**Q1**. Generally speaking, do you think things in Afghanistan today are going in the right direction, or do you think they are going in the wrong direction?

	2009	2007	2006	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	40	54	55	77	64
Wrong direction	38	24	22	6	11
Mixed	14	15	17	11	8
No opinion	9	7	5	6	16

Q2. (IF RIGHT DIRECTION) Why do you say that? (Up to two answers accepted.)

RIGHT DIRECTION	2009
	%
Good security	38
Peace/end of war	14
Disarmament	5
Freedom/free speech	7
Reconstruction/rebuilding	43
Girls schools/women can	12
work/women's freedom	
Refugees return	-
Democracy/elections	8
Travel possible/free movement	4
Good government	12
Economic revival	5
International assistance	5
Other	
No opinion	_

Q3. (IF WRONG DIRECTION) Why do you say that? (Up to two answers accepted.)

WRONG DIRECTION	2009
	%
Security/warlords/violence	52
Corruption	26
Economy/poverty/jobs	25
Taliban	8
Western influence too great/dangers	8
to Islam	
Weak government	16
Reconstruction problems	2
Neighbouring countries cause	1
problems	
Education/schools/literacy	3
No opinion	

**Q4**. In your view, what is the biggest problem facing Afghanistan as a whole? And after that, what is the next biggest problem?

Biggest Problem	2009
	%
Economy/poverty/jobs	26
Security/warlords/attacks/violence	24
High prices/joblessness	8
Taliban	8
Corruption	7
Education/schools/literacy	4
Terrorism	4

Next Biggest Problem	2009
	%
Economy/poverty/jobs	23
Security/warlords/attacks/violence	10
High prices/joblessness	14
Taliban	3
Corruption	9
Education/schools/literacy	2
Terrorism	3

**Q5**. I would like to ask you about today's conditions in the village/neighbourhood where you live. How would you rate the following using very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

## Your living conditions overall

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	10	11	11	15
Somewhat good	52	59	65	68
Somewhat bad	27	23	21	13
Very bad	11	5	3	3
No opinion	-	1	-	1

#### Security from crime and violence

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	15	16	20	28
Somewhat good	40	50	49	45
Somewhat bad	29	24	25	19
Very bad	13	8	6	5
No opinion	3	1	0	3

# Availability of jobs/economic opportunities

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	4	3	5	5
Somewhat good	25	23	28	30
Somewhat bad	37	45	49	41
Very bad	33	28	17	19
No opinion	1	1	0	6

# Roads, bridges and other infrastructure

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	9	4	6	2
Somewhat good	34	27	24	21
Somewhat bad	33	36	39	39
Very bad	24	33	30	37
No opinion	-	1	0	1

## Availability of clean water

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	23	17	14	18
Somewhat good	42	37	40	40
Somewhat bad	20	28	31	31
Very bad	15	18	15	10
No opinion	-	1	0	0

# Supply of electricity

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	5	4	4	4
Somewhat good	14	10	17	14
Somewhat bad	17	23	28	29
Very bad	60	61	50	52
No opinion	4	2	0	1

Availability of food

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	9	11	17	22
Somewhat good	54	54	64	56
Somewhat bad	25	27	14	17
Very bad	10	6	4	3
No opinion	2	1	0	2

Availability of medical care

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	7	6	9	12
Somewhat good	43	40	40	33
Somewhat bad	33	35	39	44
Very bad	16	18	12	11
No opinion	-	1	0	1

Local schools

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	28	21	18	25
Somewhat good	49	49	55	55
Somewhat bad	15	15	23	13
Very bad	7	14	4	6
No opinion	1	1	0	0

Rights of women

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very good	15	17	21
Somewhat good	44	44	50
Somewhat bad	23	22	22
Very bad	14	14	6
No opinion	4	3	0

Your freedom of movement – the ability to go where you wish safely

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very good	24	27
Somewhat good	36	44
Somewhat bad	29	18
Very bad	10	10
No opinion	1	2

