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SURVEY TOPLINES:

Citizen Voices on Peace, Security and Human Rights in Taliban-Controlled Afghanistan¹

Timeframe: March-June, 2022

Population: Adult internet users in Afghanistan

Sample: Random

Total N Started Survey as of June 16, 2022: 26,039

Total N Completed Survey as of June 16, 2022: 3020

Released: June 16, 2022

Invitation: You are invited to take this survey about the future of your country. Any information you provide in this survey is absolutely confidential. Your answers can not be associated with your identity, IP address, location or name. All data will be stored on secure servers outside your country, and none of it can be traced back to you.

DEMOGRAPHICS

What language do you speak? (pashto, dari)

q00a_select_language	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
pashto	8361	32%	0.6%	33%	0.6%
dari	17678	68%	0.6%	67%	0.6%
TOTAL	26039				

What is your gender? (male, female)

gender	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
male	18001	69%	0.6%	50%	0.6%
female	8036	31%	0.6%	50%	0.6%
TOTAL	26037				

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What is your age?

age_group	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
18_24	11187	43%	0.6%	27%	0.5%
25_34	8122	31%	0.6%	30%	0.6%
35_44	3372	13%	0.4%	18%	0.5%
45_54	1372	5%	0.3%	13%	0.4%
55_64	816	3%	0.2%	8%	0.3%
65_and_over	1170	4%	0.3%	5%	0.3%
TOTAL	26039				

Where do you live? (center of a large city, suburbs of a large city, small city, rural area)

q18_live	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
the_centre_of_a_large_city	1730	57%	1.8%	57%	1.9%
the_suburbs_of_a_large_city	242	8%	1.0%	8%	1.0%
a_small_city	407	13%	1.2%	14%	1.3%
a_rural_area	636	21%	1.5%	21%	1.6%
TOTAL	3015				

Imagine a 10-step ladder, on which the poorest families are found on the first step, and the richest are found on the 10th step. Where would you place your family?

q19_financial_situation	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
1	422	14%	1.2%	15%	1.4%
2	586	20%	1.4%	20%	1.5%
3	631	21%	1.5%	21%	1.6%
4	351	12%	1.2%	12%	1.2%
5	427	14%	1.3%	13%	1.3%
6	141	5%	0.8%	5%	0.8%
7	113	4%	0.7%	4%	0.7%
8	104	3%	0.7%	3%	0.7%
9	66	2%	0.5%	2%	0.6%
10	158	5%	0.8%	5%	0.9%
TOTAL	2999				

What kind of education did you complete? (government elementary school, private elementary school, technical school, government high school, private high school, university education)

q20_education	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
government_elementary_school	438	15%	1.3%	16%	1.4%
private_elementary_school	59	2%	0.5%	2%	0.6%
technical_school	78	3%	0.6%	3%	0.7%
government_high_school	714	24%	1.5%	22%	1.6%
private_high_school	113	4%	0.7%	4%	0.7%
university_education	1589	53%	1.8%	53%	1.9%
TOTAL	2991				

How important is religion in you and your family's day to day activities? (not at all important, somewhat important, important, very important)

q22_religion_importance	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
not_at_all_important	226	8%	1.0%	9%	1.1%
somewhat_important	290	10%	1.1%	10%	1.2%
important	429	14%	1.3%	15%	1.4%
very_important	2021	68%	1.7%	66%	1.8%
TOTAL	2966				

What is your marital status?

q23_marital_status	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
single	1364	46%	1.8%	38%	1.9%
married	1512	51%	1.8%	58%	1.9%
widowed	31	1%	0.4%	2%	0.5%
divorced_or_seperated	58	2%	0.5%	3%	0.6%
TOTAL	2965				

SAFETY / SECURITY

Which of the following best reflects your situation right now?

