

AfghanEvac & HIAS
Text-to-Online Survey
N=1,000 likely 2026 voters
Splits: AB, CD, EF

We are conducting a public opinion survey and would like to ask you some questions concerning the issues facing our nation. Before we get to specific issues, please answer a few questions about who you are and a few general questions.

Q1. As you may know, there will be a general election for U.S. Senate, Congress, and other offices this November. How likely are you to vote in the general election - are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

Select one

- Almost certain 1
- Probably 2
- 50-50 [TERMINATE] 3
- Probably not [TERMINATE] 4
- Definitely not [TERMINATE] 5
- Not sure [TERMINATE] 6

Q2. What is your age? [TERMINATE ANYONE UNDER 18; ALLOW PREFER NOT TO ANSWER]

Enter a number

Q3. {If Q2=Prefer not to answer} In which age category do you fall?

Select one

- Under 18 years {TERMINATE} 1
- 18-24 years 2
- 25-29 years 3
- 30-34 years 4
- 35-39 years 5
- 40-44 years 6
- 45-49 years 7
- 50-54 years 8
- 55-59 years 9
- 60-64 years 10
- 65-69 years 11
- 70-74 years 12
- Over 74 years 13
- Prefer not to answer..... 14

Q4. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

Select one

- 1 - 11th Grade..... 1
- High School Graduate..... 2
- Vocational or technical school 3
- Some college but no degree 4
- Associate degree 5
- 4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree..... 6
- Graduate School or advanced degree 7
- Prefer not to answer..... 8

Q5. Which of the following best describes your gender?

Select all that apply

- Man 1
- Woman..... 2
- Nonbinary..... 3
- Prefer to self-describe (specify) 4
- Prefer not to answer..... 5

Q6. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, please choose one or more of these racial or ethnic groups that you identify with. **[RANDOMIZE CHOICES 1-6]**

Select all that apply

- White or Caucasian..... 1
- Black or African American..... 2
- Latino/Latina or Hispanic 3
- Asian American or Pacific Islander 4
- Native American or Indigenous..... 5
- Middle Eastern or North African..... 6
- None of these/Other..... 7

[Political Landscape]

Q7. If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for {**ROTATE:**} _the Republican candidate or _the Democratic candidate in your district?

Select one

- Republican 1
- Democrat 2
- Other party candidate 3
- Will not vote for Congress 4
- Undecided..... 5

Q8. How concerned are you about each of the following issues? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Select one for each option

Column:

- Very concerned..... 1
- Somewhat concerned 2
- A little concerned 3

Not concerned at all 4
 Not sure 5

- a. {SSA} Illegal immigration
- b. {SSB} Immigration
- c. Terrorism and national security threats
- d. Sufficient funding for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- e. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)'s actions

Q9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? [RANDOMIZE]

Select one for each option

Column:

Strongly agree 1
 Not-so-strongly agree 2
 Not-so-strongly disagree 3
 Strongly disagree 4
 Not sure 5

- a. {SSC} Overall, the United States should reduce the number of people allowed to immigrate into the country.
- b. {SSD} Overall, the United States should increase the number of people allowed to immigrate into the country.
- c. {SSD} The United States should reduce the number of refugees it admits.
- d. {SSC} The United States should increase the number of refugees it admits.
- e. {SSC} The United States should be stricter about who can enter the country, even if that means turning away some people fleeing danger.
- f. {SSD} The United States should be less strict about who can enter the country and make sure people fleeing danger are not turned away.
- g. {SSD} The United States has admitted too many refugees and needs to send people back to their home countries.
- h. {SSC} The United States should welcome refugees.
- i. {SSC} The United States should follow through on commitments to people it brings into the country and not take away their legal status later.
- j. {SSD} Temporary protections are meant to be limited, and the United States should be able to end them when they are no longer needed.

[Baseline Obligations]

Q10. As you may recall, in August 2021, the United States withdrew the last of its troops from Afghanistan, ending its military presence there after nearly 20 years. The U.S. exit from Afghanistan resulted in the Taliban regaining control of the country and created a crisis as many Afghans fled. Do you support or oppose the United States admitting Afghans into the country?

