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Asia zone

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA; WEST ASIA; SOUTH ASIA;
NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

► WEST ASIA

198-1 **More Afghans say country is headed in wrong direction** (Click for Details)

(Afghanistan) While nearly half (46%) of Afghans say their country is moving in the right direction, more respondents than at any time since The Asia Foundation began polling there in 2004 say Afghanistan is headed in the wrong direction. According to a recent poll of Afghan citizens more than a third (35%) of those polled say things are moving in the wrong direction citing insecurity (including attacks, violence, and terrorism) as the main reason for pessimism. (ACSOR Afghanistan/Asia Foundation)

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1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

► SOUTH ASIA

198-2 **Is Rahul ready to be the next PM?** (Click for Details)

(India) Many in India want to see Rahul Gandhi, son of the assassinated Rajiv Gandhi to be the next prime minister of India. A majority of 62.5% of Indians believe that Rahul is ready to be the next Prime ministerial Candidate for Congress. About 22% said in a negative tone while 15.5% did n't say anything on the issue. (CVoter)

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198-3 **When The Rath Rolls Out?** (Click for Details)

(India) A majority of 35.2 per cent of Indian respondents think that the motive of LK Advani Rath Yatra was to regain political power. More than 24 per cent, about a quarter, said that it was motivated by a desire to strengthen his hold on the party while almost an equal number (more than 23 per cent) said that it was a serious attempt to fight corruption. Clearly, the verdict is divided for now. (CVoter)

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4.1 Society » Religion

► SOUTH EAST ASIA

198-4 **In Philippines Families Rating Themselves As Mahirap Or Poor Bounce To 52%** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Third Quarter 2011 Social Weather Survey, fielded over September 4-7, 2011, found that 52% (estimated 10.4 million) families consider themselves as Mahirap or Poor, 3 points up from 49% (est. 9.8 million) in June 2011. The survey also found that 41% (est. 8.2 million) consider themselves as Food-Poor, 5 points up from 36% (est. 7.2 million) in the previous quarter. (Social Weather Survey)

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Africa zone

► WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

198-5 **Most Young South Africans Feel The ANC Decision To Suspend Julius Malema For 5 Years Is Justified** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

([South Africa](#)) Following yesterday's decision by the ANC's National Disciplinary Committee to suspend Julius Malema for five years, TNS South Africa, in conjunction with FSMS conducted a short mobile survey yesterday and today amongst FSMS's 300 000 registered users. In 16 hours, 601 responses were received. The survey, which skews towards younger people, showed that 70% of people felt that the sentence was justified. ([TNS South Africa](#))

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198-6 **Residents Of Hargeisa (Somaliland) Are Optimistic About Future** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

([Somalia](#)) Residents of Hargeisa District are largely optimistic about their future and credit the Somaliland government with moving Somaliland in the right direction. The government and president have a very high support rating; however, a significant number of respondents also believe that the current government is out of touch with the needs of the people. ([IRI](#))

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Euro Americas zone

► EAST EUROPE; WEST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA;
LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA

EUROPE

► EAST EUROPE

198-7 **Opinions About Shale Gas Extraction** (Click for Details)

(Poland) Almost three-quarters of respondents (73%) support shale gas extraction in Poland. The opposing view is expressed by 4%, and almost a quarter (23%) have no definite view on that matter. However respondents are less enthusiastic about gas extraction near their place of residence. (CBOS)

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198-8 **Views On Miller Committee Report And Causes Of Smolensk Air Crash** (Click for Details)

(Poland) The opinions about the report of the Miller committee are divided. A plurality is critical about it: two fifths (41%) think it is not reliable and does not include all important circumstances of the crash, while close to one third think it is reliable. (CBOS)

September 2011

► WEST EUROPE

198-9 **How Green Are German Consumers Really? (Multi-country survey)** (Click for Details)

