

YouGov Survey Results

Military Action Against Iraq

Prepared for Mail On Sunday

Sample Size: 1543

Fieldwork: 22-23 October 2004

	%
Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?	
Right	42%
Wrong	47%
Don't know	11%

Do you believe Britain should continue to keep troops in Iraq, or should they now be withdrawn?	
Keep troops in Iraq	41%
Withdraw troops	53%
Don't know	6%

At present, British troops are responsible for patrolling southern Iraq. The United States has troops in much of the rest of the country. The United States has asked Britain to supply 850 troops and support staff to take over from the US in an area nearer Baghdad for the time being. The Government has agreed to do this. Do you support or oppose the decision to send these troops to this area?

Support	26%
Oppose	63%
Don't know	10%

Which of these views do you agree with more?

'The decision on whether or not to agree to America's request is so important that it should be taken by Parliament, and not just left to the Cabinet.'	35%
'The decision is one that should be taken by the Cabinet on the advice of Britain's military commanders; it would be wrong for MPs to second-guess this advice.'	54%
Don't know	12%

Geoff Hoon, the Defence Secretary, has said that these troops will be stationed near Baghdad 'for weeks rather than months', while American forces seek to defeat Iraqi rebels in such places as Falluja. If the Americans ask for British troops to remain near Baghdad for a longer period, should Britain agree to this, or should the Government reject such a request?

Britain should agree to such a request	21%
Britain should reject such a request	65%
Don't know	13%

Tony Blair has said that the troops being sent to central Iraq will be 'home by Christmas'. Do you think they actually will be home by Christmas or not?

Will probably be home by Christmas	16%
Will probably not be home by Christmas	75%
Don't know	9%

Tony Blair has said that the redeployment of British troops is a purely military decision, which has nothing to do with the current US Presidential election. Do you think the decision is purely a military one, or is it related to the US election?

Purely military decision	27%
Related to US election	56%
Don't know	17%

Do you think Tony Blair is too close to President Bush, not close enough, or has he got the balance about right?

Blair is too close to Bush	68%
Balance is about right	24%
Blair not close enough	1%
Don't know	7%