

Afghans “hopeful” despite ongoing war

One in two Afghans remain relatively hopeful about their future despite entering their seventh year of conflict, an opinion poll by New York-based Charney Research suggests. Security issues, the Taliban and poor economic conditions are the biggest problems facing most people

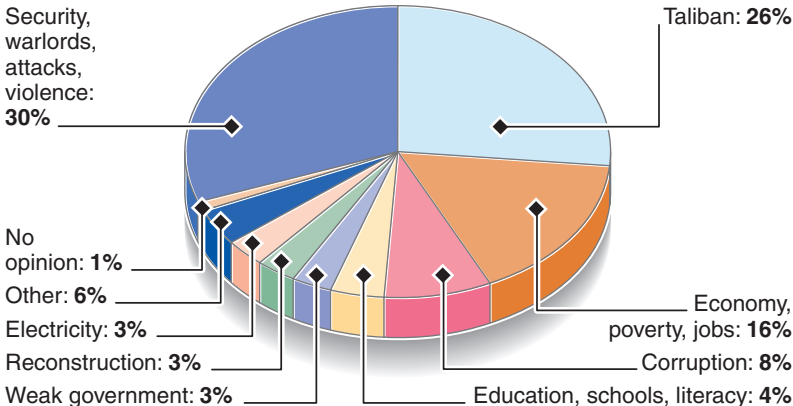
Do you think things in Afghanistan are going in the right or wrong direction?

Living conditions are good or bad?

	2007	2005
Right direction	54%	77%
Wrong direction	24%	6%
Mixed	15%	11%
No opinion	7%	6%

	2007	2005
Very good	11%	15%
Somewhat good	59%	68%
Somewhat bad	23%	13%
Very bad	5%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%

In your view, what is the biggest problem facing Afghanistan as a whole?



Charney Research poll, commissioned by BBC World Service in conjunction with ABC News and ARD (Germany), was conducted via face-to-face interviews with 1,377 randomly selected Afghan adults across the country between October 28-November 17

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