(Germany) When it comes to sustainable consumption, considerations of cost and use generally outweigh concern for the environment. However, in other areas, such as the national energy supply or waste disposal/recycling, Germans have a decidedly higher awareness of green issues. These are the findings of the latest GfK Global Green Index. (GfK)

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198-10 **Economic Optimism Is At A Three Year Low But Londoners Are Less Pessimistic** (Click for Details)

(Britain) Just 16% believe the economic condition of the country will improve in the next twelve months, while almost six in ten (57%) think that it will get worse. The Economic Optimism Index of -41 (improve minus get worse) is the lowest since December 2008. However, whilst remaining on the whole negative, those living in Greater London remain more optimistic about Britain's economic outlook than those living in other regions. (Ipsos Mori)

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► NORTH AMERICA

198-11 **Obama Job Approval Edges Up, GOP Contest Remains Fluid** (Click for Details)

(USA) With much of the recent political focus on the ever-changing Republican presidential nomination race, Barack Obama's job rating has improved modestly over the past month. And a majority of Americans continue to hold a favorable personal opinion of Obama. This is not the case for his main GOP rivals, whom he mostly bests in test election measures. (Pew Research Center)

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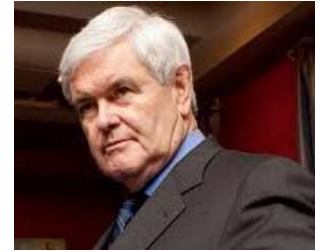
198-12 **Gingrich Takes Lead in GOP Field, Romney Drops to Third** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Newt Gingrich has soared into the lead of the Republican field for President among primary voters with 32%, followed by Herman Cain at 26% and Mitt Romney at 14%. In theoretical match-ups with Barack Obama among all voters, both Romney and Gingrich are statistically tied with the President. [\(Zogby-Ibope\)](#)

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198-13 **Americans Maintain Negative View of U.S. Healthcare Coverage** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The majority of Americans rate the quality of healthcare in the U.S. as excellent (20%) or good (39%), as they have consistently done over the past decade. However, relatively few give excellent (6%) or good (27%) ratings to U.S. healthcare coverage. Positive views about healthcare coverage have declined this year after increasing in 2009 and maintaining that level in 2010 -- during the heated discussion and then passage of President Barack Obama's healthcare reform initiative. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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198-14 **Americans Tilt Toward Favoring Repeal of Healthcare Law** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) Given a choice, 47% of Americans favor repealing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, while 42% want it kept in place. Views on this issue are highly partisan, with Republicans strongly in favor of repeal and the large majority of Democrats wanting the law kept in place. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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198-15 **In U.S., More Rate Own Healthcare Quality, Coverage Excellent** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Forty percent of Americans rate the quality of healthcare they receive as "excellent," tying the high reached last year, and marking a significant increase from 33% four years ago. An additional 42% now rate the quality of healthcare they receive as "good," resulting in 82% giving it a positive rating. That combined excellent/good percentage has been fairly steady at around 80% since 2001. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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198-16 **U.S. Cold and Flu Season Kicks Off in Typical Fashion** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans' self-reports of the flu are rising at the expected rate and are tracking at nearly identical levels of last year. An average of 2.1% of Americans in October reported having the flu the day before the survey, similar to the levels found in October of last year and in 2008, but slightly lower than the 2.7% in 2009. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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198-17 Cain's Fall, Gingrich's Rise Result in Tie for High Intensity Score [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Herman Cain's Positive Intensity Score is 17, down from 29 immediately before news broke in late October about past sexual harassment allegations against him. Newt Gingrich, who has made a dramatic turnaround since the summer, saw his score improve further this week, and he now ties Cain for the highest score among the eight major GOP presidential candidates. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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198-18 Consumers' Holiday Spending Intentions Perk Up in November [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans currently estimate they will spend an average of \$764 on Christmas gifts this year -- \$50 more than the \$714 they estimated at this time last year, and more than \$100 above the depressed levels they forecast in November 2008 and 2009. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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**198-19 Congress' Job Approval Entrenched at Record Low of 13%** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Congressional job approval remains at 13% in November, identical to October and tying the all-time Gallup low on this measure. The 2011 average is on track to be the lowest annual rating of Congress in Gallup's history. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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198-20 Jobs, Economy Remain Dominant Concerns for Americans [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) Economic issues overshadow all others as Americans' primary concerns. Thirty-six percent say unemployment or jobs and 30% say the economy in general is the most important problem facing the United States. Only one other issue, dissatisfaction with government, is above 10%. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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**198-21 U.S. Unemployment Ticks Up in Mid-November** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, is 8.5% in mid-November -- up from 8.3% in mid-October, but down significantly from 9.2% in mid-November 2010. Gallup's mid-month unemployment measure suggests the government is likely to report no change in its seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2011.

