

**QA1.**  
**BASE=ALL**  
**SINGLE CHOICE**

How closely following have you been following the recent events in Afghanistan; would you say you are...?

Following it in the news and having discussions with friends and family  
Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation  
Just scanning the headlines  
Haven't seen or heard anything about it

**[Text screen]**

A little background. After the United States began winding up its military presence in Afghanistan, the Taliban quickly regained control of that country. This has created a crisis, with tens of thousands attempting to leave as they fear a return of the Taliban's regime.

With the August 31 deadline for total withdrawal approaching, the American government says it can no longer directly help Afghans escape the country because of safety concerns.

Canada has also had a military and foreign aid presence in Afghanistan over the last two decades, and relied on local Afghan translators, contractors and others for assistance during that time.

Since early August, the Canadian government has helped approximately 4,000 Canadians, Afghans who worked with the Canadian government, and others escape Afghanistan. Ottawa has now ended its evacuation efforts for safety reasons, even though many Afghans who helped Canada remain stuck.

**QA2.**  
**BASE=ALL**  
**SINGLE CHOICE**

Some people have said that given the conditions and the Taliban takeover, Canada's evacuation operation has gone well, or at least as well as it could. Others say it's been a failure because people who want to leave are still stranded in Afghanistan.

When you consider all the circumstances, would you say the Canadian government's evacuation operation:

Has been a success  
Went as well as it could have  
Has been a failure  
It's too early to tell

**QA3.**  
**BASE=ALL**  
**SINGLE CHOICE**

Liberal leader Justin Trudeau has committed to resettle 20,000 Afghans who are fleeing the region, and Conservative leader Erin O'Toole has committed to do the same if elected.

When you think about this issue, would you say...

[rotate low/high]

20,000 is too low, we should take in more Afghan refugees

Fixed: 20,000 is about the right number

20,000 is too high, we should take fewer Afghan refugees

Fixed: We shouldn't take in ANY Afghan refugees at all

**QA4.**

**BASE=ALL**

**SINGLE CHOICE**

Canada is in the middle of a federal election campaign right now. Is this issue of Canada's role in Afghanistan and the current events having any impact on your voting decision?

Yes

No

Not sure/Yet

**QA5.**

**IF YES**

**Single Choice**

Which party – if any – has it made you more likely to support?

[Randomize first 3 parties/First 4 in QC]

Liberal Party of Canada

Conservative Party of Canada

New Democratic Party of Canada [NDP]

Bloc Québécois [QC only]

Green Party of Canada

People's Party of Canada

Other

**QA6.**

**If Yes**

**Single choice**

And which party – if any – has it made you less likely to support?

[same order as previous]

Liberal Party of Canada

Conservative Party of Canada  
New Democratic Party of Canada [NDP]  
Bloc Québécois [QC only]  
Green Party of Canada  
People's Party of Canada  
Other

**QA7.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Canada has been in Afghanistan as a part of stabilizing and rebuilding operations in various capacities since 2001. Overall, would you say...

[rotate first two]

Canada has done enough and should not have a role in Afghanistan going forward

Canada has more to do, and should continue to have a role in Afghanistan going forward

Not sure/Can't say