

## Poll: 63 Percent of Americans Oppose Afghan War

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President Obama's claims of progress in the Afghan War don't seem to be cutting into the realities of record death tolls and official predictions of more record death tolls to come, as a new [CNN/Opinion Research poll \(PDF\)](#) shows support for the conflict continuing to wane.



The poll now shows [63 percent of the American public opposed to the war](#), the largest opposition yet from the regular poll. The breakdown showed strong opposition across race, gender, regional and age lines.

A secondary question asked the public how "things are going" in Afghanistan and showed 56 percent of Americans believe the war is going either "moderately badly" or "very badly." An interesting aspect of this is that the poll was taken in the days (Dec. 17-19) immediately [following the president's Afghanistan speech](#) (December 16).

President Obama, of course, claimed the war was "on track" in the speech, and it is noteworthy that strong majorities of members of his own party and independents still believed that the war was going poorly in the poll, suggesting he wasn't particularly successful in convincing people of this sudden and miraculous turnaround in the ever-worsening conflict.

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