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**The French and American public opinion
regarding the situation in Afghanistan**
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Methodology

Methodology

This document presents the results of a study implemented by Ifop.
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| Survey implemented by Ifop for : | Le Figaro |
| Sample | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sample of 1005 people, representative of the French population aged 15 and more.▪ Sample of 1008 people, representative of the US population aged 15 and more. <p>For each sample, the quota method of sampling have been used :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In France: gender, age and profession of the interviewee after stratification by region and size of town.▪ In the US: gender, age and household income after stratification by state. |
| Method | Interviews have been carried out by auto-administrated online questionnaires (<i>CAWI - Computer Assisted Web Interviewing</i>). |
| Field dates | From August the 10th until August the 18th, 2009 |

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Results of the study

Approval or opposition to the military intervention in Afghanistan

Question : Are you totally in favor, moderately in favor, moderately opposed, or totally opposed to American (for the American) / French (for the French) military intervention in Afghanistan?

| | French population (%) | US population (%) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| TOTAL In favor | 36 | 57 |
| • Totally in favor | 6 | 21 |
| • Moderately in favor | 30 | 36 |
| TOTAL Opposed | 64 | 43 |
| • Moderately opposed | 41 | 28 |
| • Totally opposed | 23 | 15 |
| - Don't know / No answer | - | - |
| TOTAL | 100 | 100 |

| | Approval in France of different military interventions | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Kosovo April 1999 (%) | Afghanistan October 2001 (%) | Irak January 2003 (%) | Darfour July 2007 (%) | Afghanistan Avril 2008 (%) | Afghanistan August 2009 (%) |
| TOTAL In favor | 58 | 55 | 19 | 55 | 45 | 36 |
| • Totally in favor | 26 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 6 |
| • Moderately in favor | 32 | 37 | 13 | 43 | 37 | 30 |
| TOTAL Opposed | 32 | 44 | 76 | 44 | 55 | 64 |
| • Moderately opposed | 18 | 25 | 18 | 19 | 33 | 41 |
| • Totally opposed | 14 | 19 | 58 | 25 | 22 | 23 |
| - Don't know / No answer | 10 | 1 | 5 | 1 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Approval of the military intervention in Afghanistan
- France -

| | TOTAL In favor | Totally in favor | Moderately in favor | TOTAL Opposed | Moderately opposed | Totally opposed |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| GLOBAL RESULT | 36 | 6 | 30 | 64 | 41 | 23 |
| GENDER | | | | | | |
| Male | 44 | 9 | 35 | 56 | 33 | 23 |
| Female | 29 | 3 | 26 | 71 | 47 | 24 |
| AGE | | | | | | |
| 15-17 years old | 42 | 5 | 37 | 58 | 43 | 15 |
| 18-24 years old | 37 | 5 | 32 | 63 | 40 | 23 |
| 25-34 years old | 33 | 7 | 26 | 67 | 47 | 20 |
| 35-49 years old | 32 | 6 | 26 | 68 | 45 | 23 |
| 50-64 years old | 32 | 4 | 28 | 68 | 39 | 29 |
| 65 years old and more | 46 | 8 | 38 | 54 | 31 | 23 |
| PROFESSION | | | | | | |
| Self employed | 28 | 2 | 26 | 72 | 37 | 35 |
| Business executive | 53 | 9 | 44 | 47 | 39 | 8 |
| Professional | 29 | 7 | 22 | 71 | 48 | 23 |
| Employee | 32 | 6 | 26 | 68 | 43 | 25 |
| Worker | 35 | 6 | 29 | 65 | 41 | 24 |
| Pensioner | 39 | 7 | 32 | 62 | 37 | 25 |
| Not employed | 36 | 5 | 31 | 64 | 42 | 22 |
| REGION | | | | | | |
| Parisian area | 35 | 6 | 29 | 65 | 45 | 20 |
| North-east | 28 | 4 | 24 | 72 | 47 | 25 |
| North-west | 40 | 9 | 31 | 60 | 37 | 23 |
| South-west | 41 | 4 | 37 | 59 | 36 | 23 |
| South-east | 39 | 6 | 33 | 61 | 36 | 25 |
| POLITICAL PARTY | | | | | | |
| TOTAL LEFT | 25 | 4 | 21 | 75 | 41 | 35 |
| Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste | 29 | 5 | 24 | 71 | 32 | 41 |
| Parti Socialiste | 26 | 3 | 23 | 74 | 43 | 31 |
| Les Verts | 23 | 6 | 17 | 77 | 46 | 31 |
| Mouvement Démocrate - Modem | 47 | 8 | 39 | 53 | 32 | 21 |
| TOTAL RIGHT | 54 | 11 | 43 | 46 | 33 | 13 |
| UMP | 57 | 9 | 48 | 43 | 31 | 12 |
| Front National | 42 | 22 | 20 | 58 | 45 | 13 |
| No political party | 29 | 3 | 26 | 71 | 49 | 22 |
| VOTE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2007 | | | | | | |
| Olivier Besancenot | 19 | 5 | 14 | 81 | 40 | 41 |
| Ségolène Royal | 25 | 2 | 23 | 75 | 43 | 32 |
| François Bayrou | 40 | 7 | 33 | 60 | 40 | 20 |
| Nicolas Sarkozy | 55 | 11 | 44 | 45 | 33 | 12 |
| Jean-Marie Le Pen | 38 | 7 | 31 | 62 | 43 | 19 |

