

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 94 JULY 2021  
FINAL TOPLINE  
AUGUST 23-29, 2021  
N=10,348**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL.**

U.S. adults	<b>Sample size</b> 10,348	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b> +/- 1.6 percentage points
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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,160]:**

AFG\_DCSN Do you think the United States' initial decision to use military force in Afghanistan in 2001 was the...

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55	Right decision
42	Wrong decision
4	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON**

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	45	39	16
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) <sup>1</sup>	51	41	8
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	56	37	8
Jun 15-19, 2011	57	35	8
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	52	38	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 <sup>2</sup>	56	34	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	64	25	11
Feb, 2008	65	24	11
Dec, 2006	61	29	10
Jan, 2006	69	20	11

<sup>1</sup> In all previous surveys except October 2009, the question was worded: "Do you think the United States' made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?"

<sup>2</sup> In October 2009, question was worded "Do you think the United States' initial decision to use force in Afghanistan was the right decision or the wrong decision?"

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,188]:**

AFGN\_WTHDL Do you think the United States' decision to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan was the...

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54	Right decision
42	Wrong decision
4	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

AFGN\_SCFL Do you think the United States mostly succeeded or failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

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27	Mostly succeeded
69	Mostly failed
4	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Mostly succeeded</u>	<u>Mostly failed</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/ Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	35	49	16
May 12-18, 2015	36	56	7
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	38	52	10

**QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

*Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?<sup>3</sup>*

	<u>Definitely/ probably succeed</u>	<u>Definitely/ probably fail</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jun 15-19, 2011	58	34	8
May 5-8, 2011	62	24	13
May 2, 2011	63	26	10
Dec 1-5, 2010	49	39	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	59	33	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	58	29	12
Dec 9-13, 2009	59	32	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	29	9

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<sup>3</sup> Trend for comparison shows the net of answers "Definitely succeed" and "Probably succeed" and the net of answers "Definitely fail" and "Probably fail." See June 2011 topline for full trend.

**ASK ALL:**

TLBN\_THREAT

How much of a threat, if any, is Taliban control of Afghanistan to the security of the United States?

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46	A major threat
44	A minor threat
8	Not a threat
3	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=3,778]:**

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...<sup>4</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
27	31	27	13	2	17	20

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U)

Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

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<sup>4</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.