

Afghanistan Survey

Fieldwork : September 27th-28th 2006

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q.1 Do you yourself support or oppose the British military operation in Afghanistan?
Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1011	459	552	96	166	200	186	147	216	306	238	185	282	269	266	247	140	89
Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
Support	309 31%	195 40%	114 22%	26 23%	48 28%	69 34%	52 31%	63 42%	50 25%	82 32%	89 30%	78 37%	60 24%	80 30%	75 28%	83 33%	41 29%	30 34%
Oppose	534 53%	209 43%	325 62%	63 57%	83 49%	95 47%	100 58%	65 43%	127 63%	131 52%	151 52%	102 48%	149 59%	144 53%	145 55%	128 51%	75 53%	42 48%
Refused	30 3%	12 3%	18 3%	- -	6 4%	13 6%	3 2%	5 3%	3 1%	9 3%	6 2%	9 4%	7 3%	9 3%	6 2%	5 2%	5 3%	6 7%
Don't know	138 14%	69 14%	69 13%	22 20%	34 20%	25 13%	16 9%	18 12%	22 11%	31 12%	47 16%	23 11%	37 14%	37 14%	38 15%	33 13%	20 14%	10 11%

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Table 2

Q.2 Which of the following would you say are the main reasons why British troops are in Afghanistan?

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Unweighted base	1011	459	552	96	166	200	186	147	216	306	238	185	282	269	266	247	140	89
Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
To help the Afghan government fight the Taliban	641 63%	319 66%	321 61%	67 60%	107 62%	124 61%	107 62%	108 71%	128 63%	153 60%	197 67%	139 65%	152 60%	160 59%	167 63%	167 67%	87 62%	60 67%
As part of the international fight against Al Qaeda terrorists	717 71%	355 73%	362 69%	77 69%	125 73%	132 65%	121 70%	119 79%	143 71%	174 69%	212 72%	155 73%	176 70%	174 65%	192 73%	191 77%	101 72%	59 66%
To help stop the flow of drugs grown in Afghanistan	470 46%	238 49%	232 44%	41 37%	59 34%	90 45%	82 48%	88 58%	109 54%	96 38%	131 45%	101 47%	142 56%	113 42%	133 50%	120 48%	68 48%	35 40%
Don't know why the troops have been sent there	105 10%	43 9%	62 12%	13 12%	17 10%	26 13%	17 10%	10 6%	23 11%	27 11%	27 9%	28 13%	24 9%	32 12%	27 10%	17 7%	14 10%	15 17%
None of these	57 6%	30 6%	27 5%	5 5%	15 9%	11 6%	12 7%	7 5%	7 3%	19 8%	13 4%	8 4%	17 7%	24 9%	11 4%	13 5%	7 5%	3 3%
Refused	18 2%	9 2%	9 2%	- -	- -	10 5%	2 1%	5 3%	2 1%	8 3%	2 1%	5 2%	4 1%	5 2%	3 1%	5 2%	3 2%	2 2%

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Unweighted base	1011	459	552	96	166	200	186	147	216	306	238	185	282	269	266	247	140	89	
Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89	
Sex																			
Male	485	485	-	58	77	95	78	84	94	138	138	117	92	130	118	127	67	42	
	48%	100%	-	52%	45%	47%	45%	55%	46%	55%	47%	55%	36%	48%	45%	51%	48%	47%	
Female	526	-	526	53	95	107	94	68	108	115	155	96	161	139	145	121	73	47	
	52%	-	100%	48%	55%	53%	55%	45%	54%	45%	53%	45%	64%	52%	55%	49%	52%	53%	
Age																			
18-24	(21)	111	58	53	111	-	-	-	-	24	42	30	16	35	28	31	6	11	
		11%	12%	10%	100%	-	-	-	-	9%	14%	14%	6%	13%	11%	13%	4%	12%	
25-34	(29.5)	172	77	95	-	172	-	-	-	50	56	41	24	46	41	41	22	21	
		17%	16%	18%	-	100%	-	-	-	20%	19%	19%	10%	17%	16%	17%	16%	24%	
35-44	(39.5)	202	95	107	-	-	202	-	-	58	64	47	33	59	52	50	23	19	
		20%	20%	20%	-	-	100%	-	-	23%	22%	22%	13%	22%	20%	20%	16%	21%	
45-54	(49.5)	172	78	94	-	-	-	172	-	54	49	34	35	48	50	35	25	13	
		17%	16%	18%	-	-	-	100%	-	21%	17%	16%	14%	18%	19%	14%	18%	15%	
55-64	(59.5)	152	84	68	-	-	-	-	152	34	41	29	48	27	47	39	27	12	
		15%	17%	13%	-	-	-	-	100%	13%	14%	14%	19%	10%	18%	16%	19%	13%	
65+	(70)	202	94	108	-	-	-	-	-	202	33	41	32	97	54	45	52	13	
		20%	19%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	13%	14%	15%	38%	20%	17%	21%	27%	
Average age		46.57	46.66	46.48	21.00	29.50	39.50	49.50	59.50	70.00	44.56	43.69	43.81	54.24	45.25	46.64	46.44	51.11	43.52

