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## **MARCH WAVE 1**

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Note: Q.2e, 9-11 should be referred to as a USA Today/Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 25-27, 2011 with a random sample of -1,027—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -500—national adults in Form A and -527—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 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 2010 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.

7. 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?

	Yes, a mistake	No, not	No opinion
2011 Mar 25-27	42	53	5
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

<sup>^</sup> Asked of a half sample

8. 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]?

	Very well	Moder- ately <u>well</u>	Moder- ately <u>badly</u>	Very <u>badly</u>	No opinion	Total <u>well</u>	Total <u>badly</u>
2011 Mar 25-27	3	44	35	14	4	47	49
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

<sup>^</sup> Asked of a half sample