Security from the Taliban and other armed groups

	2009
	%
Very good	19
Somewhat good	30
Somewhat bad	27
Very bad	22
No opinion	2

Your ability to afford the price of things you want and need

	2009
	%
Very good	4
Somewhat good	37
Somewhat bad	38
Very bad	20
No opinion	1

Support for agriculture, including the availability of seed, fertilizer and farming equipment

	2009
	%
Very good	6
Somewhat good	31
Somewhat bad	30
Very bad	23
No opinion	11

**Q6**. What is your expectation for things overall in your life a year from now? Will they be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Much Better	14	14	11	23
Somewhat Better	37	36	43	44
About the Same	28	26	23	13
Somewhat Worse	10	7	7	0
Much Worse	3	2	2	1
No opinion	8	15	14	19

**Q7**. Do you think your children will have a better life than you, worse, or about the same?

	2009	2007
	%	%
Better	47	51
Worse	14	11
About the Same	21	21
No opinion	18	17

**Q8.** How much progress do you think ......is making in providing a better life for Afghans in the future?

## Afghanistan government

	2009
	%
Great Deal	21
Some	38
Little	27
None	11
No opinion	2

## Foreign nations

	2009
	%
Great Deal	17
Some	31
Little	29
None	18
No opinion	5

## Foreign aid organizations

	2009
	%
Great Deal	21
Some	30
Little	29
None	15
No opinion	4

**Q9**. How would you rate the work  $\overline{of}$ :

## Present government

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Excellent	10	15	15	27
Good	38	44	48	53
Fair	30	29	27	14
Poor	18	11	9	5
No opinion	3	1	0	1

## Hamid Karzai as President of Afghanistan

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Excellent	16	26	21	45
Good	36	37	46	38
Fair	29	28	25	14
Poor	18	8	7	2
No opinion	1	1	0	1

# Provincial government here

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Excellent	10	10	10
Good	35	41	42
Fair	36	32	36
Poor	17	13	11
No opinion	1	3	1

## Police in this area

	2009
	%
Excellent	15
Good	42
Fair	32
Poor	11
No opinion	1

# Afghan Army forces

	2009
	%
Excellent	18
Good	39
Fair	26
Poor	8
No opinion	9

## U.S. in Afghanistan

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Excellent	5	8	12	20
Good	27	35	45	48
Fair	36	32	27	22
Poor	27	21	15	8
No opinion	5	5	1	3

## NATO/ISAF Forces

	2009
	%
Excellent	6
Good	27
Fair	36
Poor	26
No opinion	5

Foreign aid organizations

	2009
	%
Excellent	12
Good	33
Fair	32
Poor	19
No opinion	4

**Q10**. Who would you rather have ruling Afghanistan today?

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Current government	82	84	88	91
Taliban	4	4	3	1
Other	10	6	4	2
No opinion	4	6	5	6

Q11. Which of the following do you think poses the biggest danger in our country?

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Taliban	58	52	57	41
Drug traffickers	13	23	20	28
Local commanders	7	9	9	22
United States	8	10	8	4
Current Afghan government	1	1	3	2
Something else	10	2	0	2
No opinion	3	2	0	2

**Q12.** Since 2002, has foreign aid coming into the country brought any benefit to you personally, or not?

	2009
	%
Yes	30
No	67
No opinion	3

**Q13.** Have any of the following been built, rebuilt, or reopened in the past 5 years in your area:

2009	Yes	No	No opinion
	%	%	%
School	72	27	1
Health clinic	45	54	1
Government offices	31	65	4
Mosque	53	44	3
Police station	44	51	4
Road	47	52	1

**Q14.** As you may know there is an economic crisis affecting many countries in the world. Are you worried that this economic situation will lead other countries to reduce their efforts to provide reconstruction and economic development in Afghanistan?

	2009
	%
Very worried	38
Somewhat worried	35
Not so worried	13
Not worried at all	8
No opinion	5

**Q15**. How much of a problem is the issue of corruption among government officials or the police in this area?

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Big problem	63	45	55
Moderate problem	21	27	23
Small problem	8	10	11
Not a problem	3	11	9
No opinion	4	6	2

**Q16.** Is it your opinion that corruption among government officials or the police has increased over the last year or so, decreased, or has it remained about the same?