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Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
<u>Social Class</u>																		
AB	253	138	115	24	50	58	54	34	33	253	-	-	-	66	80	56	29	22
	25%	28%	22%	22%	29%	29%	31%	22%	16%	100%	-	-	-	24%	30%	23%	21%	24%
C1	293	138	155	42	56	64	49	41	41	-	293	-	-	77	72	73	41	30
	29%	28%	29%	38%	33%	31%	28%	27%	20%	-	100%	-	-	29%	27%	29%	29%	34%
C2	212	117	96	30	41	47	34	29	32	-	-	212	-	64	43	69	24	13
	21%	24%	18%	27%	24%	23%	20%	19%	16%	-	-	100%	-	24%	16%	28%	17%	15%
DE	253	92	161	16	24	33	35	48	97	-	-	-	253	63	69	50	46	25
	25%	19%	31%	14%	14%	17%	20%	32%	48%	-	-	-	100%	23%	26%	20%	33%	28%
<u>Region</u>																		
North	337	169	168	42	63	68	48	50	65	78	103	82	75	-	-	249	-	89
	33%	35%	32%	38%	36%	34%	28%	33%	32%	31%	35%	39%	30%	-	-	100%	-	100%
Midlands	315	144	171	32	52	59	59	54	60	88	83	52	91	-	263	-	52	-
	31%	30%	32%	29%	30%	29%	35%	35%	30%	35%	28%	25%	36%	-	100%	-	37%	-
South	359	172	187	37	58	75	64	48	77	87	107	78	87	269	-	-	89	-
	35%	35%	36%	34%	33%	37%	37%	32%	38%	34%	37%	37%	34%	100%	-	-	63%	-

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Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
Working status																		
Full-time	449 44%	287 59%	162 31%	53 48%	111 65%	118 58%	101 59%	61 40%	5 3%	150 59%	154 52%	105 49%	41 16%	125 46%	112 43%	114 46%	53 38%	45 51%
Part-time	113 11%	25 5%	88 17%	9 8%	19 11%	38 19%	24 14%	18 12%	4 2%	31 12%	35 12%	33 16%	14 5%	31 12%	40 15%	20 8%	17 12%	5 6%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	65 6%	28 6%	37 7%	10 9%	9 5%	17 8%	18 11%	9 6%	2 1%	8 3%	16 5%	10 5%	31 12%	15 5%	12 5%	20 8%	11 7%	8 9%
Not working/not seeking work	90 9%	17 4%	73 14%	7 6%	27 16%	19 9%	19 11%	17 11%	1 1%	13 5%	15 5%	19 9%	43 17%	26 10%	25 10%	20 8%	13 9%	6 6%
Retired	246 24%	112 23%	134 26%	- -	- -	2 1%	9 5%	46 30%	190 94%	44 17%	47 16%	38 18%	118 47%	57 21%	63 24%	64 26%	45 32%	18 20%
Student	46 5%	15 3%	31 6%	32 29%	6 4%	7 4%	1 *	- -	- -	7 3%	27 9%	6 3%	6 2%	16 6%	12 4%	9 4%	2 1%	7 8%
Refused	2 *	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	- -	- -

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Tenure																		
Own outright	323 32%	151 31%	173 33%	20 18%	24 14%	23 11%	40 23%	80 53%	138 68%	79 31%	90 31%	60 28%	95 37%	74 27%	87 33%	76 31%	62 44%	25 28%
Own with a mortgage	415 41%	197 41%	217 41%	49 44%	101 59%	119 59%	85 50%	40 26%	20 10%	137 54%	137 47%	93 44%	48 19%	109 41%	117 45%	114 46%	40 28%	34 39%
Council	131 13%	61 13%	70 13%	19 17%	21 12%	26 13%	27 16%	12 8%	26 13%	10 4%	21 7%	31 15%	69 27%	39 15%	25 10%	28 11%	19 13%	20 22%
Housing Assoc.	30 3%	15 3%	15 3%	4 3%	4 2%	5 3%	4 2%	6 4%	7 3%	3 1%	6 2%	6 3%	15 6%	10 4%	10 4%	3 1%	3 2%	3 3%
Rented from someone else	77 8%	43 9%	34 7%	16 14%	19 11%	16 8%	10 6%	8 5%	8 4%	15 6%	28 9%	15 7%	19 7%	27 10%	15 6%	17 7%	12 9%	5 6%
Rent free	12 1%	6 1%	6 1%	1 1%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	3 2%	1 *	3 1%	2 1%	4 2%	2 1%	3 1%	4 2%	2 1%	2 1%	- -
Refused	23 2%	13 3%	10 2%	2 2%	2 1%	10 5%	3 2%	3 2%	3 1%	5 2%	9 3%	4 2%	5 2%	6 2%	5 2%	7 3%	3 2%	2 2%

