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Afghan Public Opinion Amidst Rising Violence

Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: November 13-November 24, 2006
Sample Size: 2,097

Margin of Error: +/- 2.2 %

Q1. Generally speaking, do you think things in Afghanistan today are going in the right direction, or do you think they are going in the wrong direction?

	11/06	11-12/05
Right direction	62%	83%
Wrong direction	35	11
Refused/Don't know	3	6

Q2. How would you rate the security situation in your area? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	11/06	11-12/05
Excellent	29%	21%
Good.....	55	49
Fair	12	25
Poor	4	5
Refused/Don't know	*	1

Q3. Compared to about a year ago, do you think the security situation in your area has gotten:

Much better	26%
Somewhat better.....	39
About the same	23
Somewhat worse	10
Much worse.....	3
Refused/Don't know	*

Q4. For each of the following please tell me if your opinion of them is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

Q4a. The United States

	11/06	11-12/05
Very favorable	30%	40%
Somewhat favorable.....	51	41
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13	12
Very unfavorable	5	4
Refused/Don't know	*	3

Q4b. The US military forces in Afghanistan

	11/06	11-12/05
Very favorable	28%	39%
Somewhat favorable.....	47	44
Somewhat unfavorable.....	18	10
Very unfavorable	7	7
Refused/Don't know	*	2

Q4c. President Hamid Karzai

	11/06	11-12/05
Very favorable	55%	68%
Somewhat favorable.....	35	25
Somewhat unfavorable.....	8	4
Very unfavorable	3	2
Refused/Don't know	*	*

Q4d. The Taliban

	11/06	11-12/05
Very favorable	2%	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	5	6
Somewhat unfavorable.....	21	26
Very unfavorable	71	62
Refused/Don't know	1	4

Q4e. Osama Bin Laden

	11/06	11-12/05
Very favorable	2%	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	3	3
Somewhat unfavorable.....	14	15
Very unfavorable	80	75
Refused/Don't know	2	5

Q5. Please tell me if you think that Pakistan is having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world?

	11/06	11-12/05
Mainly positive influence	6%	13%
Mainly negative influence.....	75	63
Depends (volunteer).....	15	17
Refused/Don't know	4	6

Q6. Please tell me whether each of the following is being very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective or not at all effective.

Q6a. The central Afghan government

	11/06	11-12/05
Very effective.....	51%	55%
Somewhat effective.....	41	36
Not very effective	7	6
Not at all effective.....	1	2
Refused/Don't know	*	1

Q6b. Local leaders

	11/06	11-12/05
Very effective.....	27%	21%
Somewhat effective.....	46	43
Not very effective	22	20
Not at all effective.....	5	12
Refused/Don't know	*	4

Q6c. International agencies providing aid for reconstruction

	11/06	11-12/05
Very effective.....	41%	38%
Somewhat effective.....	43	41
Not very effective	13	13
Not at all effective.....	3	6
Refused/Don't know	*	3

Q6d. The ISAF force of NATO troops providing peacekeeping and reconstruction

	11/06	11-12/05
Very effective.....	32%	46%
Somewhat effective.....	45	36
Not very effective	16	10
Not at all effective.....	6	5
Refused/Don't know	*	4

Q7a. Thinking about the area where you live, which of the following is the most powerful authority?

Central government.....	76%
Local leaders	20
Taliban	2
Refused/Don't know	2

Q7b. Thinking about the area where you live, which of the following is the most respected authority?

Central government.....	62%
Local leaders	31
Taliban	3
Refused/Don't know	4

Q8. Have you or someone in your family been personally affected by an act of corruption by government officials in the past 12 months?

Yes	24%
No.....	75
Refused/Don't know	2

Q9. Please think about the amount of economic help for reconstruction and the amount of military help for security that other countries are currently giving to Afghanistan. If you could increase only one of these, do you think it would be better to have more economic help or more military help?

More economic help	50%
More military help	13
More of both (vol.).....	34
Less of both (vol.).....	2
None (vol.)	1
Refused/Don't know	*

Q10. Do you think the Pakistan government is allowing the Taliban to operate in Pakistan, or is seriously trying to stop the Taliban from operating in Pakistan?

	11/06	11-12/05
Allowing the Taliban to operate in Pakistan.....	79%	66%
Seriously trying to stop the Taliban from operating in Pakistan.....	15	21
Refused/Don't know	6	13

Q12. Overall, do you think that overthrowing the Taliban government was a good thing or a bad thing for Afghanistan?

	11/06	11-12/05
Good thing	86%	82%
Bad thing.....	11	11
Refused/Don't know	3	7

Q13. Do you approve or disapprove of international military forces efforts to stop the growing of opium poppies in Afghanistan?

	11/06	11-12/05
Approve.....	67%	78%
Disapprove	32	15
Refused/Don't know	1	7

Q16. Thinking about the conflict between the central government, including NATO forces, and the Taliban in the last year, do you think the Taliban has gained ground, the Taliban has lost ground, or that there has been no real change?

Gained ground.....	33%
Lost ground.....	37
No real change	28
Refused/Don't know	3

Q16b. How likely do you think it is that the Taliban will return and take over governing Afghanistan?

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely.....	12
Not very likely	34
Not at all likely.....	48
Refused/Don't know	3

Q17. Thinking about the reconstruction of roads, schools, hospitals and water supplies, would you say that progress has been:

Excellent	10%
Good.....	32
Fair	35
Poor.....	23
Refused/Don't know	*

DEMOGRAPHICS**D1. ETHNICITY**

Pashtun.....	42%
Tajik.....	34
Uzbek.....	11
Turkmen.....	2
Hazara.....	9
Baloch.....	1
Nuristani.....	1
Aimak.....	1
Other.....	*

D2. GENDER

Male.....	50%
Female.....	50

D3. AGE

18-22.....	29%
23-29.....	19
30-39.....	23
40-49.....	17
50+.....	12

D4. EDUCATION

Illiterate.....	53%
Primary.....	19
Secondary.....	24
Higher education.....	5

D5. MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Less than 2,000 Afghanis.....	17%
2,001 – 10,000 Afghanis.....	61
10,001 – 20,000 Afghanis.....	17
More than 20,001 Afghanis.....	3
Refused/Don't know.....	2

METHODOLOGY

The survey was designed by the Program on International Policy Attitudes for the WorldPublicOpinion.org website. Field work was conducted through D3 Systems and its partner the Afghan Center for Social and Opinion Research in Kabul. Face-to-face interviews were conducted among a national random sample of 2,097 Afghan adults from November 13 to November 24, 2007.

The sample design was a multi-stage area probability sample conducted in 32 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, with the exception of Zabul and Uruzghan, which were represent 2% of the population of Afghanistan and were not surveyed due to security concerns. At the final stage, the sample was further stratified into male and female sub-samples to enable gender matching of respondents and interviewers. Urban and rural areas were proportionally represented in the sample.

The survey had a response rate of 88% and a cooperation rate of 94%. Distributions by gender and ethnicity were reviewed and considered close to population figures; the data were not weighted.