	2009
	%
Increased	50
Decreased	22
Remained about the same	21
No opinion	7

**Q17**. From today's perspective, do you think it was very good, mostly good, mostly bad or very bad that U.S. military forces came into our country to bring down the Taliban government in 2001?

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	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very good	27	35	45	48
Mostly good	42	40	43	39
Mostly bad	12	10	7	6
Very bad	12	10	4	3
No opinion	7	4	1	4

**Q18.** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the presence of the following groups in Afghanistan today?

## U.S. military forces

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Strongly support	12	20	30
Somewhat support	51	51	48
Somewhat oppose	21	15	15
Strongly oppose	15	12	6
No opinion	2	2	1

## NATO/ISAF military forces

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Strongly support	13	25	30
Somewhat support	46	42	48
Somewhat oppose	24	17	15
Strongly oppose	16	13	6
No opinion	2	2	1

## Jihadi fighters from other countries

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Strongly support	2	1	1
Somewhat support	9	13	10
Somewhat oppose	27	27	27
Strongly oppose	60	56	61
No opinion	3	3	1

## Fighters from the Taliban

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Strongly support	2	1	1
Somewhat support	6	4	3
Somewhat oppose	20	19	14
Strongly oppose	70	73	81
No opinion	2	3	1

## Foreign aid organizations

	2009
	%
Strongly support	30
Somewhat support	43
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	10
No opinion	2

**Q19**. Who do you blame the most for the violence that is occurring in the country?

	2009	2007
	%	%
Taliban	27	36
Al Qaeda/foreign jihadis	22	22
U.S./American forces	12	9
Bush/U.S. government/America	6	7
Local commanders/warlords	6	6
Drug traffickers	5	6
Afghan government/Karzai	12	5
Afghan forces	3	2
NATO/ISAF forces	3	3
Other	3	-
No opinion	1	2

**Q20**. Over the past 12 months, would you say the Taliban in Afghanistan have grown stronger, grown weaker, or remained about the same?

	2009	2007
	%	%
Grown stronger	43	42
Grown weaker	24	24
Remained about same	25	26
No opinion	8	8

**Q21.** Do you think the government in Kabul should negotiate a settlement with Afghan Taliban in which they are allowed to hold political offices if they agree to stop fighting, or do you think the government in Kabul should continue to fight the Taliban and not enter into these negotiations?

	2009	2007
	%	%
Negotiate a settlement	64	60
Continue to fight Taliban	25	32
No opinion	11	8

**Q22.** Do you think the government should negotiate only if the Taliban first stop fighting, or negotiate even as fighting continues?

	2009
	%
Negotiate only if the	71
Taliban stop fighting	
Negotiate even as fighting	29
continues	
No opinion	1

**Q23.** What do you think is most likely: The Afghan government with foreign assistance will defeat the Taliban; the Taliban will defeat the Afghan government; both sides will negotiate a settlement; or the fighting will go on with no winner and no settlement?

	2009
	%
Afghan government will	
defeat the Taliban with	33
foreign assistance	
The Taliban will defeat the	8
government	
Both sides will negotiate a	33
settlement	
The fighting will go on with	19
no winner and no settlement	
No opinion	7

**Q24.** Is it your impression that the Taliban have changed and become more moderate, or do you think they remain the same as they were when they ruled Afghanistan before?

	2009
	%
The Taliban are more	24
moderate now	
The Taliban are the same as	64
before	
No opinion	12

**Q25**. At present there are attacks against U.S. military forces in some parts of Afghanistan. Under current circumstances, do you think attacks against U.S. military forces or NATO/ISAF in Afghanistan can be justified or cannot be justified?

	2009*	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Justified	25	17	13	30
Not justified	64	74	78	60
No opinion	11	8	9	10

<sup>\*</sup> NATO/ISF only in 2009 survey

**Q26.** Do you think the number of U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces in Afghanistan should be increased, decreased or kept at the current level?