Approval of the military intervention in Afghanistan
- United States -

| | TOTAL In favor | Totally in favor | Moderately in favor | TOTAL Opposed | Moderately opposed | Totally opposed |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| GLOBAL RESULT | 57 | 21 | 36 | 43 | 28 | 15 |
| GENDER | | | | | | |
| Male | 66 | 30 | 36 | 34 | 22 | 12 |
| Female | 48 | 12 | 36 | 52 | 33 | 19 |
| AGE | | | | | | |
| 15-24 years old | 53 | 13 | 40 | 47 | 34 | 13 |
| 25-39 years old | 53 | 18 | 35 | 47 | 30 | 17 |
| 40-49 years old | 60 | 28 | 32 | 40 | 23 | 17 |
| 50 years old and more | 63 | 25 | 38 | 37 | 23 | 14 |
| REGION | | | | | | |
| Midwest | 60 | 24 | 36 | 40 | 30 | 10 |
| Northeast | 56 | 20 | 36 | 44 | 27 | 19 |
| South | 58 | 21 | 37 | 42 | 27 | 15 |
| West | 53 | 19 | 34 | 47 | 30 | 17 |
| PROFESSION | | | | | | |
| Self employed | 64 | 22 | 42 | 36 | 26 | 10 |
| Business executive | 62 | 23 | 39 | 38 | 25 | 13 |
| Employee | 56 | 18 | 38 | 44 | 29 | 15 |
| Worker | 53 | 24 | 29 | 47 | 28 | 19 |
| Pensioner | 67 | 36 | 31 | 33 | 21 | 12 |
| Not employed | 48 | 13 | 35 | 52 | 33 | 19 |
| Household income | | | | | | |
| Less than 25,000 \$ | 49 | 15 | 34 | 51 | 31 | 20 |
| From 25,000 to 49,999 \$ | 59 | 19 | 40 | 41 | 24 | 17 |
| From 50,000 to 99,999 \$ | 58 | 24 | 34 | 42 | 28 | 14 |
| 100,000 \$ and more | 62 | 27 | 35 | 38 | 28 | 10 |
| VOTE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2008 | | | | | | |
| Barack Obama / Joe Biden | 50 | 13 | 37 | 50 | 32 | 18 |
| John McCain / Sarah Palin | 76 | 38 | 38 | 24 | 18 | 6 |
| Other candidates | 53 | 15 | 38 | 47 | 20 | 27 |

Agreement with different statements about the situation in Afghanistan

Question : Please say whether in general you agree or disagree with each of the following opinions sometimes expressed with regard to Afghanistan. One answer per line

- Agree -

| | <i>French April 2008¹</i> (%) | French population (%) | US population (%) |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • The military situation in the country is very difficult and our soldiers are particularly exposed | 84 | <u>92</u> | 87 |
| • There is a great risk of western troops getting bogged down in Afghanistan | 74 | <u>86</u> | 81 |
| • American / French military presence is necessary in Afghanistan to counter international terrorism | 66 | 50 | <u>66</u> |
| • American / French military presence in Afghanistan has helped the progress of democracy in the country ... | NA | 42 | <u>59</u> |