[\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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198-22 Views About Personal Healthcare Costs Largely Unchanged [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Six in 10 Americans are satisfied with the total cost they pay for their healthcare, with satisfaction significantly higher among older Americans and those who have Medicare or Medicaid insurance. ([Gallup USA](#))

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198-23 **Smoking Rates Remain Highest in Kentucky, Lowest in Utah** ([Click for Details](#))

Nationwide, smoking rates range from a high of 29% in Kentucky to a low of 11% in Utah, according to Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index data collected in the first half of 2011. ([Gallup USA](#))

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198-24 **Obama Gains Three Points, But Half of Americans Still Dissatisfied** ([Click for Details](#))

While more Americans are endorsing the performance of their president than last month, most remain dissatisfied with Barack Obama, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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198-25 **Most LGBT Working Canadians Experience Tolerance But Some Discrimination Persists** ([Click for Details](#))

Most members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered community (LGBT) believe that the Canadian workplace has become a more tolerant place, although some instances of discrimination are still being reported, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion survey has found. Despite noticeable advances, two-in-five gays and lesbians say they have experienced workplace discrimination. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)

198-26 **Vancouverites Grow Tired of Occupiers, Call for End to Protest** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) While the Occupy Vancouver protest has gained traction as an election issue, it still trails topics like sanitation, public safety and quality of life. Most people in the City of Vancouver hold negative views on the Occupy Vancouver protest, and three-in-four are calling for either legal action or a deadline in order to vacate the lawn of the Art Gallery, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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► AUSTRAL ASIA

198-27 **National Set For New Zealand Election Victory Next Saturday** ([Click for Details](#))

([New Zealand](#)) The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows Prime Minister John Key's National Party set for a clear victory in next Saturday's New Zealand election with National (53%, unchanged) increasing its lead over the Labour Party (24.5%, down 1.5%). Support for the Green Party (13%, up 1%) has continued to

increase while New Zealand First (3%, down 1.5%), ACT NZ (1.5%, up 0.5%) and United Future (> 0.5%, unchanged) will all struggle to win seats in the new Parliament. (Roy Morgan)

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198-28 Economic Issues Are The Most Important Problems Facing New Zealand (49%)

And Facing The World (49%) According To New Zealanders (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) When asked about the most important problem facing New Zealand, Economic issues are mentioned by 49% (down 1% since May 2011) well ahead of Environmental issues (19%, up 4%) and Social issues (18%, up 8%). (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEY

198-29 Americans, Britons Think Removing Saddam Was Right Course of Action

 (Click for Details)

People in the United States and Britain outline conflicting views about the War in Iraq, but express satisfaction with the impending end of the conflict, a new two-country Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. But less than three-in-ten are willing to admit that the war in Iraq was worth the human and financial toll. (Angus-Reid)

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198-30 U.S. Leadership Approval Ratings Top China's in Asia

 (Click for Details)

With U.S. President Barack Obama Wednesday announcing that the U.S. will expand its military presence in Asia by deploying 2,500 Marines to Australia, Gallup surveys showcase the wide range of opinions of U.S. leadership in the region. A median of 44% approve of U.S. leadership in nine countries that are members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) or the East Asia Summit (EAS) group. As many as 68% approve in Cambodia, but as few as 16% approve in India, with sizable minorities in all countries not offering an opinion either way. (Gallup USA)

