

## Washington Post- ABC News Poll Iraq: June 2005

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\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/26/05	48	27	21	51	11	40	1
6/5/05	48	27	21	52	14	38	1
4/24/05	47	25	22	50	13	38	3
3/13/05	50	31	19	48	11	37	3
1/31/05	50	34	15	45	11	34	5
1/16/05	52	33	19	46	11	35	2
12/19/04	48	27	21	49	12	38	2
10/20/04	50	30	20	46	11	35	4
10/17/04 LV	54	35	19	45	9	36	2
10/16/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/15/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/3/04 LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04	50	33	18	45	13	32	5
9/8/04	52	35	17	43	11	32	5
8/29/04	50	31	19	47	13	34	3
8/1/04	47	28	18	49	13	36	5
7/25/04	50	32	19	47	13	34	3
7/11/04	48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04	47	30	17	51	13	39	1
5/23/04	47	31	17	50	14	36	3
4/18/04	51	33	18	47	13	34	1
3/7/04	50	32	18	48	12	36	2
2/11/04	50	30	21	47	14	34	2
1/18/04	58	35	24	40	9	30	2
12/21/03	59	39	21	38	15	23	3
12/14/03	57	37	20	39	10	29	5
12/7/03	53	32	21	40	13	27	7
11/16/03	57	34	23	39	11	28	4
10/29/03	56	30	26	42	13	29	2
10/13/03	53	33	20	43	13	29	4
9/30/03	54	34	20	44	15	29	2
9/13/03	58	35	23	40	14	27	2
9/7/03	56	34	22	41	13	28	4
8/11/03	59	37	22	37	14	23	4
7/10/03	59	35	24	38	13	25	3
6/22/03	68	45	23	29	11	18	4
4/30/03	71	50	22	26	17	9	3
4/16/03	74	52	22	23	9	14	3
4/9/03	77	58	19	20	6	14	4
4/3/03	71	54	16	25	7	19	4
3/23/03	68	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	4
3/20/03	67	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	5

3/2/03	62	38	23	35	13	22	4
2/23/03	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
2/9/03	64	42	21	34	14	20	3
2/1/03	62	41	21	34	13	22	4
1/28/03	62	43	19	36	13	23	2
1/27/03	59	39	21	37	15	22	4
1/20/03	59	36	23	38	16	22	2
12/15/02	66	37	28	32	12	20	2
11/4/02 LV	67	45	23	31	12	20	1
11/3/02 LV	67	45	22	32	12	20	1
11/2/02 LV	67	47	20	32	9	23	1
10/27/02	67	39	28	29	13	16	4
9/26/02	67	42	25	30	12	18	3
9/8/02	71	42	28	27	12	15	3
7/28/02	69	39	31	28	14	14	3
7/15/02	72	42	31	25	12	13	2
6/17/02	74	42	32	22	9	13	4
6/9/02	77	41	36	20	9	11	3
5/19/02	76	48	28	22	8	13	3
4/21/02	78	47	31	20	9	10	2
3/28/02	79	49	30	18	8	10	3
3/10/02	82	52	30	16	9	7	2
1/27/02	83	56	27	14	7	7	3
12/19/01	86	64	22	12	6	6	2
11/27/01	89	69	21	9	4	5	1
11/6/01	89	65	24	9	5	4	2
10/9/01	92	76	16	6	3	3	1
9/27/01	90	70	20	6	3	3	4
9/13/01	86	63	23	12	5	6	2
9/9/01	55	26	29	41	20	22	3
8/12/01	61	28	33	31	14	17	8
7/30/01	59	28	30	38	17	22	3
6/3/01	55	27	28	40	18	22	6
4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
3/25/01	58	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	8
2/25/01	55	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	22

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/26/05	43	25	18	56	12	44	1
6/5/05	41	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	1
4/24/05	42			56			2
3/13/05	39			57			4
1/16/05	40			58			2
12/19/04	42			57			1
9/26/04 RV	47			50			3
8/29/04 RV	47			51			2
7/25/04	45			53			2
6/20/04	44			55			2
5/23/04	40			58			2
4/18/04	45			54			1
3/7/04	46			53			1
2/11/04	47			52			1
1/18/04	55			42			2
12/21/03	60			39			2
12/14/03	58			38			4
11/16/03	48			48			4
10/29/03	47			51			2
10/13/03	51			47			2

