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Ipsos Snap Poll: Afghanistan

A survey of the American adult population (ages 18-65)

Interview date: August 16, 2021
Number of interviews: 1,000
Number of Republican interviews: 247
Number of Democrat interviews: 443
Number of Independent interviews: 310

Credibility Interval: +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

Annotated Questionnaire:

1. How familiar are you, if at all, about the following topics?

America's involvement in Afghanistan over the last 20 years

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total familiar	71%	76%	73%	64%
Very familiar	35%	36%	40%	30%
Somewhat familiar	36%	40%	33%	34%
Heard of, a little familiar	21%	17%	21%	24%
Have not heard of	4%	5%	3%	6%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	6%

The U.S.'s plans to withdraw all its forces from Afghanistan

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total familiar	71%	75%	74%	64%
Very familiar	36%	35%	45%	28%
Somewhat familiar	35%	39%	30%	35%
Heard of, a little familiar	19%	16%	19%	21%
Have not heard of	6%	7%	4%	9%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%	6%

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The rapid successes of the Taliban in Afghanistan

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total familiar	68%	73%	75%	58%
Very familiar	37%	41%	40%	30%
Somewhat familiar	32%	33%	36%	27%
Heard of, a little familiar	18%	15%	16%	22%
Have not heard of	10%	10%	5%	14%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%	7%

2. To what extent do you support or oppose the following?

America sending combat troops back into Afghanistan to fight the Taliban.

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total support	50%	54%	53%	45%
Total oppose	36%	36%	37%	35%
Strongly support	23%	25%	29%	17%
Somewhat support	27%	30%	24%	28%
Somewhat oppose	21%	21%	21%	21%
Strongly oppose	15%	15%	16%	14%
Don't know	14%	10%	11%	21%

America completing its withdrawal of troops on schedule.

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total support	61%	48%	72%	60%
Total oppose	25%	39%	15%	23%
Strongly support	31%	28%	38%	26%
Somewhat support	30%	20%	34%	33%
Somewhat oppose	16%	23%	10%	14%
Strongly oppose	9%	16%	5%	8%
Don't know	15%	13%	13%	18%



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America evacuating Afghans who helped US forces to the United States.

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total support	73%	73%	78%	68%
Total oppose	16%	17%	14%	16%
Strongly support	43%	42%	48%	37%
Somewhat support	30%	30%	30%	31%
Somewhat oppose	9%	8%	9%	11%
Strongly oppose	7%	10%	6%	5%
Don't know	11%	10%	8%	16%

Americans troops fighting the Taliban to allow time to evacuate Afghans

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total support	68%	71%	72%	62%
Total oppose	18%	17%	18%	17%
Strongly support	33%	40%	36%	26%
Somewhat support	35%	32%	36%	36%
Somewhat oppose	12%	12%	13%	10%
Strongly oppose	6%	6%	6%	7%
Don't know	14%	11%	10%	21%

America sending in additional troops to secure key facilities (airports, embassies, bases) until the American withdrawal is complete

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total support	75%	81%	75%	70%
Total oppose	13%	11%	17%	12%
Strongly support	42%	49%	41%	38%
Somewhat support	33%	31%	34%	32%
Somewhat oppose	8%	8%	9%	7%
Strongly oppose	5%	4%	8%	5%
Don't know	12%	9%	8%	18%





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3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

The war in Afghanistan was going to end badly, no matter when the U.S. left

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total agree	68%	64%	78%	63%
Total disagree	18%	25%	14%	17%
Strongly agree	33%	28%	42%	28%
Somewhat agree	36%	36%	36%	35%
Somewhat disagree	12%	13%	11%	12%
Strongly disagree	7%	12%	3%	6%
Don't know	14%	12%	8%	20%

It would have been worth it for the United States to leave troops in Afghanistan for another year

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total agree	51%	59%	54%	40%
Total disagree	32%	30%	33%	33%
Strongly agree	26%	35%	28%	16%
Somewhat agree	25%	24%	26%	25%
Somewhat disagree	19%	17%	21%	19%
Strongly disagree	13%	13%	12%	14%
Don't know	17%	11%	13%	27%

The rapid collapse of the U.S.-trained Afghan forces and government is evidence why the U.S. should get out of the conflict

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total agree	63%	56%	73%	58%
Total disagree	22%	30%	17%	20%
Strongly agree	27%	21%	37%	24%
Somewhat agree	35%	35%	37%	34%
Somewhat disagree	14%	16%	11%	15%
Strongly disagree	8%	14%	6%	5%
Don't know	16%	15%	10%	22%



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4. When it comes to American involvement in Afghanistan over the last twenty years, have the following generally done a good or bad job?

The Bush administration

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total good	47%	55%	51%	37%
Total bad	39%	37%	38%	42%
Very good	17%	20%	22%	11%
Somewhat good	30%	35%	30%	26%
Somewhat bad	20%	19%	22%	19%
Very bad	19%	17%	16%	23%
Don't know	14%	9%	10%	22%

The Obama administration

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total good	51%	31%	77%	42%
Total bad	38%	63%	15%	39%
Very good	22%	8%	40%	15%
Somewhat good	29%	23%	37%	27%
Somewhat bad	17%	19%	11%	21%
Very bad	21%	44%	4%	17%
Don't know	12%	7%	9%	20%

The Trump administration

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total good	51%	83%	36%	39%
Total bad	36%	10%	55%	40%
Very good	26%	50%	16%	15%
Somewhat good	25%	33%	20%	24%
Somewhat bad	14%	9%	17%	15%
Very bad	22%	2%	37%	25%
Don't know	13%	7%	9%	21%



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The Biden administration

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total good	44%	21%	75%	32%
Total bad	42%	74%	12%	46%
Very good	20%	8%	39%	10%
Somewhat good	24%	13%	36%	22%
Somewhat bad	15%	13%	8%	23%
Very bad	28%	61%	4%	23%
Don't know	14%	5%	14%	23%

American news media

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total good	42%	28%	65%	32%
Total bad	44%	65%	22%	48%
Very good	19%	10%	34%	12%
Somewhat good	23%	18%	31%	20%
Somewhat bad	22%	27%	15%	25%
Very bad	22%	38%	8%	24%
Don't know	14%	7%	12%	20%

The U.S. military

	All	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Total good	77%	85%	78%	69%
Total bad	14%	11%	15%	15%
Very good	41%	48%	43%	32%
Somewhat good	36%	37%	34%	37%
Somewhat bad	9%	7%	10%	9%
Very bad	5%	4%	5%	6%
Don't know	10%	4%	8%	16%





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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted on August 16, 2021. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 adults age 18-65 from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 247 Republicans, 443 Democrats, and 310 Independents.

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The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 6-97.1 percentage points for Republicans, plus or minus 5-45.3 percentage points for Democrats, and plus or minus 6.3 percentage points for Independents.





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