NA : Not asked

¹ Survey implemented by Ifop for Dimanche Ouest France on a sample of 1004 people by phone. From April the 3rd until April the 4th

Agreement with different statements about the situation in Afghanistan

Question : Please say whether in general you agree or disagree with each of the following opinions sometimes expressed with regard to Afghanistan. One answer per line

| | French population | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Agree (%) | Disagree (%) | DK (%) | TOTAL (%) |
| • The military situation in the country is very difficult and our soldiers are particularly exposed..... | 92 | 8 | - | 100 |
| • There is a great risk of western troops getting bogged down in Afghanistan | 86 | 14 | - | 100 |
| • French presence is necessary in Afghanistan to counter international terrorism..... | 50 | 50 | - | 100 |
| • French military presence in Afghanistan has helped the progress of democracy in the country | 42 | 58 | - | 100 |

| | American population | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Agree (%) | Disagree (%) | DK (%) | TOTAL (%) |
| • The military situation in the country is very difficult and our soldiers are particularly exposed..... | 87 | 13 | - | 100 |
| • There is a great risk of western troops getting bogged down in Afghanistan | 81 | 19 | - | 100 |
| • American military presence is necessary in Afghanistan to counter international terrorism | 66 | 34 | - | 100 |
| • American military presence in Afghanistan has helped the progress of democracy..... | 59 | 41 | - | 100 |

Agreement with different statements about the situation in Afghanistan

- France -

| | The military situation in the country is very difficult and our soldiers are particularly exposed | | There is a great risk of western troops getting bogged down in Afghanistan | | French military presence is necessary in Afghanistan to counter international terrorism | | French military presence in Afghanistan has helped the progress of democracy in the country | |
|--|---|-----------|--|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| | Agree | Disagree | Agree | Disagree | Agree | Disagree | Agree | Disagree |
| GLOBAL RESULT | 92 | 8 | 86 | 14 | 50 | 50 | 42 | 58 |
| GENDER | | | | | | | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 92 | 8 | 89 | 11 | 54 | 46 | 43 | 57 |
| AGE | 92 | 8 | 84 | 16 | 46 | 54 | 40 | 60 |
| 15-17 years old | | | | | | | | |
| 18-24 years old | 94 | 6 | 81 | 19 | 68 | 32 | 46 | 54 |
| 25-34 years old | 89 | 11 | 87 | 13 | 48 | 52 | 40 | 60 |
| 35-49 years old | 90 | 10 | 86 | 14 | 48 | 52 | 37 | 63 |
| 50-64 years old | 93 | 7 | 87 | 13 | 51 | 49 | 43 | 57 |
| 65 years old and more | 93 | 7 | 87 | 13 | 44 | 56 | 36 | 64 |
| PROFESSION | 92 | 8 | 84 | 16 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Self employed | | | | | | | | |
| Business executive | 90 | 10 | 93 | 7 | 51 | 49 | 35 | 65 |
| Professional | 94 | 6 | 82 | 18 | 68 | 32 | 38 | 62 |
| Employee | 94 | 6 | 90 | 10 | 44 | 56 | 38 | 62 |
| Worker | 91 | 9 | 82 | 18 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 52 |
| Pensioner | 95 | 5 | 90 | 10 | 50 | 50 | 35 | 65 |
| Not employed | 93 | 7 | 85 | 15 | 45 | 55 | 43 | 57 |
| REGION | 87 | 13 | 84 | 16 | 54 | 46 | 43 | 57 |
| Parisian area | | | | | | | | |
| North-east | 91 | 9 | 81 | 19 | 48 | 52 | 38 | 62 |
| North-west | 91 | 9 | 88 | 12 | 48 | 52 | 39 | 61 |
| South-west | 95 | 5 | 87 | 13 | 52 | 48 | 46 | 54 |
| South-east | 93 | 7 | 87 | 13 | 54 | 46 | 52 | 48 |
| POLITICAL PARTY | 91 | 9 | 86 | 14 | 48 | 52 | 38 | 62 |
| TOTAL LEFT | | | | | | | | |
| Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste | 93 | 7 | 91 | 9 | 36 | 64 | 27 | 73 |
| Parti Socialiste | 98 | 2 | 100 | 0 | 31 | 69 | 11 | 89 |
| Les Verts | 92 | 8 | 90 | 10 | 39 | 61 | 31 | 69 |
| Mouvement Démocrate - Modem | 91 | 9 | 90 | 10 | 35 | 65 | 27 | 73 |
| TOTAL RIGHT | 90 | 10 | 84 | 16 | 48 | 52 | 46 | 54 |
| UMP | 95 | 5 | 86 | 14 | 66 | 34 | 55 | 45 |
| Front National | 96 | 4 | 89 | 11 | 67 | 33 | 59 | 41 |
| No political party | 96 | 4 | 75 | 25 | 54 | 46 | 43 | 57 |
| VOTE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2007 | 88 | 12 | 81 | 19 | 48 | 52 | 42 | 58 |
| Olivier Besancenot | | | | | | | | |
| Ségolène Royal | 96 | 4 | 95 | 5 | 33 | 67 | 16 | 84 |
| François Bayrou | 93 | 7 | 93 | 7 | 37 | 63 | 31 | 69 |
| Nicolas Sarkozy | 93 | 7 | 87 | 13 | 44 | 56 | 44 | 56 |
| Jean-Marie Le Pen | 94 | 6 | 85 | 15 | 65 | 35 | 59 | 41 |
| GLOBAL RESULT | 89 | 11 | 80 | 20 | 56 | 44 | 36 | 64 |