9/29/03	50			47			3
9/13/03	52			46			2
9/7/03	49			47			4
8/24/03	56			37			7
8/11/03	56			41			3
7/10/03	58			41			2
6/22/03	67			30			2
4/30/03	75	"	"	22	"	"	2

Compare to: The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein

3/27/03	69			26			5
3/23/03	71			26			3
3/20/03	65			29			5
3/17/03	64			29			7
3/9/03	55			38			8
2/23/03	55			39			6
2/9/03	61			37			2
2/5/03	61			32			7
2/1/03	61			35			3
1/28/03	58			38			4
1/27/03	57			40			3
1/20/03	50			46			4
12/15/02	58			37			5
11/4/02	LV 56			40			4
11/3/02	LV 57			40			4
11/2/02	LV 56			41			3
10/27/02	57			38			5
9/26/02	58			39			3
9/14/02	65			31			4
8/29/02	52	"	"	36	"	"	12

3. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

	----Worth fighting----			----Not worth fighting---			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/26/05	46	33	13	53	10	43	1
6/5/05	41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05	44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05	45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05	44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04	42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04	LV 49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04	RV 46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04	RV 51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04	RV 48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04	49	36	13	48	11	37	3
6/20/04	47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04	48	35	13	50	13	37	1
5/6/04	49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04	51			47			2
3/7/04	52			44			3
2/11/04	48			50			2
1/18/04	56			41			3
12/21/03	59			39			2
12/14/03	53			42			5
11/16/03	52			44			4
10/29/03	54			44			2
10/13/03	54			44			2
9/13/03	61			37			2
9/7/03	54			42			4

8/24/03	57			37			5
8/11/03	61			35			4
7/10/03	57			40			3
6/22/03	64			33			3
4/30/03	70	"	"	27	"	"	4

Gulf War:

2/2/92*	66	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	2
7/28/91	67			30			3
6/2/91	70			26			3
3/4/91	86	"	"	13	"	"	1

\*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"

4. Again thinking about the goals versus the costs of the war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	No opinion
6/26/05	29	69	2
6/5/05	25	73	2
3/13/05	27	70	3
12/19/04	27	70	3
6/20/04	29	71	1
4/18/04	33	65	2
1/18/04	34	62	4
12/21/03	37	60	4
11/16/03	33	64	3
10/29/03	35	62	3
10/13/03	37	60	3
9/13/03	43	55	2
9/7/03	38	57	5
8/11/03	42	53	5
7/10/03	44	52	3
6/22/03	51	44	5
4/9/03	66	28	6
4/3/03	62	32	5
3/27/03	58	34	9

5. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal, or somewhat?

	-----Contributed-----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opin.
6/26/05	52	31	22	46	1
6/5/05	47	24	22	52	1
3/13/05	52	29	23	46	2
1/16/05	50	30	21	47	3
12/19/04	51	27	23	46	4
10/3/04 LV	53	32	22	42	4
9/26/04 RV	54	36	18	42	4
9/8/04 RV	57	36	22	40	3
8/29/04 RV	54	33	20	42	4
7/25/04	51	32	19	45	3
6/20/04	51	28	23	46	2
5/23/04	54	30	24	43	3
4/18/04	57	33	24	40	3
3/7/04	57	29	29	40	3
2/11/04	58	32	26	38	4
1/18/04	59	34	25	38	3
12/21/03	62	34	29	34	4

7/10/03\*            62                    33                    29                    35                    3  
 \*"did or did not"

6. Do you think the United States (has gotten bogged down in Iraq), or do you think the United States (is making good progress in Iraq)?

	Has gotten bogged down	Is making good progress	No opinion
6/26/05	62	37	1
6/5/05	65	33	2
4/24/05	58	39	3
3/13/05	54	43	4
10/3/04 LV	58	38	4
9/26/04 RV	60	36	4
9/8/04 RV	54	40	6
5/23/04	65	33	2
5/6/04	60	35	5
4/18/04	59	41	0

7. Do you think (the United States should keep its military forces in Iraq until civil order is restored there, even if that means continued U.S. military casualties); OR, do you think (the United States should withdraw its military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further U.S. military casualties, even if that means civil order is not restored there)?