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198-31 American Exceptionalism Subsides: The American-Western European Values Gap

 (Click for Details)

As has long been the case, American values differ from those of Western Europeans in many important ways. Most notably, Americans are more individualistic and are less supportive of a strong safety net than are the publics of Britain, France, Germany and Spain. Americans are also considerably more religious than Western Europeans, and are more socially conservative with respect to homosexuality. (Pew Research Center)

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198-32 Global Environmental Challenges ([Click for Details](#))

55% of the world are technology optimists and believe environmental disasters can be avoided by technological revolutions; 37% are technology skeptics believing environment cannot be sustained without changes in human beliefs and behaviors. In Pakistan views are close to global average: 55% are technology optimists, 29% are technology skeptics. Technology skepticism is higher among Europeans and Americans. ([GlobeScan/Gallup Pak](#))

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198-33 Liberal or Free Market Economy System ([Click for Details](#))

59% of world opinion believes free market economy is the best available system; 29% disagree. China and India appear as the leading supporters of free market economy, the French are leading opponents. Pakistan's opinion is roughly the same as global average. These are the findings of a recent [GlobeScan](#) survey. ([GlobeScan/Gallup Pak](#))

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► CYBER WORLD

198-34 Why Americans Use Social Media ([Click for Details](#))

Two-thirds of online adults (66%) use social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, MySpace or LinkedIn. These internet users say that connections with family members and friends (both new and old) are a primary consideration in their adoption of social media tools. Roughly two thirds of social media users say that staying in touch with current friends and family members is a major reason they use these sites, while half say that connecting with old friends they've lost touch with is a major reason behind their use of these technologies. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

198-35 Women Expand Influence In Digital Landscape ([Click for Details](#))

Worldwide, women account for almost half (46%) of all Internet traffic, and more than half of their time online is devoted to "connecting" activities such as social networking, email, blogging and instant messaging. Understanding the emotional connections women have with the Web, and how that differs from region to region is critical for companies who are marketing to women online, this according to findings from a recent study by TNS. ([TNS](#))

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Topic of the week:

More Afghans say country is headed in wrong direction

- ▶ This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention.

Asia Foundation Releases 2011 Survey of the Afghan People
Poll of 6,300 citizens covers security, reconciliation, governance, economy



Kabul, November 15, 2011 — While nearly half (46%) of Afghans say their country is moving in the right direction, more respondents than at any time since The Asia Foundation began polling there in 2004 say Afghanistan is headed in the wrong direction. According to the poll of 6,348 Afghan citizens released today, more than a third (35%) of those polled say things are moving in the wrong direction citing insecurity (including attacks, violence, and terrorism) as the main reason for pessimism.

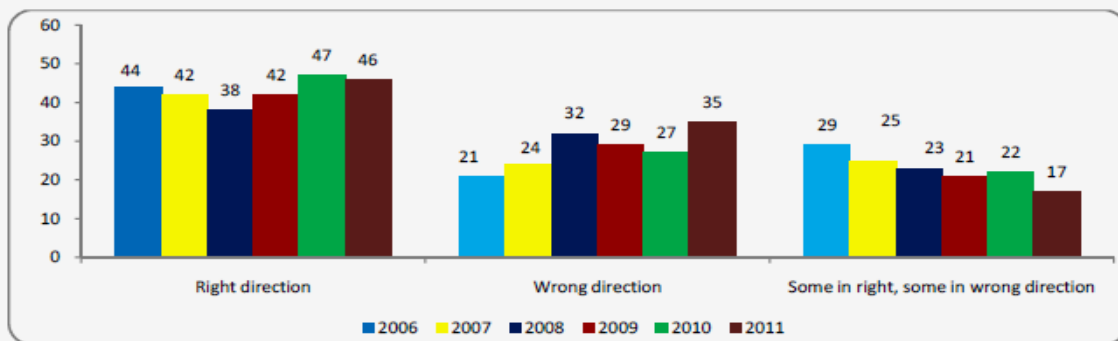
At the same time, the survey reflects progress in day-to-day needs being met, with respondents citing the highest levels of satisfaction with access to education, drinking water, and health services. Sympathy for armed opposition groups declined dramatically this year, reaching its lowest level since the series of surveys began. Respondents (43%) also report improvements in the financial well-being of their household, a slight increase from 2010.



