

# THE PIPA/KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS POLL

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### PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll: Americans on Afghanistan

#### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: June 18-25, 2003  
Sample Size: 1051 respondents

Margin of Error: +/- 3% [full sample]  
+/- 3.5% [3/4 sample]

[3/4 SAMPLE: C,D,A]

Q1. How closely are you following the news about the situation in Afghanistan now?

Very closely .....	5%
Fairly closely.....	28
Not too closely .....	43
Not closely at all .....	23
(No answer).....	1

Q2. Please just give your impression: In Afghanistan, who is in control of most of the country?

The US military.....	26%
A central Afghan government.....	25
Afghan warlords.....	36
(No answer).....	14

Q3. Do you think the US should or should not be contributing troops to a UN peacekeeping force in Afghanistan?

Should be contributing.....	67%
Should not be contributing.....	25
(No answer).....	7

Q4. Right now the UN peacekeeping force is only maintaining law and order in the area around the capital city of Kabul. Some members of the UN as well as the President of Afghanistan have called for the UN peacekeeping force to expand, so as to cover other areas of Afghanistan that are presently dominated by various warlords. Do you think the US should or should not approve of this expansion?

Should approve .....	66%
Should not approve .....	25
(No answer).....	9

Q5. If other countries are willing to contribute the majority of troops to an expansion of the UN peacekeeping force in Afghanistan, do you think the US should or should not contribute some troops as well?

Should contribute ..... 76%  
 Should not contribute .....18  
 (No answer).....6

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q6. Just based on your impressions, do you think that the UN peacekeeping force in Afghanistan does or does not include soldiers from European countries?

Does .....61%  
 Does not .....28  
 (No answer).....11

[IF ‘Does’]

Q6a. Just based on your impressions how many European soldiers are participating in the UN peacekeeping force in Afghanistan?

Just a few.....	14%	[8% of full sample]
A few hundred.....	43	[26% of full sample]
A few thousand .....	37	[23% of full sample]
(No answer).....	7	[4% of full sample]

Demographics

D1. Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes. In politics today, do you think of yourself as:

Strongly Republican..... 14%  
 Leaning toward Republican ..... 16  
 Leaning toward Democrat.....13  
 Strongly Democrat .....21  
 Independent.....26  
 Other .....7  
 (No answer).....4

D2. Did you vote for a candidate for the House of Representatives or the Senate in the election in November 2002?

Yes ..... 51%  
 No..... 45  
 (No answer) ..... 4

D3. When you decide how to vote in a Presidential or Congressional election, how important is a candidate's position on foreign policy issues?

One of the most important .....	18%
Somewhat important .....	62
Not very important .....	11
Not at all important .....	4
(No answer) .....	5

D4. Have you ever contributed money or done volunteer work in support of a Presidential or Congressional candidate?

Yes .....	17%
No.....	81
(No answer).....	2

D5. Gender

Male .....	48%
Female.....	52

D6. Age (calculated from birth date)

18-29 .....	21%
30-44 .....	31
45-59 .....	26
60+ .....	22

D7. Education level (collapsed categories)

Less than High School .....	16%
High School Graduate.....	33
Some College .....	28
College Graduate .....	24

D8. Region

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest.....	23
South .....	36
West .....	23

D9. Race/Ethnicity

White, non-Hispanic .....	73%
Black .....	12
Hispanic .....	11
Other .....	5