

Washington Post- ABC News Poll March 2006

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone March 2-5, 2006 among 1,000 randomly selected adults nationwide. Margin of sampling error for overall results is plus or minus three percentage points. Sampling error is only one of many sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Fieldwork by TNS of Horsham, PA.

*= less than 0.5 percent

16. 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
3/5/06	11	52	34	3
12/18/05	9	52	36	3
11/2/05	15	47	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	35	4
6/26/05	16	38	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	36	4

17. (IF DECREASED, Q16) Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

	Withdrawn immediately	Decreased but not withdrawn immediately	No opinion
3/5/06	33	67	*
12/18/05	23	77	0
11/2/05	38	61	*
8/28/05	33	66	1
6/26/05	34	66	1
3/13/05	27	72	1

16/17 NET:

	Increased	NET	----- Decreased ----- All/immed. Not all/not immed.	DK	Kept about the same	No op.	
3/5/06	11	52	17	35	*	34	3
12/18/05	9	52	12	40	*	36	3
11/2/05	15	47	18	29	*	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	13	27	*	35	4
6/26/05	16	38	13	25	*	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	12	31	1	37	4

18. (HALF SAMPLE) 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
3/5/06	43	56	2
12/18/05	60	37	2
11/2/05	44	55	2
8/28/05	48	50	2
6/26/05	48	51	1
12/19/04	44	49	7
6/20/04	51	48	1

19. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress in establishing a democratic government in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
3/5/06	49	48	2
12/18/05	65	31	4
11/2/05	47	48	6
12/19/04	48	44	8
6/20/04	50	48	3
5/23/04	38	57	5

20. How likely do you think it is that conflict between Sunnis and Shiites in Iraq will lead to a civil war there - is that very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely?

	-----Likely-----					-----Unlikely-----				
	NET	Very	Smwt	Def. will (vol.)	Already in (vol.)	NET	Smwt	Very	Def. won't (vol.)	No op.
3/5/06	80	34	44	1	1	17	11	5	*	4