- Much less safe since the US left and the Taliban took over
- Somewhat less safe since US left and the Taliban took over
- US leaving / Taliban takeover did not impact my safety
- Somewhat more safe since US left and the Taliban took over
- Much more safe since the US left and the Taliban took over

q02_your_situation	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
much_less_safe_since_us_left	6124	37%	0.7%	37%	0.8%
somewhat_less_safe_us_left	1491	9%	0.4%	9%	0.5%
not_impact_my_safety	2877	17%	0.6%	17%	0.6%
somewhat_more_safe_us_left	1334	8%	0.4%	8%	0.4%
much_more_safe_since_us_left	4618	28%	0.7%	28%	0.7%
TOTAL	16444				

How has your household's/family's ability to get enough food changed since the US left and the Taliban took over? (worsened a lot, worsened a little, no change, improved a little, improved a lot)

q03_food_security	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
worsened_a_lot	6714	45%	0.8%	45%	0.8%
worsened_a_little	2829	19%	0.6%	18%	0.6%
no_change	1893	13%	0.5%	12%	0.5%
improved_a_little	825	6%	0.4%	6%	0.4%
improved_a_lot	2506	17%	0.6%	19%	0.7%
TOTAL	14767				

Thinking about your and your family's physical safety, which worries you the most now?

- Repression from the Taliban
- Terror attacks and recruitment by groups like ISIS-K
- Civil war for control of government between Taliban and other Afghan groups
- Renewed war between the Taliban and international community

q08_safety	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
repression_from_taliban	1856	23%	0.9%	23%	1.0%
terror_attack_group_like_isisk	1567	20%	0.9%	20%	0.9%
civil_war_taliban_afghan_group	2922	37%	1.1%	36%	1.1%
renewed_war	1612	20%	0.9%	20%	0.9%
TOTAL	7957				

GOVERNANCE

How much would you say you support the current national government? (not at all, not so much, not sure, a little, a lot)

q06_support_gov	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
not_at_all	3595	34%	0.9%	34%	1.0%
not_so_much	690	7%	0.5%	7%	0.5%
not_sure	2117	20%	0.8%	20%	0.8%
a_little	1683	16%	0.7%	16%	0.7%
a_lot	2429	23%	0.8%	23%	0.9%
TOTAL	10514				

Thinking about how the Taliban has governed since they took over, which is the closest to your own view?

- I prefer the Taliban remain in control of the government
- I prefer another opposition group take power, through force if needed
- I prefer an inclusive peace deal between Taliban and other groups
- I prefer an international presence in Afghanistan
- Don't know / don't wish to answer

q07b_taliban_gov_view	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
taliban_remain_control_of_gov	407	7%	0.7%	8%	0.7%
another_opposition_take_power	573	10%	0.8%	10%	0.8%
prefer_inclusive_peace_deal	1879	33%	1.2%	33%	1.3%
prefer_international_presence	1678	29%	1.2%	30%	1.3%
dont_know_dont_wish_answer	1152	20%	1.0%	20%	1.1%
TOTAL	5689				

(For those who support the Taliban a little or a lot):

In your view, what is the Taliban doing well? What if anything would you have them change?

OPENEND

AFGHAN RESERVES

Thinking about the Afghan reserves frozen by the US, which of the following is closer to your view?

Return the reserves at once to Afghanistan, even if it means the Taliban will control them.
 Keep the reserves frozen and earning interest until an inclusive government is established.

q04_afghan_reserves	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
return_reserves_to_afghanistan	6217	47%	0.9%	47%	0.9%
keep_reserves_frozen	6904	53%	0.9%	53%	0.9%
TOTAL	13121				

If you could choose how the reserves would be unfrozen, which would you prefer?