	2009
	%
Increased	18
Decreased	44
Kept at current level	29
No opinion	9

**Q27.** When do you think such forces\* should withdraw from Afghanistan?

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Leave now	21	14	13	8
within 6-12 months	16	13	10	6
Within 1-2 years	14	18	13	12
Only after security restored	42	42	55	65
Remain permanently	3	7	5	4
No opinion	4	6	3	5

<sup>\*</sup> U.S. military forces (2005-7)

**Q28**. I'm going to mention some groups. For each, please say how much of a presence it has in this area: A very strong presence, a fairly strong presence, a fairly weak presence or no significant presence at all?

#### Central government led by Hamid Karzai

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	26	31	23
Fairly strong presence	41	43	47
Fairly weak presence	27	18	25
No significant presence at all	5	6	4
No opinion	1	1	0

## Provincial government

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	25	26	21
Fairly strong presence	44	43	51
Fairly weak presence	27	24	27
No significant presence at all	4	5	1
No opinion	-	1	0

#### Local police

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	29	28	30
Fairly strong presence	44	39	48
Fairly weak presence	21	26	20
No significant presence at all	4	6	2
No opinion	1	1	0

## Local commanders and their militias

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	7	5	4
Fairly strong presence	16	22	24
Fairly weak presence	36	40	41
No significant presence at all	39	31	30
No opinion	3	2	2

## The Taliban

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	3	3	2
Fairly strong presence	10	7	6
Fairly weak presence	21	15	17
No significant presence at all	63	71	74
No opinion	3	4	2

# Drug traffickers

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	3	2	3
Fairly strong presence	11	9	9
Fairly weak presence	28	21	29
No significant presence at all	54	62	55
No opinion	5	6	5

## United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong presence	6	11	14
Fairly strong presence	29	39	44
Fairly weak presence	39	26	22
No significant presence at all	24	21	17
No opinion	2	3	3

## Foreign jihadis

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very strong presence	2	3
Fairly strong presence	12	11
Fairly weak presence	22	22
No significant presence at all	57	56
No opinion	8	8

Foreign aid organizations

	2009
	%
Very strong presence	9
Fairly strong presence	32
Fairly weak presence	36
No significant presence at all	20
No opinion	3

**Q29**. Now, for each group I mention, please tell me how confident are you in its ability to provide security and stability in your area – very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

### Central government led by Hamid Karzai

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very confident	28	35	32
Fairly confident	47	47	47
Not very confident	19	12	16
Not at all confident	6	5	4
No opinion	1	1	0

Provincial government

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very confident	24	28	24
Fairly confident	45	46	52
Not very confident	24	18	21
Not at all confident	6	7	3
No opinion	1	1	0

Local police

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very confident	28	25	29
Fairly confident	47	42	50
Not very confident	17	24	17
Not at all confident	7	9	4
No opinion	1	1	0

#### Local commanders and their militias

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very confident	5	5	3
Fairly confident	13	21	17
Not very confident	27	31	32
Not at all confident	52	41	47
No opinion	3	2	1

#### The Taliban

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very confident	2	1	2
Fairly confident	5	7	4
Not very confident	10	12	9
Not at all confident	79	77	84
No opinion	3	3	2

#### United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very confident	6	12	18
Fairly confident	35	40	49
Not very confident	27	23	17
Not at all confident	29	22	14
No opinion	3	3	3

#### Foreign jihadis

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very confident	1	2
Fairly confident	11	10
Not very confident	17	21
Not at all confident	67	63
No opinion	3	4

**Q30**. For each of these same groups, what would you say is its level of support among the people in this area – very strong support, fairly strong support, fairly weak support or no significant support at all?