[Afghanistan in 2011: A Survey of the Afghan People](http://asiafoundation.org/ag2011poll) is the seventh poll conducted by The Asia Foundation in Afghanistan and is the broadest and most comprehensive public opinion poll conducted in the country. In-person interviews took place between July 2 and August 1, 2011, in all 34 provinces. Download the survey report at <http://asiafoundation.org/ag2011poll>.

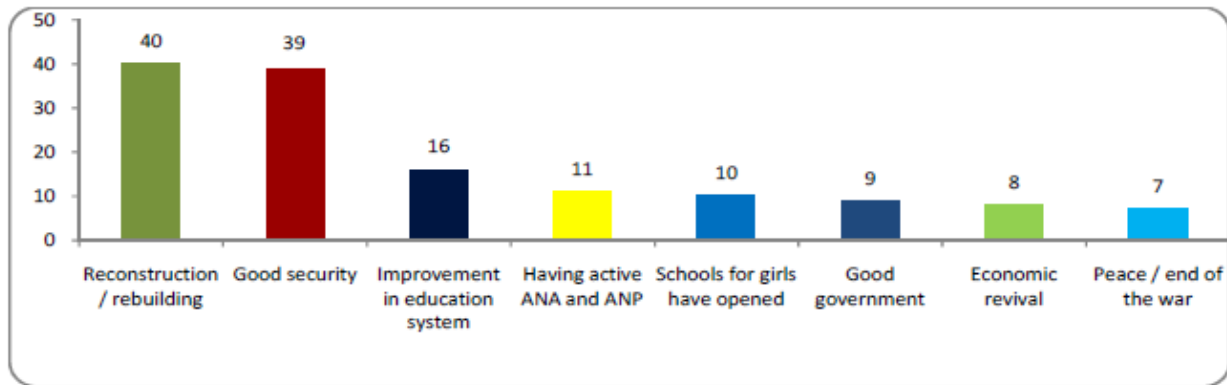
Designed as a barometer of Afghan public opinion to inform national leaders, scholars, donors, and policymakers, the survey report explores the Afghan perspective on national mood, security, reconciliation and reintegration, economy, development and service delivery, governance, corruption, political participation, justice systems, women in society, and access to information.

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? (Q-2) COMPARISON BETWEEN 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 AND 2011



“Security is the biggest problem for Afghans,” said Asia Foundation president [David D. Arnold](#). “Afghans told the Asia Foundation that issues of security and conflict influence their perceptions about the future. We are encouraged by higher levels of satisfaction in access to education, drinking water, health services, and growing confidence in the role of public institutions.” He continued: “The priority now is to integrate these findings into useful guideposts for future development efforts by the Afghanistan government and the international community.”

