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Poll: Overwhelming US Opposition to Afghan War

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The [regular Washington Post-ABC News poll](#) on the war in Afghanistan is showing an [overwhelming popular opposition to the war](#), with some 60% of Americans now believing the war is “not worth fighting” and an all time low of 17% who “strongly” believe in the war.

Split by party the poll shows a spike in opposition from independents and for the first time a [split among Republicans on the conflict](#). Democrats remain strongly opposed, although somewhat less so than last year.

Even Republican Presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich, a long-time hawk, [is now calling for an end to the war, saying](#) that the war seems “undoable” and that he doesn’t think America has the “capacity to fundamentally change the region.”

Though released today, the poll was taken over March 7-10, in the wake of the massive anti-US protests in Afghanistan over the burning of the Quran. This means that the massacre by a US soldier over the weekend is not factored into the numbers, but this is liable to make the case for a fundamentally broken war all the more clear.