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The Afghan Public and U.S. Policy in Afghanistan

The South Asia Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the Program on International Policy Attitudes would like to invite you to a briefing entitled “*Public Opinion in Afghanistan*.” A new WorldPublicOpinion.org survey of the public in Afghanistan will be released and discussed.

The briefing will take place on December 14, from 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. in the B-1B conference room at CSIS, 1800 K Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Moderator: Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer, Director South Asia Program, CSIS

Presenter: Stephen J. Weber, COO, WorldPublicOpinion.org and Program on International Policy Attitudes

Commentators: Seema Patel, Consultant, Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project, CSIS, Steven Kull, Director, Program on International Policy Attitudes, and Ambassador Schaffer.

This new study conducted in late November 2006 addresses where the Afghan public, and its communities, stand on issues central to U.S. policy including:

- How do Afghans see the security situation in their country and their region? Is security seen as getting better or worse?
- What is the perceived effectiveness of the central government, local leaders, and ISAF forces?
- Do Afghans feel that the Taliban is gaining ground or losing ground? Do they feel that the Taliban is likely to return to power?
- What are the public’s views of President Karzai, U.S. military forces, the Taliban, and the role of Pakistan?

Many questions were also asked in a WPO poll conducted in November 2005 providing an assessment of past year trends in the views and experiences of Afghans. Breakouts according to region and ethnicity will also be examined.

We hope you will be able to join us. Vibhuti Haté at CSIS is handling arrangements, in case you have any questions. She can be reached via email at vhate@csis.org, by phone at 202-775-3184 and fax at 202-775-3199. We look forward to hearing from you.