

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone August 29-September 1, 2021, among a random national sample of 1,006 adults, with 75 percent reached on cell phones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?
Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/1/21	44	25	19	51	9	42	5
6/30/21	50	30	19	42	7	35	8
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

Questions 2a-b held for release.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Biden is handling [ITEM]?

9/1/21 - Summary table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
c. the situation in Afghanistan	30	60	10

Questions 3-17 held for release.

Thinking about the situation in Afghanistan,
18. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Afghanistan has been worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Worth fighting -----			--- Not worth fighting ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/1/21	36	22	14	54	16	38	10
12/14/14	38	19	19	56	18	38	6
12/15/13	30	16	14	66	15	50	4
7/21/13	28	15	14	67	18	49	5
3/10/13	39	18	21	56	17	38	5
4/8/12	30	15	15	66	19	47	4
3/10/12	35	17	18	60	16	44	5
6/5/11	43	23	20	54	15	40	3
3/13/11	31	17	14	64	16	49	5
12/12/10	34	18	16	60	18	43	5
7/11/10	43	24	19	53	15	38	4
6/6/10	44	26	18	53	13	41	3
4/25/10	45	26	19	52	15	38	3
12/13/09	52	33	19	44	10	35	4
11/15/09	44	30	14	52	14	38	4
10/18/09*	47	28	19	49	13	36	4
9/12/09	46	28	18	51	14	37	3
8/17/09	47	31	15	51	10	41	3
7/18/09	51	34	18	45	11	34	4
3/29/09	56	37	19	41	12	28	4
2/22/09	50	34	17	47	9	37	3

12/14/08	55	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	5
7/13/08	51			45			4
2/25/07	56	"	"	41	"	"	3

*10/18/09 "was" and "has been" wording half sampled. Previous "was."

19. Which of these comes closest to your opinion regarding the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Afghanistan? Would you say you (support the withdrawal and approve of how Biden has handled it), support the withdrawal but disapprove of how Biden has handled it or (oppose the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Afghanistan)?

		--- Support withdrawal ---			
		Approve	Disapprove	Oppose	No
	NET	handling	handling	withdrawal	opinion
9/1/21	77	26	52	17	6

20. Do you think the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan makes the United States safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or makes no difference?

		Less	Makes no	No
	NET	safer	difference	opinion
9/1/21	8	44	45	3

Compare to:

Do you think the war in Afghanistan has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? (IF YES) Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?

		----- Contributed -----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opinion	
12/14/14	48	19	29	47	6	
7/21/13	43	17	26	50	6	
3/10/13	51	21	30	42	6	
6/5/11	57	25	32	39	4	
12/12/10	53	22	32	40	6	
7/11/10	53	25	28	44	3	

21. Do you support or oppose the United States taking in refugees from Afghanistan after screening them for security? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

		----- Support -----		----- Oppose -----		No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly
9/1/21	68	42	26	27	10	17
						5

Compare to:

Do you support or oppose the United States taking in refugees from the conflicts in Syria and other Mideast countries after screening them for security? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

		----- Support -----		----- Oppose -----		No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly
11/19/15	43	23	20	54	14	40
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22. How confident are you that the United States can identify and keep out possible terrorists who may be among these refugees - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

-- More confident ---	---- Less confident -----	No
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	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
9/1/21	53	16	37	46	20	25	1

Compare to:

How confident are you that the United States can identify and keep out possible terrorists who may be among these refugees [from the conflicts in Syria and other Mideast countries] very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
11/19/15	47	13	34	52	23	29	1

23. Thirteen members of the U.S. military and at least 170 Afghans were killed near the Kabul airport in a suicide bombing by the Islamic State. How much, if at all, do you blame this attack on Biden's handling of the withdrawal from Afghanistan - a great deal, a good amount, not much, or not at all?

	---- More blame ----			--- Less blame ---			No
		Great	Good		Not	Not	at all
	NET	deal	amount	NET	much	at all	opinion
9/1/21	53	38	15	43	22	21	4

Questions 24-25 held for release.

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
9/1/21	30	24	36	6	4
6/30/21	30	24	37	5	4
4/21/21	33	24	35	6	3
1/13/21	31	25	36	5	3
10/9/20	30	27	35	4	4
9/24/20	31	27	37	4	2
8/15/20	31	26	37	3	3

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 252 interviews completed on landlines and 754 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 572 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement. The sample is also weighted to match vaccination status according to the Centers for Disease Control.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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