Agreement with different statements about the situation in Afghanistan

- United States -

| | The military situation in the country is very difficult and our soldiers are particularly exposed | | There is a great risk of western troops getting bogged down in Afghanistan | | French military presence is necessary in Afghanistan to counter international terrorism | | French military presence in Afghanistan has helped the progress of democracy in the country | |
|--|---|-----------|--|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| | Agree | Disagree | Agree | Disagree | Agree | Disagree | Agree | Disagree |
| GLOBAL RESULT | 87 | 13 | 81 | 19 | 66 | 34 | 59 | 41 |
| GENDER | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 87 | 13 | 79 | 21 | 73 | 27 | 67 | 33 |
| Female | 86 | 14 | 82 | 18 | 60 | 40 | 51 | 49 |
| AGE | | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 years old | 86 | 14 | 81 | 19 | 66 | 34 | 62 | 38 |
| 25-39 years old | 84 | 16 | 79 | 21 | 59 | 41 | 58 | 42 |
| 40-49 years old | 85 | 15 | 79 | 21 | 72 | 28 | 59 | 41 |
| 50 years old and more | 93 | 7 | 84 | 16 | 72 | 28 | 57 | 43 |
| REGION | | | | | | | | |
| Midwest | 83 | 17 | 78 | 22 | 73 | 27 | 59 | 41 |
| Northeast | 90 | 10 | 80 | 20 | 61 | 39 | 56 | 44 |
| South | 86 | 14 | 82 | 18 | 68 | 32 | 65 | 35 |
| West | 88 | 12 | 82 | 18 | 62 | 38 | 51 | 49 |
| PROFESSION | | | | | | | | |
| Self employed | 88 | 12 | 79 | 21 | 76 | 24 | 64 | 36 |
| Business executive | 87 | 13 | 81 | 19 | 66 | 34 | 65 | 35 |
| Employee | 87 | 13 | 84 | 16 | 66 | 34 | 60 | 40 |
| Worker | 83 | 17 | 74 | 26 | 67 | 33 | 54 | 46 |
| Pensioner | 94 | 6 | 85 | 15 | 76 | 24 | 60 | 40 |
| Not employed | 84 | 16 | 79 | 21 | 59 | 41 | 54 | 46 |
| Household income | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 25,000 \$ | 82 | 18 | 79 | 21 | 60 | 40 | 53 | 47 |
| From 25,000 to 49,999 \$ | 89 | 11 | 80 | 20 | 66 | 34 | 59 | 41 |
| From 50,000 to 99,999 \$ | 88 | 12 | 81 | 19 | 67 | 33 | 59 | 41 |
| 100,000 \$ and more | 88 | 12 | 83 | 17 | 73 | 27 | 66 | 34 |
| VOTE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| Barack Obama / Joe Biden | 92 | 8 | 87 | 13 | 62 | 38 | 54 | 46 |
| John McCain / Sarah Palin | 83 | 17 | 75 | 25 | 83 | 17 | 71 | 29 |
| Other candidates | 90 | 10 | 78 | 22 | 48 | 52 | 47 | 53 |