#### Central government led by Hamid Karzai

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong support	27	35	28
Fairly strong support	38	46	50
Fairly weak support	26	14	19
No significant support at all	8	5	2
No opinion	1	1	1

#### Provincial government

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong support	22	27	22
Fairly strong support	42	45	51
Fairly weak support	26	20	22
No significant support at all	9	6	3
No opinion	1	1	1

## Local police

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong support	23	24	26
Fairly strong support	43	40	49
Fairly weak support	23	25	21
No significant support at all	8	10	3
No opinion	2	1	1

#### Local commanders and their militias

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong support	4	4	4
Fairly strong support	13	20	16
Fairly weak support	29	34	36
No significant support at all	49	39	43
No opinion	5	3	1

### Taliban

	2009	2007	2006
		%	%
Very strong support	3	2	2
Fairly strong support	6	5	4
Fairly weak support	13	13	13
No significant support at all	72	75	79
No opinion	6	4	2

## Drug traffickers

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong support	1	2	1
Fairly strong support	6	6	6
Fairly weak support	17	15	19
No significant support at all	68	71	70
No opinion	8	6	3

## United States or NATO or ISAF forces

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Very strong support	5	11	18
Fairly strong support	32	42	49
Fairly weak support	32	22	18
No significant support at all	26	22	13
No opinion	5	3	1

## Foreign jihadis

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very strong support	2	3
Fairly strong support	12	12
Fairly weak support	18	20
No significant support at all	61	58
No opinion	8	7

**Q31**. Are you aware of any of the following activities by the Taliban in this area?

## Delivery of night letters

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Yes	21	26	24
No	74	71	74
No opinion	5	3	2

## Bombings

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Yes	26	33	43
No	69	65	55
No opinion	4	2	2

## Killing individuals

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Yes	32	34	42
No	64	63	56
No opinion	4	2	2

## Burning schools/government buildings

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Yes	27	34	45
No	69	64	53
No opinion	4	2	2

## Fighting government or foreign troops

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Yes	33	42	45
No	63	54	53
No opinion	5	3	2

People giving food/money to Taliban

	2009	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Yes	17	14	17
No	75	80	80
No opinion	8	6	3

**Q32**. For each item I read, please tell me if it has or has not occurred in this area?

	Have	Have not	Refuse/
	occurred	occurred	don't
	nearby here	nearby here	know
	%	%	%
Car bombs, suicide attacks	39	59	2
Snipers, crossfire	35	62	3
Kidnappings for ransom	45	52	3
Bombing or shelling by U.S., NATO or	27	65	8
ISAF forces			
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by U.S.,	34	62	4
NATO or ISAF forces			
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the	24	70	6
Afghan army or police			
Civilians killed or seriously hurt by the	42	53	5
Taliban, Al Qaeda or foreign jihadis			

**Q33.** Do you think the use of air strikes by the U.S. and NATO/ISAF forces is acceptable because it helps defeat the Taliban and other anti-government fighters, or unacceptable because it endangers too many innocent civilians?

	2009
	%
Acceptable	16
Unacceptable	77
No opinion	8

**Q34.** When civilians are harmed in U.S. and NATO/ISAF air strikes, who do you mainly blame?

	2009
	%
U.S and NATO/ISAF forces for mistaken targeting	41
Anti-government forces for being among civilians	28
Both sides equally	27
No opinion	4

**Q35**. Do you think the Pakistan government is allowing the Taliban to operate within its borders, or trying to stop the Taliban from operating there?

	2009	2007
	%	%
Is allowing	67	69
Trying to stop	24	19
No opinion	9	11

**Q36**. What is your opinion of the cultivation of poppies for opium?

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Acceptable in all cases	4	8	5	5
Only acceptable if no other	28	28	35	21
way to earn a living				
Unacceptable in all cases	63	62	58	73
No opinion	4	3	2	1

**Q37.** Do you think the government should allow opium poppies to be grown, or take measures to kill off opium poppy fields? (**IF KILL OFF**) Do you support or oppose doing this by spraying plant-killing chemicals from airplanes?

