | 58% | 55% | 62% | 53% | 72% |
| No opinion | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 3% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-7.5 |

| | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|----------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Favor | 37% | N/A | 42% | 39% | 28% | 39% | 35% |
| Oppose | 58% | N/A | 54% | 57% | 61% | 58% | 59% |
| No opinion | 5% | N/A | 4% | 3% | 11% | 3% | 6% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |

| | Total | Under \$50K | \$50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|----------------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Favor | 37% | 31% | 42% | 33% | 40% |
| Oppose | 58% | 64% | 54% | 62% | 55% |
| No opinion | 5% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 4% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |

| | Total | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|----------------|--------|----------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Favor | 37% | 28% | 35% | 51% | 22% | 32% | 49% |
| Oppose | 58% | 68% | 61% | 42% | 73% | 64% | 45% |
| No opinion | 5% | 4% | 4% | 7% | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 |

| | Total | North east | Mid-west | South | West | Urban | Sub-urban | Rural |
|----------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Favor | 37% | 39% | 35% | 39% | 35% | 28% | 43% | 36% |
| Oppose | 58% | 57% | 61% | 56% | 61% | 67% | 53% | 59% |
| No opinion | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 5% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.5 |

* percentage less than 1%

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

Base = Half Sample

| | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| U.S. and its allies | 18% | 19% | 15% | 17% | N/A |
| Insurgents | 9% | 8% | 10% | 10% | N/A |
| Neither side | 71% | 71% | 72% | 71% | N/A |
| No opinion | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | N/A |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.0 | |

| | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|
| U.S. and its allies | 18% | N/A | N/A | 15% | 15% | 20% | 15% |
| Insurgents | 9% | N/A | N/A | 11% | 11% | 8% | 11% |
| Neither side | 71% | N/A | N/A | 71% | 68% | 72% | 70% |
| No opinion | 2% | N/A | N/A | 3% | 5% | * | 4% |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | | | +/-7.5 | +/-7.5 | +/-8.0 | +/-5.5 |

| | Total | Under \$50K | \$50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| U.S. and its allies | 18% | 20% | 16% | 18% | 17% |
| Insurgents | 9% | 7% | 13% | 10% | 9% |
| Neither side | 71% | 71% | 69% | 69% | 72% |
| No opinion | 2% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | +/-7.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-8.0 | +/-5.0 |

| | Total | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|---------------------|--------|----------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| U.S. and its allies | 18% | 13% | 20% | 20% | N/A | 16% | 24% |
| Insurgents | 9% | 8% | 10% | 11% | N/A | 11% | 9% |
| Neither side | 71% | 76% | 69% | 67% | N/A | 71% | 65% |
| No opinion | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | N/A | 3% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | +/-7.5 | +/-7.0 | +/-8.5 | | +/-7.5 | +/-6.5 |

| | Total | North east | Mid-west | South | West | Urban | Sub-urban | Rural |
|---------------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|------|--------|-----------|-------|
| U.S. and its allies | 18% | N/A | N/A | 21% | N/A | 17% | 20% | N/A |
| Insurgents | 9% | N/A | N/A | 7% | N/A | 6% | 11% | N/A |
| Neither side | 71% | N/A | N/A | 72% | N/A | 73% | 68% | N/A |
| No opinion | 2% | N/A | N/A | 1% | N/A | 3% | 2% | N/A |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | | | +/-8.0 | | +/-8.5 | +/-6.0 | |

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Base = Half Sample

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|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Yes | 52% | 50% | 53% | 53% | N/A |
| No | 39% | 42% | 37% | 39% | N/A |
| No opinion | 9% | 8% | 9% | 8% | N/A |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0 | |

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|----------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Yes | 52% | N/A | N/A | 54% | 63% | 48% | 58% |
| No | 39% | N/A | N/A | 44% | 26% | 41% | 37% |
| No opinion | 9% | N/A | N/A | 1% | 11% | 11% | 5% |
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| | Total | North east | Mid-west | South | West | Urban | Sub-urban | Rural |
|----------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Yes | 52% | N/A | N/A | 52% | N/A | 51% | 52% | N/A |
| No | 39% | N/A | N/A | 38% | N/A | 37% | 43% | N/A |
| No opinion | 9% | N/A | N/A | 10% | N/A | 13% | 6% | N/A |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | | | +/-7.0 | | +/-7.5 | +/-6.5 | |

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