

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## NOVEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Note: Q.3 and Q.18 should be cited as a Gallup poll.**

**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 19-21, 2010 with a random sample of ~1,037— 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 ±4 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). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 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.**

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8. 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 Nov 19-21	39	58	3
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

9. 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 Nov 19-21	3	42	38	16	2	45	54
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

10. As you may know, President Obama plans to complete withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Afghanistan by the end of the year 2014. Which comes closest to your view – [ROTATED: you agree with the timetable of removing U.S. combat troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2014, you think the U.S. should complete withdrawing combat troops from Afghanistan before the end of 2014, (or) you think the U.S. should not set a timetable and keep combat troops in Afghanistan as long as needed to achieve its objectives there]?

	<u>Agree with 2014 timetable</u>	<u>Troops should be withdrawn sooner</u>	<u>U.S. should not set timetable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	20	38	40	2

11. How worried are you that the costs of the war in Afghanistan will make it more difficult for the government to address the problems facing the United States at home -- very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not worried at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	31	37	21	10	*

**For comparison: Gallup Daily tracking survey** *How worried are you that the costs of the war in Afghanistan will make it more difficult for the government to address the problems facing the United States at home—very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all?*

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not worried at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Dec 2	32	41	16	10	2