AFGHANISTAN IN 2014

A Survey of the Afghan People

Following Afghanistan’s historic 2014 elections and national security transition, what do Afghan citizens think of the critical issues facing their country? The Asia Foundation’s tenth annual survey — and longest-running opinion poll in the country — interviews 9,271 Afghan citizens in 34 provinces on the elections, corruption, security, women’s rights, the economy, and the Taliban.

NATIONAL MOOD: DIRECTION OF COUNTRY

IN 2014, 55% OF AFGHANS SAY COUNTRY IS MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION

BIGGEST PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY

37% UNEMPLOYMENT + POOR ECONOMY
34% INSECURITY
28% CORRUPTION

BIGGEST LOCAL PROBLEMS

UNEMPLOYMENT ELECTRICITY ROADS DRINKING WATER INSECURITY

33% 23% 16% 16% 14%

BIGGEST PROBLEMS FACING WOMEN

EDUCATION & ILLITERACY UNEMPLOYMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

24% 15% 11%

PERCEPTION OF ELECTION AND ABILITY TO INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT

2/3 SAID ELECTION WAS FREE AND FAIR
2/3 SAY THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER
+ HALF MORE THAN HALF BELIEVE THEY CAN INFLUENCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISIONS

RECONCILIATION EFFORTS WITH ARMED OPPOSITION GROUPS (AOGs)

73% ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT RECONCILIATION EFFORTS CAN HELP STABILIZE THEIR COUNTRY

DEMOGRAPHICS

9,271 Afghans surveyed | 34 provinces | June 22 – July 8 fieldwork | 79 questions | 50% men, 50% women polled
24% urban, 76% rural | 909 enumerators | 65,558 Afghans polled since 2004 | Afghanistan’s broadest opinion poll