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PRESIDENT OBAMA PLAN FOR AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted June 25-26, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of 1,034—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, 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 and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults 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, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and 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.

Question(s) were asked of a random half-sample on two nights' of the Gallup Daily tracking survey.

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.

1. Next we have some questions about Afghanistan. As you may know, President Obama on Wednesday announced plans to withdraw 10,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan this year, 20,000 more by the end of summer 2012, and the remainder by the end of 2014. In general, do you favor or oppose this plan?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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Now, thinking more specifically about the different aspects of the plan,

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2. What is your view of withdrawing 30,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan over the next 15 months -- do you think that number is too high, about right, or too low?

	<u>Too high</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too low</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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3. Which comes closest to your view about the timetable President Obama has set for withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan – you agree with that timetable, you think the U.S. should withdraw its troops sooner than the president specified, or you do not think the U.S. should set a timetable for withdrawing troops from Afghanistan?

	<u>Agree with timetable</u>	<u>Should Withdraw sooner</u>	<u>Should not set timetable for withdrawal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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