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Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
Foreign Holiday in last 3 years																		
Yes	627	309	317	76	121	139	106	89	96	193	191	138	105	179	152	147	85	64
	62%	64%	60%	69%	70%	69%	62%	59%	48%	76%	65%	65%	42%	66%	58%	59%	61%	72%
No	384	176	208	35	51	64	66	63	106	60	102	74	148	91	111	102	55	25
	38%	36%	40%	31%	30%	31%	38%	41%	52%	24%	35%	35%	58%	34%	42%	41%	39%	28%
Number of cars																		
None	204	75	129	30	22	31	23	26	72	10	58	36	100	64	37	56	30	16
	20%	15%	25%	27%	13%	15%	13%	17%	35%	4%	20%	17%	40%	24%	14%	23%	21%	18%
1	440	220	220	39	76	78	79	71	98	110	119	95	115	104	119	109	64	43
	43%	45%	42%	35%	44%	39%	46%	47%	49%	44%	41%	45%	45%	39%	45%	44%	45%	49%
2	285	143	142	29	61	81	46	44	24	96	91	67	31	77	81	68	34	26
	28%	29%	27%	26%	35%	40%	27%	29%	12%	38%	31%	32%	12%	28%	31%	27%	24%	29%
3+	82	47	34	13	13	12	24	11	9	36	25	14	7	25	26	15	13	4
	8%	10%	7%	12%	7%	6%	14%	7%	4%	14%	9%	6%	3%	9%	10%	6%	9%	4%

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Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
Internet Access																		
At all	694	349	345	92	142	162	135	92	71	215	230	144	106	192	177	168	91	67
	69%	72%	66%	83%	83%	80%	79%	61%	35%	85%	78%	68%	42%	71%	67%	68%	64%	75%
At home (net)	618	318	300	79	129	143	123	83	61	199	196	131	91	174	150	154	80	60
	61%	66%	57%	71%	75%	71%	72%	55%	30%	79%	67%	62%	36%	65%	57%	62%	57%	68%
At work (net)	308	161	146	34	79	83	63	44	4	128	122	43	15	90	82	74	36	26
	30%	33%	28%	31%	46%	41%	37%	29%	2%	51%	42%	20%	6%	33%	31%	30%	25%	30%
At home	353	176	176	50	57	73	70	43	59	83	94	94	82	94	86	87	49	36
	35%	36%	34%	45%	33%	36%	41%	28%	29%	33%	32%	44%	32%	35%	32%	35%	35%	41%
At work	42	20	22	5	7	13	11	4	2	11	20	6	5	10	17	8	5	3
	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%	6%	3%	1%	4%	7%	3%	2%	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%
Both at home and at work	266	142	124	29	72	70	52	40	2	117	102	37	10	80	65	67	30	24
	26%	29%	24%	26%	42%	35%	31%	26%	1%	46%	35%	17%	4%	30%	25%	27%	22%	27%
Somewhere else	34	12	22	9	5	5	1	5	8	4	14	6	10	7	10	7	6	4
	3%	2%	4%	8%	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%
Not at all	315	135	181	19	29	41	37	59	131	38	62	69	146	78	86	79	50	22
	31%	28%	34%	17%	17%	20%	21%	39%	65%	15%	21%	32%	58%	29%	33%	32%	36%	25%
Refused	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	*	*	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-

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Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
What is the highest educational level that you have achieved to date?																		
Secondary/ high school/ NVQ 1-3	504 50%	224 46%	280 53%	47 42%	75 44%	112 55%	85 50%	80 53%	104 51%	79 31%	146 50%	128 60%	151 60%	122 45%	137 52%	126 51%	78 55%	41 46%
University degree or equivalent professional qualification/ NVQ4	297 29%	159 33%	138 26%	41 37%	71 41%	50 25%	53 31%	42 28%	39 19%	123 49%	93 32%	50 23%	32 12%	86 32%	72 27%	73 29%	33 24%	33 37%
Higher university degree/ Doctorate/ MBA/ NVQ 5 or equivalent	80 8%	44 9%	36 7%	11 10%	16 9%	20 10%	13 8%	11 7%	9 4%	41 16%	23 8%	7 3%	9 3%	25 9%	20 8%	16 7%	12 9%	7 8%
None of these	111 11%	50 10%	61 12%	10 9%	8 5%	14 7%	17 10%	16 11%	46 23%	7 3%	22 7%	24 11%	58 23%	32 12%	27 10%	29 12%	16 11%	8 9%
Refused	19 2%	8 2%	11 2%	2 1%	2 1%	5 3%	3 2%	2 2%	5 3%	3 1%	10 3%	3 2%	4 1%	5 2%	7 3%	5 2%	1 1%	1 1%

