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Note: Q.26-28 should be cited as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 5-8, 2011 with a random sample of **1,018**—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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.

For results based on the sample of **530**—national adults in Form A and **488**—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **886**—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in 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.

25. 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>
2011 May 5-8	39	58	3
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

^ Asked of a half sample

26. 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>
2011 May 5-8	6	45	33	12	4	51	45
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

^ Asked of a half sample

27. Which comes closer to your view –[ROTATED: the U.S. has accomplished its mission in Afghanistan and should bring its troops home, (or) the U.S. still has important work to do in Afghanistan and should maintain its troops there]?

	Has accomplished <u>mission</u>	Still has important <u>work to do</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	59	36	5

28. How closely are you following the news about the U.S. military finding and killing Osama bin Laden -- 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>
2011 May 5-8	42	41	12	4	1