## Opinion Poll

## CATI Fieldwork : July 24th-26th 2009

Table 1
Q. 1 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: All respondents

$\frac{\text { British troops should be }}{\text { withdrawn immediately fro }}$
withdrawn immediately from
Afghanistan

Disagree

Refused

Don't know

| $\begin{gathered} 528 \\ 52 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 213 \\ & 44 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 314 \\ 60 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 68 \\ & 57 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 94 \\ & 59 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91 \\ & 46 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92 \\ & 54 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 52 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 105 \\ 50 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 98 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 150 \\ & 51 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 130 \\ & 62 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 150 \\ & 64 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 138 \\ 52 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 132 \\ 50 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 145 \\ 59 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67 \\ & 47 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 53 \% \end{aligned}$ |
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| 437 | 261 | 177 | 46 | 59 | 100 | 68 | 68 | 97 | 156 | 132 | 73 | 76 | 112 | 120 | 99 | 69 | 37 |
| 43\% | 54\% | 34\% | 39\% | 37\% | 51\% | 40\% | 45\% | 46\% | 59\% | 45\% | 35\% | 32\% | 42\% | 46\% | 40\% | 48\% | 43\% |
| 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| * | * | * | - | - | 1\% | 1\% | - | 1\% | 1\% | * | - | * | 1\% | 1\% | - | * | - |
| 39 | 10 | 28 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| 4\% | 2\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 2\% | 5\% | 4\% |

British troops lack the
equipment they need to
perform their role safely in
Agree

Disagree

Refused

Don't know

| 761 | 359 | 402 | 83 | 127 | 144 | 133 | 114 | 160 | 202 | 228 | 158 | 173 | 199 | 193 | 198 | 105 | 66 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 75\% | 74\% | 77\% | 70\% | 80\% | 73\% | 78\% | 76\% | 76\% | 76\% | 77\% | 75\% | 73\% | 75\% | 73\% | 80\% | 73\% | 77\% |
| 162 | 86 | 76 | 30 | 20 | 35 | 18 | 24 | 34 | 40 | 37 | 39 | 47 | 49 | 46 | 31 | 24 | 12 |
| 16\% | 18\% | 15\% | 25\% | 13\% | 18\% | 11\% | 16\% | 16\% | 15\% | 13\% | 19\% | 20\% | 18\% | 18\% | 12\% | 17\% | 14\% |
| 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| * | * | * | - | - | 1\% | * | - | 1\% | * | 1\% | - | 1\% | * | * | * | 1\% | - |
| 81 | 40 | 41 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 19 | 13 | 15 | 23 | 29 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 23 | 19 | 13 | 8 |
| 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 4\% | 8\% | 9\% | 11\% | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% | 10\% | 6\% | 7\% | 7\% | 9\% | 7\% | 9\% | 9\% |

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Table 2
Q. 1 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: All respondents

|  | Gender |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  | Social Grade |  |  |  | Region Wales |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | $\underline{65+}$ | AB | C1 | C2 | DE | South East | Midlands | North England | Wales \& South West | Scotland |
| Weighted base | 1008 | 486 | 522 | 118 | 159 | 198 | 171 | 151 | 211 | 266 | 296 | 210 | 237 | 267 | 263 | 248 | 144 | 86 |
| The war in Afghanistan is unwinnable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{aligned} & 584 \\ & 58 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 268 \\ & 55 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 316 \\ & 61 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 97 \\ & 61 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 98 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 108 \\ & 63 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \\ & 59 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 132 \\ 62 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 152 \\ & 57 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 169 \\ & 57 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 126 \\ & 60 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 136 \\ & 58 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 158 \\ & 59 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 146 \\ & 56 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 149 \\ 60 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 52 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55 \\ & 64 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 317 \\ 31 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 174 \\ 36 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 143 \\ 27 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 44 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 31 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 40 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44 \\ & 29 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 86 \\ & 32 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \\ & 30 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 68 \\ & 32 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73 \\ & 31 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81 \\ & 30 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89 \\ & 34 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72 \\ & 29 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 36 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 27 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Refused | 4 | $1$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | - | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | 1 | * | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | * | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - | * | 1 | - |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 103 \\ 10 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 43 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 12 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 6 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \\ & 12 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36 \\ & 12 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | 8 $9 \%$ |

## More British troops and

resources should be devoted
to Aghanistan
Agree

Refused
Don't know

| $\begin{aligned} & 353 \\ & 35 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 188 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 165 \\ 32 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67 \\ & 34 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 27 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 35 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 105 \\ 40 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 105 \\ 36 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61 \\ & 29 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81 \\ & 34 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 87 \\ & 33 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 31 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 97 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ |
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| $\begin{gathered} 602 \\ 60 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 272 \\ & 56 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 330 \\ 63 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 70 \\ & 59 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92 \\ & 58 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 119 \\ & 60 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 114 \\ & 67 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91 \\ & 60 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 115 \\ & 55 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 146 \\ & 55 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 169 \\ & 57 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 141 \\ & 67 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 146 \\ 61 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 163 \\ & 61 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 166 \\ 63 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 139 \\ 56 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83 \\ & 58 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 58 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | 1 | - | - | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - | * | 1 | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - | - | 2 | - |
| $\begin{gathered} 49 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | 24 $5 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | 12 $5 \%$ | 5 $3 \%$ | 4 4 |