	Keep forces	Withdraw forces	No opinion
6/26/05	58	41	2
12/19/04	58	39	3
6/20/04	57	42	1
5/23/04	58	40	2
4/18/04	66	33	1
11/16/03	62	34	4
10/29/03	58	38	3
9/13/03	65	32	3
8/24/03	69	27	4
7/10/03	72	26	2

8. Overall how do you think things are going for the United States in Iraq at this time - very well, well, badly or very badly?

	-----Well-----			-----Badly-----			No op.
	NET	Very	Well	NET	Badly	Very	
6/26/05	47	7	40	52	34	18	1

Compare to Gallup: In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq - very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?

	-----Well-----			-----Badly-----			No op.
	NET	Very	Moderately	NET	Moderately	Very	
5/1/05	42	6	36	56	31	25	2
3/20/05	52	8	44	45	24	21	3
2/6/05	53	13	40	46	28	18	1
1/9/05	40	5	35	59	29	30	1
12/8/04	40	6	34	59	26	33	1
9/26/04	46	4	42	52	27	25	2
8/11/04	45	5	40	53	28	25	2
7/11/04	40	5	35	59	30	29	1
6/6/04	40	6	34	60	35	25	*
5/23/04	42	7	35	57	26	31	1
5/4/04	37	4	33	62	32	30	1

4/8/04	35	5	30	64	31	33	1
3/7/04	55	9	46	43	28	15	2
11/5/03*	38	4	34	61	34	27	1
10/8/03	42	6	36	58	34	24	*
9/10/03	47	6	41	52	31	21	1
8/26/03	50	6	44	49	30	19	1
7/27/03	56	10	46	43	28	15	1
7/20/03	54	6	48	45	30	15	1
6/29/03	56	5	51	42	29	13	2
6/1/03	70	11	59	29	22	7	1
5/7/03	86	30	56	13	10	3	1
4/23/03	85	21	64	14	12	2	1

\*11/5/03 and previous: "How would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq now that the major fighting has ended.."

9. How confident are you that Iraq will have a stable, democratic government a year from now - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

	-----Confident-----			-----Not confident-----			No opin.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	At all	
6/26/05	40	6	34	60	33	27	1
4/24/05	39	8	31	60	29	31	1

10. Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
6/26/05	48	51	1
12/19/04	44	49	7
6/20/04	51	48	1

13. Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	No opinion
6/26/05	16	38	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	36	4

**BASED ON THOSE WHO ANSWERED "DECREASED" IN Q13**

14. Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

	Withdrawn immediately	Decreased but not withdrawn immediately	No opinion
6/26/05	34	66	1
3/13/05	27	72	1

13/14 NET:

	Increased	-----Decreased-----				Kept about the same	No op.
		NET	Withdrawn	Not withdrawn	DK		
6/26/05	16	38	13	25	*	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	12	31	1	37	4

15. Just your best guess, about how much longer do you think the United

States will need to keep U.S. military forces in Iraq?

	Few wks	Few mths	About a yr	Few yrs	5 years or longer	Long as needed	Pull out now	Other	No op.
6/26/05	1	8	18	32	23	7	6	NA	5
7/10/03	2	17	25	32	9	4	3	*	8

16. In your opinion is that too long, too short, or about right?

	Too long	Too short	About right	No opinion
6/26/05	45	2	52	1
7/10/03	39	3	56	3

11. Do you think the global campaign against terrorism overall (can be successful only if the United States restores civil order in Iraq), or do you think it (can be successful even if the United States withdraws from Iraq without restoring civil order there)?

	Successful only if US restores civil order	Successful even if US withdraws without restoring civil order	No op.
6/26/05	51	45	5

17. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the war in Iraq has or has not made it more difficult for the U.S. military to attract new recruits?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
6/26/05	73	25	1

**BASED ON THOSE WHO ANSWERED "MORE DIFFICULT" IN Q17**

18. Do you think that's a major problem or a minor problem?

	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	67	32	1	*

17/18 NET:

	-----More difficult-----				DK	Not more difficult	No op.
	Major NET problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)				
6/26/05	73	49	23	1	*	25	1

19. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the war in Iraq has or has not made it more difficult for the U.S. military to be ready to respond to conflicts elsewhere in the world?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
6/26/05	65	33	2

**BASED ON THOSE WHO ANSWERED "MORE DIFFICULT" IN Q19**

20. Do you think that's a major problem or a minor problem?

	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	71	28	1	1

19/20 NET:

	-----More difficult-----				Not more difficult	No op.
	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)	DK		
6/26/05	65	46	18	1	33	2

22. Do you think the elections held in Iraq this past January did or did not bring the United States closer to the day U.S. forces can be withdrawn from Iraq?