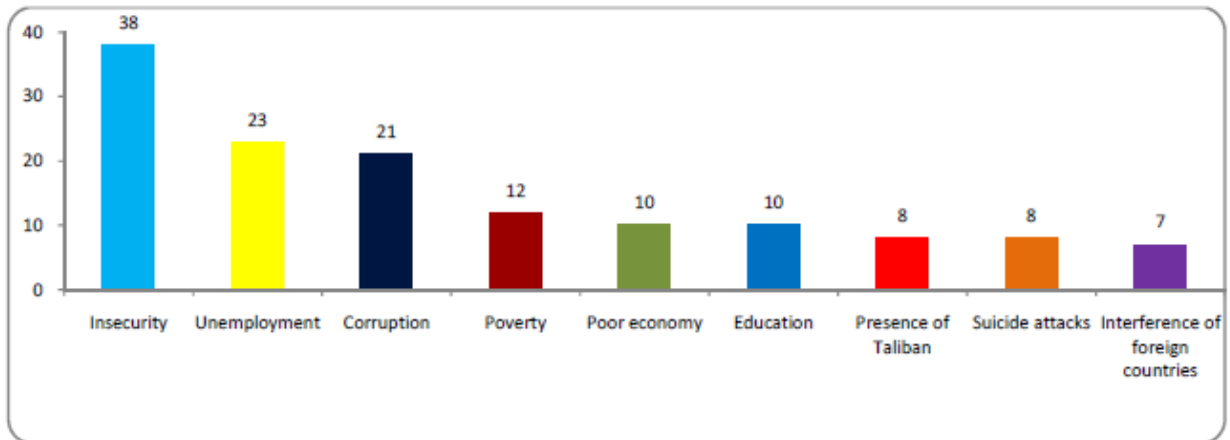
Why do you say that things are moving in the right direction? (Q-3a&b combined, Base 2933: Those saying right direction)



Findings from the 2011 survey include:

- Overall, 35% of Afghan citizens in 2011 say the country is moving in the wrong direction – an increase of 8% from 2010. The main reason cited for pessimism is insecurity, reported by 45% of the respondents who say that the country is moving in the wrong direction. This is followed by corruption (16%), bad government (15%), and unemployment (13%).
- This year, despite economic, political, and security challenges facing Afghanistan, nearly half of the respondents (46%) say that things in the country are moving in the right direction, a slight decline but still higher than previous years. The main reason for optimism is reconstruction/rebuilding, cited by 40% of respondents who say the country is moving in the right direction. Good security (39%) and improvement in the education system (16%) are other factors cited for optimism.

In your view, what is the biggest problem facing Afghanistan as a whole? (Q-5a&b combined, Base 6348)



- Insecurity (attacks, violence, and terrorism) is identified as the biggest problem in Afghanistan by over a third of respondents (38%), followed by unemployment (23%), and corruption (21%).

- In 2011, support for the government's peace, reconciliation, and negotiation efforts with armed opposition groups remains very high (82%), suggesting that a substantial proportion of the Afghan public is in favor of a political solution to the ongoing conflict in the country, rather than a purely military one. However, the number of respondents who say they sympathize with the motivations of the Taliban reached its lowest level in 2011: support has fallen from 56% in 2009 and 40% in 2010 to 29% in 2011.

- Forty-three percent of respondents report improvement of the financial well-being of their household (compared to 42% in 2010 and 31% in 2009). Reaching its highest levels in 2011, the majority of respondents report satisfaction with the availability of most basic services, including education for children (73%), clean drinking water (70%), and the availability of clinics and hospitals (57%).



- The biggest problems facing women in Afghanistan in 2011 are lack of education and/or illiteracy (25%), lack of rights (15%), domestic violence (9%), forced marriage/dowry (8%), general healthcare (8%), and poverty (8%).

In order to provide contextual analysis of the 2011 survey findings, The Asia Foundation is currently developing a companion volume for release in early 2012. Contributing authors will include academics and policymakers from Afghan and international communities.

Held to the highest and most rigorous standards of social science research, the 2011 survey is a product of The Asia Foundation, with funding support provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

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A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2011

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \simeq 3,861 polls during the period 2007-2011
- 2- Subjects of Interest (*we have made a list of 125 subjects, further grouped into 9 broad categories, namely: **Governance**, **Globalization** (inclusive of global economic issues) **Global Conflicts** (conflict zones), **Global leaders** (USA and Emerging powers), **Global Environment**, **Family**, **Religion**, and other miscellaneous*)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \simeq 178 during the period 2007-2011
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 160 during the period 2007-2011

