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G-7 Countries Find Their Public Supportive of U.S. Military Action in Afghanistan, But Serious Opposition Appears in Other Countries, New Global Poll Finds

When it comes to the U.S.-led military campaign in Afghanistan, the populations of the G-7 countries, America's closest economic allies, are on board, but support is weaker outside the G-7, according to a global poll of attitudes in 12 countries conducted as part of the Ipsos-Reid Global Express quarterly omnibus survey. Ipsos-Reid is an independent public opinion and market research company with offices across the U.S. and Canada.

"The U.S. government should be gratified to find such solid support among the public in nations that are the closest allies of the U.S., but the U.S. should also recognize that support is not so nearly unanimous in the rest of the G-7 as it is in the U.S.," reports Thomas Riehle, President, U.S. Public Affairs, Ipsos-Reid. "Outside the circle of our closest friends—indeed, even in Japan—there are measurable anti-war sentiments that represent majority opinion in Spain, a southern European country with a large Muslim population, and Turkey, a country that sits at the border between Europe and the Arab world, and South Korea, an Asian ally. The doubts reflected there should serve as a warning to the U.S. government on the limits of world support should the military campaign extend beyond the borders of Afghanistan."

Among the findings of the poll:

- Support for the military campaign is strongest in the U.S., with 88% in favor and only 7% opposed.
- Canada (66% in favor, 23% opposed) and the U.K. (65% in favor, 19% opposed) are strongly supportive as well, although with small but significant anti-war minorities appearing in each country.
- France (60%-25%), Germany (60%-32%), Italy (58%-30%), and Japan (49%-44%) round out the G-7, with support varying from strong in central Europe to weak, plurality support in the Asian outpost of the G-7.



Outside the G-7, opinion is very different. In South Korea, a slim majority of the public expresses opposition to the military campaign (43% in favor, 50% opposed), while in Spain, the balance of opinion (31% in favor, 52% opposed) is negative.

In China, an urban survey conducted in the five largest cities reveals 28% in favor and 52% opposed.

In quasi-national samples, the public in Turkey (18% in favor, 70% opposed) and Argentina (13% in favor, 77% opposed) recorded overwhelming opposition to the U.S. military efforts. Ipsos-Reid conducted polls in Argentina and Turkey that cover all urban and most rural residents.

The surveys were all conducted during late November and early December.

As you know, the United States has launched military strikes on targets in Afghanistan – including military sites of the Taliban government, and training camps of the Al Qaeda group led by Osama Bin Ladan. All things considered, do you support or oppose these U.S.-led air strikes on Afghanistan? (Table ranked by % Support)

	US	Canada	UK	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	S. Korea	Spain	China	Turkey	Argentina
Methodology	Telephone	Telephone	Telephone	Telephone	Telephone	Telephone	Telephone	Telephone	Telephone	In-person, door to door	In-person, door to door	In-person, door to door
Sample Coverage	National 18+	National 18+	National 18+	National 18+	National 18+	National 18-75	National 18-69	National 18+	National 18+	Urban 18-69	Quasi-National 18+	Quasi-National 18+
Field Dates	Nov. 21 – Dec. 16	Nov. 21 – Dec 14	Nov. 23 – 27	Nov. 19 – 22	Nov. 22- Dec. 2	Nov. 26 – Dec. 6	Nov. 22 – Dec. 5	Nov. 22 – Nov. 24	Nov. 20 – Nov. 27	Nov. 21 – Dec 4	Nov. 24 – Nov. 29	Nov. 22 – Dec. 5
Weighted Base	n=1000	n=500	n=500	n=501	n=503	n=500	n=500	n=541	n=521	n=508	n=525	n=500
Margin of Error	+/- 3.1%	+/- 4.4%	+/- 4.4%	+/- 4.4%	+/- 4.4%	+/- 4.4%	+/- 4.4%	+/- 4.2%	+/- 4.3%	+/- 4.4%	+/- 4.3%	+/- 4.4%
% Support	88	66	65	60	60	58	49	43	31	28	18	13
% Oppose	7	23	19	25	32	30	44	50	52	52	70	77
% (Don't know/Not Stated)	5	11	16	15	8	12	6	7	17	20	12	10



Research Methodology

This international survey research data was collected via Ipsos-Reid's Global Express, a quarterly international omnibus survey. Fieldwork was conducted between mid-November and mid-December, 2001. Data are based on individual surveys taken with a random sampling of adults (usually 18+) across 12 national markets. The target sample size in each country was 500, except for the United States where 1,000 interviews were conducted. Within each country, the survey results can be said to be within ± 4.5 percentage points of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed; ± 3.1 percentage points in the U.S. In nine of these 12 surveyed countries, the samples provide full national coverage; in these countries the data were collected via randomized telephone interviewing. In-person, door-to-door interviewing was conducted in the three non-national samples. In China, the coverage was limited to the largest 5 cities (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, and Chengdu), while in Argentina and Turkey, the coverage was primarily urban, but included a rural component ("quasi-national" coverage).

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