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Post-Powell Iraq Survey

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? %

Labour	37
Conservative	32
Liberal Democrat	24
Other	7

Tony Blair, Prime Minister and leader of the Labour Party...

Very well	6
Fairly well	38
Fairly badly	34
Very badly	21
Don't know	1

Iain Duncan Smith, leader of the Conservative Party...

Very well	1
Fairly well	21
Fairly badly	39
Very badly	32
Don't know	7

Charles Kennedy, leader of the Liberal Democrat Party...

Very well	7
Fairly well	52
Fairly badly	22
Very badly	7
Don't know	12

Do you think the Conservatives should continue with Iain Duncan Smith as leader, or should there be a new leadership contest to select a new Conservative leader?

Continue with Iain Duncan Smith	31
Select a new leader	54
Don't know	15

If David Davis were leader of the Conservative Party, which party would you vote for?

Labour	39
Conservative	28
Liberal Democrat	25
Other	8

If Ken Clarke were leader of the Conservative Party, which party would you vote for?

Labour	37
Conservative	30
Liberal Democrat	23
Other	10

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tony Blair is handling the situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein?

Approve	33
Disapprove	58
Don't know	9

Do you think Saddam Hussein currently has chemical and biological weapons such as anthrax and nerve gas?	Yes - he does have such weapons	72
	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	69
	No - he is not	10
	Don't know	22
Do you think Saddam Hussein is helping the Al Q'aida terrorist group?	Yes - he is helping them	44
	No - he is not	26
	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	57
	No - he is not	30
	Don't know	13
Would you support or oppose Tony Blair sending British troops into military action against Iraq?	Support - no matter what the United Nations decides	18
	Support - but only if the action is approved by the United Nations	55
	Oppose - British troops should not be involved	25
	Don't know	2
Which of these statements do you agree with most?		
	'It is vital that Parliament votes for British troops to go into action before any decision is taken to start a war with Iraq'	48
	'If military action is to be effective, the element of surprise is vital. It could harm our troops if Parliament is required to hold a debate immediately before war starts.'	39
	Don't know	13
Nelson Mandela recently accused Tony Blair of acting more like the foreign minister of the United States than the Prime Minister of Britain. Do you think this accusation is fair or unfair?	Fair	63
	Unfair	32
	Don't know	5
This week Colin Powell, the American Secretary of State, produced evidence that he said proves that Iraq still has weapons of mass destruction. Do you feel that, on the whole, Mr Powell was telling the truth as he saw it, or was he deliberately distorting the evidence?	Telling the truth	45
	Distorting the evidence	39
	Don't know	16
This week Channel Four New broadcast an interview that Saddam Hussein gave Tony Benn. Do you feel that, on the whole, Saddam Hussein was telling the truth as he saw it, or was he deliberately telling lies?	Telling the truth	5
	Telling lies	53
	Don't know	42

Do you think Channel Four News was right or wrong to broadcast Tony Benn's interview with Saddam Hussein?

Right	73
Wrong	12
Don't know	15

It turns out that a dossier of intelligence reports on Iraq, published by 10 Downing Street, contains material that was copied from the work of a post-graduate student (written twelve years ago). Does this weaken the government's case against Iraq, or does it make no difference?

Weakenes the case	65
Makes no difference	28
Don't know	7

Turning to another subject... John Prescott announced this week the government's intention to allow up to one million homes to be built in the South East. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Support strongly	11
Tend to support	39
Tend to oppose	25
Oppose strongly	18
Don't know	8

It is intended that most of the new homes will be built on 'brownfield' sites (that is, land that has been built on before), but some of the homes will be built on 'greenfield' sites (that is, countryside). Which of these statements do you most agree with:

'It is still reasonable to go ahead with the plans because of the number of people who need homes in the South East'	62
'No new homes should be built in countryside 'greenfield' areas'	36
Don't know	1

Do you support or oppose plans to introduce a 'congestion charge' in London under which drivers would have to pay £5 a day to take their car into central London?

Support strongly	16
Tend to support	31
Tend to oppose	24
Oppose strongly	26
Don't know	4

Would you support or oppose congestion charges being introduced in cities around Britain?

Support strongly	11
Tend to support	29
Tend to oppose	23
Oppose strongly	34
Don't know	3

Turning to another subject... An independent pay review body has awarded teachers in England and Wales a pay increase of 2.9% - the same as the rate of inflation. Do you think they should have received less, or more, or is this is about right?

Less	3
More	42
About right	53
Don't know	2

Finally... did you watch the TV programme this week in which Martin Bashir interviewed Michael Jackson?

Yes	59
No	41

On the whole, did you think the programme was fair or unfair to Michael Jackson?

Fair	68
Unfair	27
Don't know	6

As a result of the programme, has your opinion of Michael Jackson gone up, gone down or stayed about the same?

Gone up	8
Gone down	20
Stayed the same	60
Don't know	13

Do you think Michael Jackson is or is not a danger to boys who stay overnight at his home?

Is a danger	36
Is not a danger	39
Don't know	26