

YouGov Survey Results

Iraq and Terrorism

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Turning to the situation in Iraq, do you think Saddam Hussein currently has chemical and biological weapons such as anthrax and nerve gas?	
Yes - he does have such weapons	71
No - he does not	6
Don't know	23
Do you think Saddam Hussein is seeking to develop nuclear weapons?	
Yes - he is seeking to develop nuclear weapons	66
No - he is not	10
Don't know	24
Do you think Saddam Hussein is helping the Al Q'aida terrorist group?	
Yes - he is helping them	50
No - he is not	19
Don't know	31
Taking everything into account, do you think Saddam Hussein is sufficiently dangerous to justify the United Nations taking military action against Iraq?	
Yes - he is sufficiently dangerous	56
No - he is not	29
Don't know	15
Tony Blair...	
Trust a lot	8
Trust a fair amount	35
Do not trust much	35
Do not trust at all	21
Don't know	2
President George W Bush...	
Trust a lot	4
Trust a fair amount	18
Do not trust much	29
Do not trust at all	47
Don't know	2
The chief UN arms inspector, Hans Blix...	
Trust a lot	25
Trust a fair amount	56
Do not trust much	11
Do not trust at all	2
Don't know	5
Saddam Hussein...	
Trust a lot	0
Trust a fair amount	1
Do not trust much	13
Do not trust at all	85
Don't know	2

Some people say that, in order to avoid war, Saddam Hussein should be allowed to leave Iraq and settle in another Middle East country. If he agreed to this, he would be given a guarantee that he could live in peace and not be prosecuted for 'crimes against humanity'. Would you support or oppose such an offer being made to Saddam Hussein?

Support the offer in order to avoid war	43
Oppose the offer - he should be put on trial if at all possible	48
Oppose the offer - he should be allowed to continue running Iraq	4
Don't know	6

Would you support or oppose Tony Blair sending British troops into military action against Iraq?

Support - no matter what the United Nations decides	17
Support - but only if the action is approved by the United Nations	55
Oppose - British troops should not be involved	25
Don't know	3

Which one of these aims do you think matters most to the United States and Britain in deciding whether or not to go to war against Iraq's Saddam Hussein?

To eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction	21
To overthrow Saddam Hussein	26
To bring freedom and democracy to Iraq	5
To secure and control oil supplies from the Middle East	29
To defeat the Al Q'aeda terrorist group	3
To uphold international law and the authority of the United Nations	4
To boost George Bush's standing within the United States	9
Other	1
Don't know	3

And which one of these aims, if any, do you personally think would best JUSTIFY Britain taking part in a military action against Iraq's Saddam Hussein?

To eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction	30
To overthrow Saddam Hussein	9
To bring freedom and democracy to Iraq	18
To secure and control oil supplies from the Middle East	1
To defeat the Al Q'aeda terrorist group	3
To uphold international law and the authority of the United Nations	19
To boost George Bush's standing within the United States	0
There are no valid reasons for Britain taking part in a military action	16
Other	1
Don't know	3

Which of these do you believe is Tony Blair's main motivation for his policy towards Iraq?

He wants to do what's right	33
He wants to help America	58
Don't know	9

When the Iraq crisis is over, would you support or oppose Tony Blair taking an equally tough stance towards North Korea, in the light of reports that North Korea is seeking to develop nuclear weapons?

Support	41
Oppose	34
Don't know	26

Thinking now about the fire dispute, would you describe yourself as being broadly on the firefighters' side or not on their side?

On firefighters's side	40
Not on their side	53
Don't know	7

Which of the following comes closest to your view of the firefighters - are they...?		
	Stubbornly pursuing their own interests	49
	Reasonably pursuing a justified pay claim	36
	Neither of these	13
	Don't know	2

The Government says it wants to pass a new law that will give it the power to impose a pay deal and new working practices on the Fire Service. Do you support or oppose this proposal?		
	Support	43
	Oppose	44
	Don't know	13

Would you support or oppose a new law to ban future strikes by Britain's fire-fighters?		
	Support	48
	Oppose	42
	Don't know	10

Turning now to another issue... Do you think the UK's current policies on asylum seekers are succeeding or failing?		
	Succeeding	4
	Failing	89
	Don't know	7

Do you agree or disagree with a proposal to renegotiate international agreements on asylum seekers, so that the UK would be able to reduce the number of asylum seekers entering this country?		
	Agree	83
	Disagree	11
	Don't know	6

Do you agree or disagree with a proposal that, if international agreements on asylum seekers cannot be renegotiated, then the UK should withdraw altogether from those agreements?		
	Agree	63
	Disagree	24
	Don't know	14

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal that all asylum seekers coming into the country should be detained in secure accommodation until they have been processed to see if they pose a security risk to this country?		
	Agree	82
	Disagree	13
	Don't know	5

Who do you most trust on the issue of asylum seekers?		
	Conservatives	28
	Labour	16
	Liberal Democrats	13
	Another party	6
	Don't know	37