

YouGov Survey Results

Iraq - After the March

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?	
Labour	34
Conservative	33
Lib Dem	26
Other	8
From what you know, do you think Saddam Hussein currently possess weapons of mass destruction such as chemical and biological weapons?	
Yes, does	71
No, does not	9
Don't know	21
Do you think Iraq under Saddam Hussein poses a continuing threat to the security of its neighbours in the Middle East?	
Yes, does	77
No, does not	14
Don't know	9
Does Iraq pose a continuing threat to countries outside the Middle East like Britain and the US?	
Yes, does	52
No, does not	34
Don't know	14
From what you know, do you agree or disagree that Saddam Hussein has no intention of disarming and is simply playing for time until the rest of the world loses interest in Iraq?	
Agree	74
Disagree	12
Don't know	14
The UN weapons inspectors say that Saddam Hussein is showing increasing signs of being willing to cooperate with them. Do you believe. . . ?	
He is cooperating because he fears that, if he does not, he will be attacked	90
He is cooperating because he genuinely wishes to disarm	2
Don't know	8
In that case, should the US and Britain continue to keep up the military pressure on Iraq?	
Yes, should	74
No, should not	17
Don't know	9
In the present crisis concerning Iraq, how much confidence do you have in Tony Blair?	
A great deal	11
A fair amount	33
Not much	34
None at all	20
Don't know	1

Whether or not you share Tony Blair's views about Iraq, do you agree that he is showing sincerity and courage in the way he is handling the dispute?

Yes, he is	56
No, he is not	35
Don't know	9

Did you personally attend a march or demonstration against a possible war on Iraq over the weekend?

Yes, did	4
No, did not	96

Were your sympathies broadly with the marchers or not?

Yes, were	51
No, were not	41
Don't know	9

Should the size of the weekend's marches and demonstrations cause Tony Blair to hesitate before launching any military action against Iraq, or should he carry on doing what he believes to be right regardless of the demonstrations?

Should hesitate	63
Should carry on regardless	33
Don't know	4

Which of the following do you think Tony Blair should be doing at this stage?

Continuing to make active preparations for launching an early military assault on Iraq	32
Informing the Bush administration that he lacks the necessary public support for war in the UK and that the US will therefore either have to go it alone or else give the UN weapons inspectors more time to complete their work	63
Don't know	6

As you probably know, Dr. Hans Blix, the chief United Nations weapons inspector, delivered his second report to the UN Security Council on Friday. From what you have heard, do you think his new report. . .?

Makes it more desirable that Britain and the US should launch an early attack on Iraq in order to disarm that country	22
Makes it less desirable that they should do so	53
Don't know	25

Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

The use of force is not justified at this time. There is an alternative to war: disarming Iraq through inspections	54
Ridding the world of Saddam Hussein would be an act of humanity. It is leaving him there that is inhumane	41
Don't know	5

From what you know, do you agree or disagree that the UN weapons inspectors should be given more time in which to satisfy themselves that Iraq no longer possesses weapons of mass destruction?

Agree	76
Disagree	19
Don't know	5

Do you agree or disagree that Saddam Hussein should be given a deadline by which time he must satisfy the United Nations that he has eliminated all weapons of mass destruction in his possession?

Agree	80
Disagree	13
Don't know	7

If he fails to meet that deadline, should the US, Britain and other countries then take military action against Iraq to force that country to disarm?

Yes, should	76
No, should not	11
Don't know	13

Views differ about what the main purpose should be of any kind of pressure brought to bear on Iraq. Do you believe that main purpose of any outside pressure should be...?

To deprive Iraq of weapons of mass destruction	46
To remove Saddam Hussein from power	47
Neither	4
Don't know	3

Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

Iraq does NOT pose a threat to the outside world and any attack on Iraq would be unjustified	15
Iraq DOES pose a threat to the outside world and an attack would be justified if the United Nations Security Council decided that Saddam Hussein was failing to comply with its order to him to disarm	62
Iraq DOES pose a threat to the outside world and Britain and the US would be justified in attacking Iraq even if the Security Council did not pass a resolution authorising them to do so	18
Don't know	5

Is it your impression that the US wants to attack Iraq partly to revenge the 11th September attack on the New York World Trade Centre?

Yes, it is	63
No, it is not	29
Don't know	8

If the US does want to revenge the attack on the World Trade Centre, do you believe Iraq is an appropriate target for such a revenge attack or not?

Yes, is	16
No, is not	68
Don't know	16

Do you believe that the way Israel is handling its dispute with the Palestinians is causing Muslims in other parts of the world to turn against Western countries like Britain and the US?

Yes, do	73
No, do not	11
Don't know	16

In the light of Palestinian suicide bombings and other attacks on Israeli civilians, do you believe Israel is justified in taking tough military action against Palestinian targets?

Yes, is	42
No, is not	38
Don't know	20

Do you believe Britain, the US and other Western countries are doing enough to try to bring an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Yes, are	11
No, are not	78
Don't know	12

In the current conflict in the Middle East, do your personal sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Israelis	17
Palestinians	27
Neither	44
Don't know	12