Unfreeze the reserves at once and let the Taliban government decide how to spend them
 Unfreeze the reserves in stages and let the Central Bank control them, with no Taliban involvement
 Unfreeze the reserves and pass them to the UN / World Bank for distribution to the Afghan people through aid
 Something else

q05_unfreeze_reserves	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
unfreeze_taliban_decide	1998	22%	0.9%	22%	0.9%
unfreeze_central_bank_control	2992	33%	1.0%	32%	1.0%
unfreeze_un_distribute_afghans	3082	34%	1.0%	34%	1.0%
something_else_want_explain	955	11%	0.6%	11%	0.7%
TOTAL	9027				

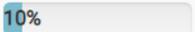
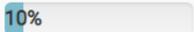
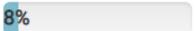
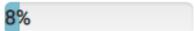
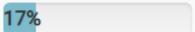
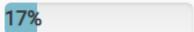
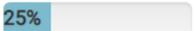
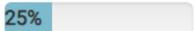
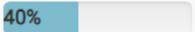
If the Afghan reserves remain frozen for now, which of the following is closer to your view?

The reserves should remain in safekeeping for a future, inclusive Afghan government
 A portion of the reserves should be used to pay reparations for the families of 9/11 victims in the US
 Something else

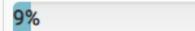
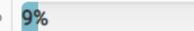
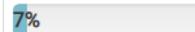
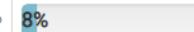
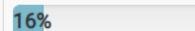
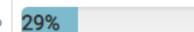
q05V2_frozen_reserves	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
reserves_remain_in_safekeeping	1380	63%	2.0%	61%	2.1%
reserves_to_pay_reparations	475	22%	1.7%	22%	1.8%
something_else	329	15%	1.5%	16%	1.6%
TOTAL	2184				

PRIORITIES

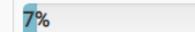
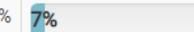
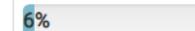
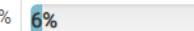
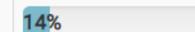
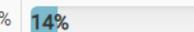
How much would you agree or disagree with the following sentence: “I believe avoiding renewed armed conflict is among the top priorities for the future of my country?” (strongly disagree, disagree, undecided, agree, strongly agree)

q12_14_agree_avoid_armed_conflict	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
strongly_disagree	467	 10%	0.8%	 10%	0.9%
disagree	398	 8%	0.8%	 8%	0.8%
undecided	842	 17%	1.1%	 17%	1.1%
agree	1231	 25%	1.2%	 25%	1.3%
strongly_agree	1941	 40%	1.4%	 40%	1.5%
TOTAL	4879				

How much would you agree or disagree with the following sentence: “I believe reducing human rights violations against any and all Afghans is among the top priorities for the future of my country?” (strongly disagree, disagree, undecided, agree, strongly agree)

q12_14_agree_human_rights_violation	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
strongly_disagree	456	 9%	0.8%	 9%	0.9%
disagree	366	 7%	0.7%	 8%	0.8%
undecided	762	 16%	1.0%	 15%	1.1%
agree	1448	 30%	1.3%	 29%	1.4%
strongly_agree	1869	 38%	1.4%	 39%	1.5%
TOTAL	4901				

How much would you agree or disagree with the following sentence: “I believe ensuring basic needs and enough food for everyone is among the top priorities for the future of my country?” (strongly disagree, disagree, undecided, agree, strongly agree)

q12_14_agree_basic_needs	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
strongly_disagree	352	 7%	0.7%	 7%	0.8%
disagree	298	 6%	0.7%	 6%	0.7%
undecided	678	 14%	1.0%	 14%	1.0%
agree	1475	 30%	1.3%	 29%	1.4%
strongly_agree	2092	 43%	1.4%	 43%	1.5%
TOTAL	4895				

WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS

How much would you agree or disagree with the following sentence: "I believe achieving human rights for women is among the top priorities for the future of my country?" (strongly disagree, disagree, undecided, agree, strongly agree)

q09_human_rights_women	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
strongly_disagree	926	12%	0.7%	13%	0.8%
disagree	553	7%	0.6%	7%	0.6%
undecided	1117	15%	0.8%	15%	0.9%
agree	1799	24%	1.0%	24%	1.0%
strongly_agree	3149	42%	1.1%	42%	1.2%
TOTAL	7544				