Select one

- Support - strongly..... 1
- Support - not-so-strongly 2
- Oppose - not-so-strongly 3
- Oppose - strongly..... 4
- Not sure 5

{SSE} As you may already know, during the time U.S. forces were fighting in Afghanistan, they received assistance from Afghan citizens working as interpreters, journalists, contractors, drivers, guards, and other support roles. These individuals and their families became eligible for resettlement programs to the United States.

Q11. With this additional information in mind, do you support or oppose the United States admitting Afghans into the country?

Select one

- Support - strongly..... 1
- Support - not-so-strongly 2
- Oppose - not-so-strongly 3
- Oppose - strongly..... 4
- Not sure 5

Q12. {SSA} Do you think the United States should commit to protecting Afghans who worked with U.S. troops during the war in Afghanistan and their families, or not really?

Select one

- Yes - Strongly 1
- Yes - Not-so-strongly 2
- No - Not-so-strongly 3
- No - Strongly 4
- Not sure 5

Q13. {SSB} Do you think the United States has a moral obligation to protect Afghans who worked with U.S. troops during the war in Afghanistan and their families, or not really?

Select one

- Yes - Strongly 1
- Yes - Not-so-strongly 2
- No - Not-so-strongly 3
- No - Strongly 4
- Not sure 5

Q14. Do you believe the U.S.'s protection of Afghans who worked with U.S. troops and their families should extend to {**ROTATE:**} _only interpreters, journalists, contractors, drivers, and guards or should it extend to _all those who risked their lives to support the U.S. mission?

Select one

- Only interpreters, journalists, contractors, drivers, and guards 1
- Also extend to anyone who risked their lives to support the U.S. mission 2
- Not sure 3

Q15. Some of the Afghans still waiting to come to the United States are the immediate family of Americans, including spouses, children, and parents of U.S. citizens and of Americans who serve or have served in the U.S. military. Their cases were frozen along with the rest of the program. Do you support or oppose allowing these families to be reunited in the United States?

Select one

- Support - strongly 1
- Support - not-so-strongly 2
- Oppose - not-so-strongly 3
- Oppose - strongly 4
- Not sure 5

Q16. As you may know, the Trump administration is considering a plan to deport hundreds of Afghan refugees who assisted U.S. forces during the war in Afghanistan to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kosovo, or another country they have no ties to. Do you support or oppose this plan?

Select one

- Support - strongly 1
- Support - not-so-strongly 2
- Oppose - not-so-strongly 3
- Oppose - strongly 4
- Not sure 5

Now for something different.

Q17. Do you support or oppose the following policy proposals? [**RANDOMIZE**]

Select one

Column:

- Support - strongly 1
- Support - not-so-strongly 2
- Oppose - not-so-strongly 3
- Oppose - strongly 4
- Not sure 5

- a. {**SSA**} Creating a permanent U.S. program for wartime allies and mission partners, so these cases are not handled ad hoc in future conflicts
- b. {**SSB**} Creating a permanent U.S. program for wartime allies and mission partners
- c. Restoring protections for Afghans already approved for U.S. resettlement

- d. Allowing Afghan allies to remain in the United States while their cases are processed
- e. Allowing Afghan families to reunite in the United States
- f. Continuing U.S. assistance for Afghans stranded in other countries

[DC Shooting Effect]

Q18. {SSA} In 2025, two members of the National Guard were shot and killed in Washington, D.C. by an Afghan national who had helped the CIA during the War in Afghanistan and was fully screened by the government to settle in the U.S.

Knowing this, do you think the United States has a commitment to protect Afghans who worked with U.S. troops during the war in Afghanistan and their families, or not?

Select one

- Yes - Strongly 1
- Yes - Not-so-strongly 2
- No - Not-so-strongly 3
- No - Strongly 4
- Not sure 5

Q19. {SSB} In 2025, two members of the National Guard were shot and killed in Washington, D.C. by an Afghan national who had helped the CIA during the War in Afghanistan and was fully screened by the government to settle in the U.S.