	Did	Did not	No opinion
6/26/05	61	37	2
3/13/05	61	36	3
1/16/05*	57	39	4

\*"Do you think holding these elections will or will not bring"

22a. If the United States can defeat the insurgents in Iraq, how much do you think that would do to defeat terrorism in general, beyond Iraq - a great deal, a good amount, just some, or very little?

	-----More-----			-----Less-----				No opin.
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	Very little	None (vol.)	
6/26/05	46	23	24	53	30	21	2	1

22b. Do you think the anti-government insurgency in Iraq is (getting stronger), (getting weaker), or staying about the same?

	Stronger	Weaker	Staying about the same	No op.
6/26/05	24	22	53	1

**BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID "WEAKER" OR "ABOUT THE SAME" IN Q22b**

22c. Do you think it's on its last legs or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/26/05	33	65	2

22b/22c NET:

	Stronger	-----Weaker/Same-----		DK	No op.
	NET	On last legs	Not on last legs		
6/26/05	24	75	25	49	2

23. (HALF SAMPLE) As a result of the war, do you think the Iraqi people are (better off) or (worse off) now than they were before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq?

	Better	Worse	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	69	24	4	3
3/13/05	67	25	4	4



24. (HALF SAMPLE) In the long run, do you think the Iraqi people will be (better off) or (worse off) as a result of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq?

	Better	Worse	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	74	20	5	2
3/13/05	74	18	4	4

25. Do you think the war in Iraq has left the United States in a stronger position in the world, a weaker position, or hasn't it made much difference to the U.S position in the world?

	Stronger	Weaker	No difference	No opinion
6/26/05	25	39	36	*
3/13/05	28	41	30	1
4/18/04	29	35	36	0
4/9/03*	52	12	31	5
Persian Gulf War:				
3/4/91	84	3	13	1

\*4/9/03 and previous: "Do you think the war will leave the United States..."

26. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not (ITEM)?

6/26/05 - Summary Table

	-----Contributed-----			Has not	No op.
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat		
a. Caused long-term damage to US relations with countries that opposed the war, such as France and Germany	59	24	35	40	1
b. Contributed to long-term peace and stability in the Mideast	51	19	32	47	2
c. Damaged the United States' image in the rest of the world	67	31	36	33	*
d. Encouraged democracy in other Arab nations	49	14	35	48	2

Trend:

a. Caused long-term damage to US relations with countries that opposed the war, such as France and Germany

	-----Contributed-----			Has not	No opin.
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat		
6/26/05	59	24	35	40	1
6/20/04	63	38	25	35	2
7/10/03*	51	24	27	45	5

\*"did or did not"

b. Contribute to long-term peace and stability in the Mideast?

	-----Contributed-----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opin.
6/26/05	51	19	32	47	2
6/20/04	42	20	23	56	2
7/10/03*	50	20	31	45	5
*"did or did not"					

c. Damage the United States' image in the rest of the world

	-----Contributed-----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opin.
6/26/05	67	31	36	33	*
6/20/04	76	46	31	23	1
7/10/03*	63	30	34	34	3
*"did or did not"					

d. No trend.

12. Considering everything, do you think the United States did the right thing in going to war with Iraq or do you think it was a mistake?

	Right thing	Mistake	No opin.
6/26/05	48	51	1
3/13/05	48	51	1
4/18/04	52	46	1
4/9/03	81	16	3
3/27/03	69	26	5

Serbia:

6/10/99	55	41	4
6/6/99*	48	47	5
5/16/99	54	42	3
4/26/99	56	41	2
4/6/99	58	40	2

\*Washington Post

Compare to: Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?

