

# YouGov / Mail on Sunday Survey Results

## Iraq - Prison Abuse

Sample Size: 1976  
Fieldwork: 6 - 8 May 2004

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<b>Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action last year against Iraq?</b>	
Right	43%
Wrong	49%
Don't know	8%
<b>Do you think George Bush's handling of the Iraq crisis as a whole has been...</b>	
Excellent	2%
Good	18%
Poor	36%
Very poor	42%
Don't know	3%
<b>Do you think Tony Blair's handling of the Iraq crisis as a whole has been...</b>	
Excellent	4%
Good	28%
Poor	36%
Very poor	30%
Don't know	3%
<b>It has been reported that more British troops are about to be sent to Iraq. Which of the following statements do you most agree with:</b>	
More British troops are necessary to stabilise the situation in Iraq	34%
The numbers should remain unchanged	15%
The number of British troops in Iraq should be cut	14%
All British troops should be withdrawn	31%
Don't know	6%
<b>How long do you think British troops should remain in Iraq?</b>	
They should remain in Iraq for the foreseeable future	29%
They should remain for a few months, but no longer	26%
They should all be brought home as soon as possible	40%
Don't know	6%
<b>Pictures have been published showing brutality by American troops towards Iraqi civilians. Which of these statements do you MOST agree with:</b>	
In a conflict situation such behaviour is justified	8%
Such behaviour is unjustifiable and those responsible should be punished	85%
Don't know	7%
<b>Pictures have also been published allegedly showing British troops torturing Iraqi prisoners. Which of these statements do you MOST agree with:</b>	
The pictures are genuine	10%
The pictures are fake, but there have been a number of incidents of brutality by British troops	33%
The pictures are not genuine, and there have been few if any incidents of brutality by British troops	30%
Don't know	27%
<b>If these pictures are proven to be genuine, which of these statements would you agree with?</b>	
In a conflict situation such behaviour is justified	8%
Such behaviour is unjustifiable and those responsible should be punished	86%
Don't know	6%

**Apart from these pictures there have been further allegations of brutality by British soldiers. Do you believe or disbelieve these allegations?**

Believe them	35%
Do not believe them	28%
Don't know	37%

**Before the recent torture allegations what was your opinion of the British military?**

Excellent	39%
Good	52%
Poor	5%
Very poor	1%
Don't know	3%

**What is your opinion of the British military now?**

Excellent	29%
Good	47%
Poor	12%
Very poor	4%
Don't know	8%

**If any British troops are found to be guilty of brutal behaviour in Iraq, what should happen to them?**

They should be punished more severely than if they had acted this way towards a British civilian	9%
They should be punished as severely as if they had acted this way towards a British civilian	68%
They should be punished, but less severely	8%
They should be discharged from the army, but not otherwise punished	8%
They should not be punished in any way	4%
Don't know	3%

**If any Iraqi civilians are proven to have suffered brutality at the hands of British troops, should they and their families receive compensation from Britain?**

They should receive as much compensation as if they had been British civilians	41%
They should receive some compensation, but not as much as if they had been British civilians	16%
They should receive no compensation	33%
Don't know	11%

**Do you think the Iraqis seeking compensation should be eligible for legal aid paid for by British taxpayers?**

Should be	17%
Should not be	70%
Don't know	13%

**Do you think torture is sometimes justified in times of war in order to protect British lives, or is it never justified?**

Sometimes justified	32%
Never justified	60%
Don't know	8%

**If the allegations of torture by British troops are proven, do you think Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon should resign?**

Should resign	35%
Should not	45%
Don't know	20%

**If the allegations of torture by British troops are proven, do you think Tony Blair should resign?**

Should resign	30%
Should not	54%
Don't know	16%