

CULTURE

War in Afghanistan Poll

A poll conducted in Nov 2001 in response to the war in Afghanistan.

4 November 2001

War/Terrorism



- MORI interviewed 603 adults aged 18+
- Interviews were conducted by telephone on 1-2 November 2001
- Results are based on all respondents unless otherwise stated
- Data are weighted to the known population profile
- An '*' indicates a finding of less than 0.5%, but greater than zero
- Where percentages do not add up to exactly 100% this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of "don't knows" or to multiple answers
- Poll conducted by MORI on behalf of The Mail on Sunday

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tony Blair is handling the British response to the terrorist attacks on 11th September?

	14 Sept	21 Sept	9 Oct	18-22 Oct	1-2 Nov	Change
	%	%	%	%	%	+/- %
Approve	83	76	72	68	66	-2

Disapprove	9	14	21	25	22	-3
Don't know	8	10	7	7	12	+5

Q2 The United States and Britain launched military strikes against Afghanistan in response to the terrorist attacks on 11th September. Do you support or oppose taking action against Afghanistan?

	9 Oct	18-22 Oct	1-2 Nov	Change
	%	%	%	+/- %
Support	69	67	65	-2
Oppose	23	23	23	0
Don't know	8	10	12	+2

Q3 Now that the US has taken military action, do you support or oppose British troops being involved in this action?

	14 Sept	21 Sept	9 Oct	18-22 Oct	1-2 Nov	Change
	%	%	%	%	%	+/- %
Support	74	73	72	66	66	0
Oppose	20	20	22	28	27	-1
Don't know	6	7	6	6	7	+1

I am now going to read out a number of statements about the military attacks on Afghanistan, and I would like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each.

Q4 The British and American governments have clear objectives for the military attacks on Afghanistan.

Q5 The military attacks on Afghanistan have been successful so far in achieving these objectives.

Q6 The military attacks on Afghanistan will be successful in the end in achieving these objectives.

	Q4 %	Q5 %	Q6 %
Agree	67	33	52

Disagree	26	53	30
Don't know	7	14	18

Q7 Do you think there should be a halt in the bombings, or do you think they should continue? [IF HALT] And do you think they should stop for good, or should the bombing start again if there is no progress in achieving the British and American objectives?

	%
The bombings should continue	53
The bombings should pause, but start again if there is no progress	22
The bombings should stop for good	17
Don't know	8

Do you think that, as a result of military attacks on Afghanistan . . .

Q8 Osama bin Laden will or will not be captured or killed?

Q9 The Taliban regime will or will not be overthrown?

	Q8	Q9
Will	38	58
Will not	45	27
Don't know	17	16

Q10 Has the military response taken by George W Bush and Tony Blair made you more or less afraid for your personal safety, or has it made no difference?

	%
More afraid	29
Less afraid	3
Made no difference	66
Don't know	2

Q11 Do you think that the events since September 11th make it more likely that Britain will go into an economic recession, less likely, or do you think it will make no difference?

	9 Oct	1-2 Nov	Change
	%	%	%
More likely	48	52	+4
Less likely	7	4	-3
No difference	36	37	+1
Don't know	10	6	-4

Q12 Some people have suggested that any British Muslims who go to Afghanistan to fight for the Taliban should be prosecuted for treason if they return to this country. Do you support or oppose this idea?

	%
Support	71
Oppose	19
Don't know	10



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