	Not a mistake	Mistake	No opin.
1/9/02*	93	6	1
11/11/01*	89	9	2

Yugoslavia\*

6/5/99	53	43	4
4/21/99	51	42	7

Persian Gulf\*

7/21/91	82	15	3
3/3/91	87	10	3
2/10/91	76	21	3
2/2/91	80	18	2
1/26/91	77	18	5
1/20/91	80	16	4
1/13/91	65	29	6
1/6/91	61	30	9
12/9/90	66	28	6
12/2/90	66	29	5
11/18/90	65	27	8
11/11/90	68	27	5

11/4/90	67	25	8
10/28/90	71	24	5
10/21/90	67	26	7
10/14/90	68	27	5
10/4/90	71	21	8
9/30/90	73	20	7
9/16/90	73	18	10
9/11/90	76	19	5
9/2/90	76	16	8
8/26/90	76	18	6
8/19/90	75	17	8

Vietnam\*

11/15/00	24	69	7
4/24/95	23	71	6
3/18/90	22	74	4
1/15/73	29	60	11
5/17/71	28	61	11
1/11/71	31	60	9
5/26/70	36	56	8
4/7/70	34	51	15
1/20/70	32	57	11
9/22/69	32	58	10
1/28/69	39	52	9
10/1/68	37	54	9
8/12/68	35	53	12
4/9/68	40	48	12
2/27/68	42	49	9
2/6/68	42	46	12
12/12/67	46	45	9
10/11/67	44	47	9
7/18/67	48	41	11
4/24/67	50	37	13
1/31/67	52	32	16
11/15/66	52	31	17
9/13/66	48	35	17
5/10/66	49	36	15
3/8/66	59	26	15
9/1/65	60	24	16

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6/7/00	47	34	19
1/16/53	50	36	14
10/22/52	37	43	19
10/14/52	37	43	20
3/5/52	35	51	14
8/8/51	48	42	11
6/21/51	40	43	17
4/21/51	45	37	18
3/31/51	43	45	12
2/9/51	41	49	9
1/5/51	38	49	13
8/25/50	65	20	15

\*Gallup; various wordings

27. (HALF SAMPLE) In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration (told the American public what it believed to be true), or (intentionally misled the American public)?

	Told the American public what it believed to be true	Intentionally misled the American public	No opin.
6/26/05	48	52	*
3/13/05	55	43	2
8/29/04 RV	57	40	3
7/25/04	55	42	3

28. (HALF SAMPLE) Before the war began, do you think the Bush administration did or did not intentionally exaggerate its evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction?

	Did	Did not	No opinion
6/26/05	57	41	2
3/7/04	55	43	2
2/11/04	54	42	5
7/10/03*	50	46	4

\*"such as biological or chemical weapons"

29. Do you think (ITEM) did or did not underestimate the difficulty of this war?

Summary Table - 6/26/05

	Did	Did not	No opinion
a. U.S. military leaders	65	34	1
b. Bush and his advisers	73	26	1

Trend:

	Did	Did not	No opinion
a. U.S. military leaders			
6/26/05	65	34	1
4/3/03	33	63	3
b. Bush and his advisers			
6/26/05	73	26	1
4/3/03	39	57	4

30. Thinking about the next 12 months, would you say you feel (optimistic) or (pessimistic) about the situation in Iraq?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
6/26/05	53	46	1
12/19/04	46	51	2
6/20/04	52	45	3
5/23/04	55	43	2
1/18/04*	58	39	2

\*"Thinking about the coming year"

31. Thinking specifically about the way the Bush administration is handling the situation in Iraq, would you say you're (pleased about it, satisfied but not pleased, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry)?

	-----Positive-----			-----Negative-----			No
	NET	Pleased	Satisfied	NET	Dissatisfied	Angry	op.
6/26/05	45	15	30	55	32	23	*

32. Do you think of the war with Iraq as (part of the war against terrorism), or as (separate from the war against terrorism)?

	Part	Separate	No opinion
6/26/05	56	43	1
10/3/04 LV	60	38	1
9/8/04 RV	58	39	3
9/13/03	66	32	2
9/7/03	65	31	4
4/16/03	77	22	1

36. On another subject, would you advise a young person close to you to join the military, or not?

	Yes	No	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	41	52	6	1
4/24/05	43	52	NA	5
8/30/99*	58	32	8	2

\*Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard

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