(For those who agree or strongly agree):

In your own words, what would achieving women's human rights look like for you? [OPEN-END]

Regardless of how important you think women's rights are compared to other priorities, if you think just about the status of women, which women's human rights are most important to you? Choose at least three.

q11V2_top_three_rights	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
right_to_education	2342	62%	1.5%	62%	1.6%
right_to_choose_husband	1304	35%	1.5%	34%	1.6%
right_to_divorce_or_not_marry	527	14%	1.1%	14%	1.2%
free_in_public_no_harassment	690	18%	1.2%	19%	1.3%
freedom_to_choose_how_to_dress	648	17%	1.2%	17%	1.3%
right_to_work_and_earn_money	1519	40%	1.6%	41%	1.7%
right_to_travel_without_escort	634	17%	1.2%	17%	1.3%
right_to_participate_in_gov	1337	36%	1.5%	36%	1.6%
freedom_to_use_the_internet	535	14%	1.1%	14%	1.2%
access_healthcare_and_services	1221	32%	1.5%	32%	1.6%
right_not_be_beaten_by_family	786	21%	1.3%	21%	1.4%
right_to_seek_asylum	533	14%	1.1%	15%	1.2%
something_else	488	13%	1.1%	13%	1.1%
none_of_these_are_important_to_me	424	11%	1.0%	11%	1.1%
TOTAL	3766				

(For those who choose "something else"):

In your own words, what would achieving women's human rights look like for you? [OPEN-END]

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY’S ROLE

Thinking about ways the international community can support Afghans like yourself, which of the following is closer to your view?

- The international community should *withhold* economic support from current government until human rights improve and inclusive government is established
- The international community should *provide* economic support to current government regardless of their policies.
- Don't Know / Don't Wish To Answer

q15_intl_support_gov	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
international_support_withhold	1259	33%	1.5%	34%	1.6%
international_provide_support	1397	37%	1.5%	36%	1.6%
dont_know_dont_wish_answer	1103	29%	1.5%	30%	1.6%
TOTAL	3759				

Thinking about how the international community can support Afghans like you, which of the following is closer to your view?

- The international community *should not recognize* the Taliban unless human rights improve and inclusive government is established.
- The international community *should recognize* the Taliban regardless of their policies.
- Don't Know / Don't Wish To Answer

q16_intl_support_taliban	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
should_not_recognize_taliban	1865	52%	1.6%	52%	1.7%
should_recognize_taliban	815	23%	1.4%	22%	1.4%
dont_know_dont_wish_answer	931	26%	1.4%	26%	1.5%
TOTAL	3611				

Thinking about how the international community can support Afghans like you, which two of the following sound closest to your views?

- Support a peace process between Taliban and opposition groups
- Use military force against the Taliban to reduce human rights violations
- Provide military support to groups like the National Resistance Front to protect Afghans from human rights
- Help the Taliban fight ISIS-K
- Send UN peacekeepers from neutral non-Western countries to maintain peace and improve human rights.
- Afghans need some other kind of international help.
- Don't Know / Don't Wish To Answer

q17_your_views	respondents	percent	+/-	weighted	+/-
support_a_peace_process	1178	35%	1.6%	35%	1.7%
use_military_force	475	14%	1.2%	14%	1.3%
provide_military_support	574	17%	1.3%	17%	1.3%
help_the_taliban_fight_isisk	501	15%	1.2%	14%	1.3%
un_peacekeepers_maintain_peace	847	25%	1.5%	26%	1.6%
afghan_need_international_help	911	27%	1.5%	27%	1.6%
TOTAL	3361				

If you like, please explain in your own words what kind of support from the international community would be most helpful to Afghans like yourself.

OPENEND

Continue