	2009	2007
	%	%
Allow poppies to be grown	5	11
Kill off poppies and support	13	13
spraying chemicals from airplanes		
Kill off poppies but oppose	48	45
spraying chemicals from airplanes		
Kill off poppies but unsure about	30	26
spraying chemicals from airplanes		
No opinion	4	5

**Q38**. Now I'm going to ask what you think about some people and groups. Is your opinion of ..... very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

The Taliban

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	3	3	2	3
Somewhat favourable	4	10	8	6
Somewhat unfavourable	12	15	13	15
Very unfavourable	79	69	76	74
No opinion	2	4	1	2

## Osama Bin Laden

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	2	2	2	2
Somewhat favourable	4	7	4	3
Somewhat unfavourable	10	11	7	6
Very unfavourable	82	76	84	85
No opinion	3	4	4	5

## The United States

	2009	2007	2006	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very favourable	7	17	23	24
Somewhat favourable	40	48	51	59
Somewhat unfavourable	25	11	11	8
Very unfavourable	27	21	14	6
No opinion	1	3	1	3

## Pakistan

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very favourable	1	2
Somewhat favourable	7	17
Somewhat unfavourable	26	16
Very unfavourable	65	63
No opinion	1	1

## Great Britain

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very favourable	6	11
Somewhat favourable	32	38
Somewhat unfavourable	26	17
Very unfavourable	28	28
No opinion	7	6

#### Iran

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very favourable	19	14
Somewhat favourable	38	38
Somewhat unfavourable	22	20
Very unfavourable	19	25
No opinion	3	3

Germany

	2009	2007
	%	%
Very favourable	17	22
Somewhat favourable	43	49
Somewhat unfavourable	17	11
Very unfavourable	14	12
No opinion	8	6

India

	2009
	%
Very favourable	27
Somewhat favourable	47
Somewhat unfavourable	13
Very unfavourable	8
No opinion	5

**Q39.** Overall, please say if you think each of these countries is playing a positive, neutral, or negative role in Afghanistan now?

Russia

	2009
	%
Positive	14
Neutral	44
Negative	33
No opinion	8

Iraq

	2009
	%
Positive	12
Neutral	68
Negative	11
No opinion	9

Pakistan

	2009
	%
Positive	5
Neutral	6
Negative	86
No opinion	3

India

	2009
	%
Positive	41
Neutral	42
Negative	10
No opinion	6

#### **United States**

	2009
	%
Positive	44
Neutral	17
Negative	36
No opinion	3

#### United Kingdom

	2009
	%
Positive	24
Neutral	28
Negative	38
No opinion	11

#### Germany

	2009
	%
Positive	36
Neutral	33
Negative	19
No opinion	11

**Q40.** As you may know a new leader of the United States named Barack Obama takes office soon. Do you think the election of Obama as president of the United States will make things better for Afghanistan, make things worse, or will not make much difference?

	2009
	%
The election of Obama will make things better for	21
Afghanistan	
The election of Obama will make things worse for	16
Afghanistan	
The election of Obama will not make much	35
difference for Afghanistan	
No opinion	27

**Q42**. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about women in Afghanistan. Please tell me if each of the following is something you support strongly, support somewhat, oppose somewhat or oppose strongly?

#### Women voting

	2007	2009	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	59	67	60	74
Support somewhat	27	24	28	21
Oppose somewhat	8	4	6	3
Oppose strongly	5	4	6	3
No opinion	1		_	_

# Women holding jobs outside the home

	2007	2009	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	38	46	39	54
Support somewhat	29	30	30	31
Oppose somewhat	20	14	17	10
Oppose strongly	11	9	13	5
No opinion	1	-	1	0

# Women holding government office

	2007	2009	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	31	38	30	46
Support somewhat	29	31	31	31
Oppose somewhat	26	18	21	16
Oppose strongly	14	12	16	7
No opinion	1	1	1	0

## Girls education

	2007	2009	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	60	68	59	77
Support somewhat	29	24	29	18
Oppose somewhat	7	5	7	3
Oppose strongly	4	2	3	1
No opinion	1	1	1	0

## Women wearing the burka

	2007	2009	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%
Support strongly	49	49	53	45
Support somewhat	28	28	28	29
Oppose somewhat	14	14	12	16
Oppose strongly	7	8	6	10
No opinion	1	1	1	1