Knowing this, do you think the United States has an obligation to protect Afghans who worked with U.S. troops during the war in Afghanistan and their families, or not?

Select one

- Yes - Strongly 1
- Yes - Not-so-strongly 2
- No - Not-so-strongly 3
- No - Strongly 4
- Not sure 5

Q20. {SSC} Did the D.C. shooting mainly show a problem with the immigration process, a problem with mental health and support services, both, or neither?

Select one

- Problem with immigration process 1
- Problem with mental health support..... 2
- Both..... 3
- Neither 4
- Not sure 5

Q21. {SSD} Did the D.C. shooting mainly show a problem with the immigrant vetting process, a problem with mental health and support services, both, or neither?

Select one

- Problem with immigration process 1
- Problem with mental health support..... 2
- Both..... 3
- Neither 4
- Not sure 5

Q22. Do you think it is fair or unfair to treat Afghans differently because of the actions of one individual?

Select one

- Very fair..... 1
- Somewhat fair 2
- Somewhat unfair 3
- Very unfair..... 4
- Not sure 5

Q23. Does this incident make you believe that the country should do more to protect veterans and wartime partners/support staff with PTSD or other trauma or not really?

Select one

- Yes, much more..... 1
- Yes, somewhat more 2
- Not really..... 3
- Not sure 4

[Messaging]

Q24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

Select one for each option

Column:

- Strongly agree..... 1
- Not-so-strongly agree 2
- Not-so-strongly disagree..... 3
- Strongly disagree 4
- Not sure 5

- a. **{SSC}** The United States should commit to providing housing, legal help, and mental health care to Afghans who were brought here after the 2021 withdrawal.
- b. **{SSD}** The United States has an obligation to provide housing, legal help, and mental health care to Afghans who were brought here after the 2021 withdrawal.
- c. The United States has a moral obligation to protect Afghans who risked their lives working with U.S. troops during the war in Afghanistan.
- d. **{SSC}** Helping wartime allies and mission partners is a separate issue from immigration policy.
- e. **{SSD}** Helping wartime allies and refugees is a separate issue from immigration policy.
- f. Afghans who helped U.S. troops should be treated differently from other immigrants.

- g. {SSC} The U.S. can protect both national security and honor commitments to wartime allies and mission partners.
- h. {SSD} The U.S. can protect both national security and honor commitments to Afghan allies and mission partners.
- i. {SSC} No American who serves in uniform should have to leave their own family behind in Afghanistan.
- j. {SSD} Bringing out the families of American service members is not an immigration issue, it is a commitment to our own troops.

The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

Q25. Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the United States Armed Services?

Select one

- Yes, current member 1
- Yes, retired member 2
- Yes, past member 3
- Never 4
- Not sure 5

Q26. [If Q25=4 or 5] Has anyone in your immediate family/household been a member of the United States Armed Services? **[ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

Select all that apply

- Yes, someone in my immediate family or household is a current member 1
- Yes, someone in my immediate family or household is a retired member 2
- Yes, someone in my immediate family or household is a past member 3
- No one in my immediate family or household has been a member 4
- Not sure 5

Q27. How would you describe the area in which you live?

Select one

- Large city 1
- Smaller city 2
- Suburb near a city 3
- Small town 4
- Rural area 5
- Tribal reservation 6

Q28. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Select one

- Republican 1
- Democrat 2
- Independent 3
- Other: PLEASE SPECIFY 4
- Not sure 5
- Prefer not to answer..... 6

Q29. {If Democrat in Q28, ask:} Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Democrat?

Select on

- Strong Democrat..... 1
- Not-so-strong Democrat..... 2

Q30. {If Republican in Q28, ask:} Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican?

Select one

- Strong Republican 1
- Not-so-strong Republican 2

Q31. {If Independent in Q28, ask:} Would you say you lean more towards the Republicans or more towards the Democrats?

Select one

- Independent - lean toward Republicans 1
- Independent 2
- Independent - lean toward Democrats 3

Q32. Do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Select one

- Very liberal 1
- Somewhat liberal 2
- Moderate 3
- Somewhat conservative 4
- Very conservative 5
- Not sure 6
- Prefer not to say..... 7