

YouGov Survey Results

Iraq and British and US politics

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Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?	
Right	36%
Wrong	54%
Don't know	10%

Did you make up your mind, in general terms, about the wisdom and correctness of last year's Iraq war...	
Last year	64%
Earlier this year	13%
Only quite recently	9%
I have still not made up my mind	10%
Don't know	3%

The invasion of Iraq was launched as part of a 'war on terror'. Do you think that Britain and America's actions in Iraq have increased or reduced the threat of global terrorism?	
Increased the threat of global terrorism	60%
Reduced the threat of global terrorism	9%
Not made much difference either way	28%
Don't know	3%

As a result of the war, do you personally now feel a lot safer than you did before, a little safer, somewhat less safe, a lot less safe, or has the war not made much difference?	
A lot safer	1%
A little safer	7%
Somewhat less safe	30%
A lot less safe	26%
War has not made much difference	34%
Don't know	2%

Tony Blair backed the invasion of Iraq partly on the ground that Saddam Hussein and his regime possessed 'weapons of mass destruction'. However, no such weapons have so far been found. When Mr Blair said Saddam possessed such weapons and that they posed 'a serious and current threat', do you believe...	
Mr Blair genuinely believed that Iraq posed such a threat and told the truth as he believed it	32%
He genuinely believed that Iraq posed a threat but exaggerated it in order to justify the invasion	39%
He was lying: he knew that Iraq did not pose 'a serious and current threat'	25%
Don't know	4%

Do you think the British Government was right or wrong to agree to the US request that a contingent of British troops should be moved from the south of Iraq to near Baghdad?	
Right	28%
Wrong	53%
Don't know	19%

Are you on balance optimistic or pessimistic about the long-term prospects for peace and prosperity in Iraq?	
Optimistic	20%
Pessimistic	62%
Neither	14%
Don't know	4%

How much confidence do you have in each of the following to take the right decisions about Iraq?
Tony Blair, the Prime Minister

A great deal	9%
A fair amount	28%
Not much	32%
None at all	27%
Don't know	4%

Michael Howard, the Conservative leader

A great deal	3%
A fair amount	26%
Not much	34%
None at all	25%
Don't know	12%

Charles Kennedy, the leader of the Liberal Democrats

A great deal	4%
A fair amount	26%
Not much	30%
None at all	25%
Don't know	16%

George W Bush, the United States President

A great deal	3%
A fair amount	14%
Not much	22%
None at all	56%
Don't know	5%

John Kerry, the Democratic Party candidate for President

A great deal	2%
A fair amount	24%
Not much	32%
None at all	15%
Don't know	27%