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Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
<u>Marital Status</u>																		
Single	232 23%	141 29%	91 17%	82 74%	46 27%	40 20%	30 17%	15 10%	19 10%	47 19%	87 30%	42 20%	56 22%	67 25%	50 19%	61 24%	26 19%	28 31%
Married/ co-habiting	565 56%	263 54%	302 58%	28 25%	118 68%	130 64%	105 61%	92 61%	92 46%	167 66%	155 53%	141 66%	102 40%	148 55%	162 61%	139 56%	77 55%	39 43%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	194 19%	69 14%	124 24%	- -	6 4%	23 12%	35 20%	42 28%	87 43%	35 14%	42 14%	27 13%	90 36%	48 18%	46 18%	40 16%	36 26%	23 26%
Refused	20 2%	12 2%	8 2%	2 1%	2 1%	8 4%	3 2%	2 2%	3 2%	4 2%	9 3%	3 1%	4 2%	6 2%	5 2%	8 3%	1 1%	- -
<u>Children</u>																		
None aged 18 or under	664 66%	338 70%	326 62%	95 86%	91 53%	53 26%	88 51%	140 92%	198 98%	161 64%	183 62%	128 60%	192 76%	181 67%	168 64%	165 66%	99 70%	51 58%
NET: Yes	327 32%	135 28%	192 36%	15 14%	78 46%	139 69%	81 47%	11 7%	2 1%	85 34%	103 35%	81 38%	57 23%	84 31%	90 34%	74 30%	41 29%	37 42%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	302 30%	125 26%	176 34%	15 14%	78 46%	135 67%	63 37%	8 5%	2 1%	80 32%	96 33%	76 36%	50 20%	80 30%	81 31%	72 29%	35 25%	34 38%
- Aged under 5	120 12%	48 10%	72 14%	14 13%	48 28%	52 25%	4 2%	2 1%	1 *	30 12%	40 14%	31 15%	18 7%	30 11%	30 11%	32 13%	15 11%	13 15%
- Aged 5-10	130 13%	59 12%	71 14%	3 3%	39 23%	67 33%	18 11%	3 2%	1 *	29 11%	40 14%	36 17%	25 10%	37 14%	34 13%	27 11%	19 14%	13 14%
- Aged 11-15	152 15%	55 11%	97 18%	- -	23 13%	72 36%	52 30%	3 2%	2 1%	43 17%	42 14%	39 18%	28 11%	44 16%	44 17%	32 13%	14 10%	17 20%
- Aged 16-18	79 8%	30 6%	50 9%	- -	6 4%	29 14%	40 23%	3 2%	1 1%	17 7%	22 7%	20 10%	20 8%	21 8%	25 9%	16 7%	11 8%	6 7%
Refused	20 2%	12 2%	8 2%	1 1%	3 2%	11 5%	3 2%	1 1%	2 1%	6 2%	7 3%	3 2%	3 1%	4 1%	5 2%	10 4%	1 1%	- -

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Weighted base	1011	485	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	269	263	249	141	89
Grocery shopping status																		
I am the main grocery shopper in the household	703 70%	245 50%	458 87%	42 38%	118 69%	153 76%	130 76%	106 70%	154 76%	168 66%	192 66%	145 68%	199 79%	187 69%	190 72%	166 67%	102 72%	59 66%
I regularly do the main grocery shop	736 73%	284 59%	452 86%	56 50%	123 72%	156 77%	130 76%	113 74%	158 78%	182 72%	203 69%	153 72%	199 79%	194 72%	203 77%	169 68%	107 76%	64 72%
I regularly do top up grocery shopping (buy items or a basket of items as they are needed)	770 76%	328 68%	441 84%	75 68%	132 77%	157 77%	135 78%	116 77%	155 77%	193 76%	225 77%	160 75%	192 76%	199 74%	212 81%	185 74%	106 75%	68 76%
I do not do grocery shopping	112 11%	99 20%	14 3%	22 20%	19 11%	14 7%	18 11%	18 12%	20 10%	26 10%	34 12%	28 13%	25 10%	33 12%	25 10%	28 11%	18 13%	9 10%
Refused	11 1%	7 1%	5 1%	1 1%	2 1%	4 2%	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%	7 3%	1 1%	1 *	2 1%	3 1%	5 2%	1 1%	-