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AFGHANISTAN WAR DOCUMENTS LEAK REACTION

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted July 27-August 1, 2010 with a random sample of –1,208— adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). The sample includes a minimum quota of 180 cell phone only respondents and 1,020 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

5. Thinking now about U.S. military action in Afghanistan that began in October 2001, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?

	<u>Yes, a mistake</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	43	52	4
2010 Jul 8-11 ^	38	58	4
2009 Nov 20-22	36	60	3
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	37	61	2
2009 Jul 10-12 ^	36	61	3
2009 Jan 30-Feb 1	30	66	4
2008 Aug 21-23 ^	34	63	3
2008 Jul 25-27	28	68	4
2007 Aug 3-5	25	70	5
2004 Jul 19-21	25	72	3
2002 Jan 7-9	6	93	1
2001 Nov 8-11	9	89	2

^ Asked of a half sample

6. In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Afghanistan—[ROTATED: very well, moderately well, moderately badly, (or) very badly]?

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Moderately well</u>	<u>Moderately badly</u>	<u>Very badly</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total well</u>	<u>Total badly</u>
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	1	33	42	20	4	34	62
2010 Jul 8-11 ^	1	36	43	17	4	37	60
2009 Nov 20-22	2	30	45	21	2	32	66
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	4	34	45	16	2	38	61
2009 Jul 10-12 ^	4	50	31	12	2	54	43
2009 Jan 30-Feb 1	4	40	38	14	5	44	52
2008 Aug 21-23 ^	6	35	39	16	4	41	55
2008 Jul 25-27	5	41	33	18	3	46	51
2006 Sep 15-17	6	43	30	16	5	49	46

^ Asked of a half sample

7. If you had to choose, which do you think is better for the U.S. -- [ROTATED: to keep a significant number of troops in Afghanistan until the situation there gets better, even if that takes many years, (or) to set a time-table for removing troops from Afghanistan and to stick to that timetable regardless of what is going on in Afghanistan at the time]?

	Keep troops in Afghanistan until situation <u>gets better</u>	Set time-table for removing troops from <u>Afghanistan</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	38	57	5

8. *(Asked of those who say it is better for the U.S. to set a time-table for removing troops from Afghanistan)*
Do you think the United States should withdraw all of its troops from Afghanistan as rapidly as possible, starting now, or should the U.S. set a timetable that calls for a more gradual withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan?

BASED ON – 653 -- ADULTS WHO FAVOR A TIME-TABLE FOR REMOVING U.S. TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN; ±4 PCT PTS

	Withdraw troops as <u>soon as possible</u>	Set timetable for <u>gradual withdrawal</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	33	66	1

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.7-8): VIEW OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT U.S. TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN: BASED ON FULL SAMPLE OF NATIONAL ADULTS

	<u>2010 Jul 27-Aug 1</u>
Keep troops in Afghanistan until situation gets better	38
Set time-table for removing troops from Afghanistan	57
<i>(Withdraw troops as soon as possible)</i>	<i>(19)</i>
<i>(Set timetable for gradual withdrawal)</i>	<i>(38)</i>
<i>(Unsure)</i>	<i>(*)</i>
No opinion	5

9. Next, how closely are you following the news that thousands of classified documents about the war in Afghanistan were leaked to an Internet site that published the documents-- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	16	37	25	21	1

10. As you may know, the documents about the war in Afghanistan were leaked to a website called "Wikileaks." Do you think it was right or wrong for that website to publish those documents?

	<u>Right</u>	<u>Wrong</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	25	66	9