

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1966

Fieldwork: 9th - 10th August 2007

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	Voting Intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	Lon-don	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scot-land
All GB Adults	1966	474	628	214	943	1023	609	659	698	1061	903	247	633	425	485	176
Unweighted Sample	1966	509	603	197	919	1047	555	591	820	1168	796	325	613	377	467	184
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Turning now to the Middle East, American government officials have been reported saying that Britain has been defeated in their mission in Basra, southern Iraq, and that the city is lawless at a time when the US troop "surge" in Baghdad is succeeding.

From what you know, do you think the US troop surge is succeeding or failing in making Baghdad safer for its residents?

Succeeding	7	9	10	6	10	5	10	7	5	7	8	8	7	7	8	6
Failing	61	67	56	66	67	55	53	59	69	63	58	63	58	61	58	70
Don't know	32	25	34	28	23	41	37	34	26	31	34	29	35	32	34	25

Do you think Britain is succeeding or failing in making Basra safer for its residents?

Succeeding	15	16	20	10	19	11	18	13	14	13	17	13	14	15	16	15
Failing	53	61	46	58	56	49	46	52	59	56	49	55	51	55	50	57
Don't know	33	24	34	32	25	40	36	35	27	31	34	33	35	30	34	28

Do you agree or disagree with the following views?

Such statements show that America and Britain are not true allies in Iraq'

Agree	48	52	48	53	47	49	42	45	56	50	45	48	47	49	49	47
Disagree	24	28	25	23	34	15	25	26	21	25	23	28	23	24	21	26
Don't know	28	20	27	24	19	37	33	29	23	25	32	24	30	27	30	27

Most of the problems in Iraq are due to US incompetence and Washington is trying to spread the blame'

Agree	66	73	65	77	74	60	60	65	73	69	63	69	65	68	66	69
Disagree	11	13	13	6	12	10	12	11	10	11	11	11	10	12	10	15
Don't know	23	15	22	17	14	31	28	23	18	20	26	20	26	21	24	16

Should Gordon Brown bring Britain's troops home from Iraq?

Yes – all troops should be withdrawn immediately	29	29	24	27	26	32	23	33	31	25	34	28	28	32	29	30
Yes – most troops should be withdrawn soon, and the rest within the next year or so	45	45	49	51	44	46	44	44	47	47	43	44	47	45	44	43
No – British troops should remain in Iraq as long as Iraq's government wants them there	19	23	24	19	25	14	23	17	18	22	17	20	18	18	20	23
Don't know	6	4	4	4	5	8	10	6	4	6	7	9	7	5	7	3

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Do you think British troops are winning the war with the Taliban in Afghanistan, or not?

Yes, the British troops are winning	6	8	9	4	10	3	9	7	4	5	7	6	6	7	7	6
No, they are not winning yet, but victory is possible eventually	39	41	46	38	45	34	39	40	39	39	39	36	38	42	41	36
No, they are not winning, and victory is not possible	36	41	27	43	35	38	28	36	44	40	33	38	37	37	32	44
Don't know	18	11	18	15	10	26	25	18	13	16	21	20	20	14	20	14

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Yes – most troops should be withdrawn soon, and the rest within the next year or so	37	37	40	39	33	40	34	38	38	39	34	37	38	37	36	32
No – British troops should remain in Afghanistan as long as Afghanistan's government wants them there	25	28	30	25	35	16	28	24	24	28	22	26	25	24	26	29
Don't know	10	7	8	8	8	13	15	10	7	10	11	12	11	10	10	9

As many as 15,000 Iraqi nationals, including interpreters, have given assistance to British forces in Iraq since 2003. Some say their lives could be at risk when Britain leaves. Should they be given special treatment and offered asylum in Britain?

Yes, they should be given asylum	38	39	42	54	43	33	33	32	48	45	30	41	35	37	37	47
No, they should not be given asylum	42	51	38	26	45	40	45	46	37	38	48	41	44	45	42	38
Don't know	20	11	20	20	12	26	22	22	16	18	22	18	21	18	21	16

Gordon Brown recently visited US President George W Bush. From what you know, do you think Mr Brown...

Is closer to Mr Bush than Tony Blair was	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
Has about the same relationship with Mr Bush as Mr Blair had	13	11	13	16	14	11	12	14	12	11	14	9	13	12	16	9
Is less close to Mr Bush than Mr Blair was	73	79	78	71	77	70	68	73	78	78	68	75	71	76	69	81
Don't know	14	9	9	13	9	19	20	13	9	11	17	14	16	12	15	10

Do you think Mr Brown is now...

Too close to Mr Bush	10	13	5	16	13	8	9	12	9	10	10	9	11	11	7	14
Not close enough to Mr Bush	9	12	7	8	11	7	11	11	6	7	12	10	10	9	11	5
Has got the relationship about right	57	53	73	54	59	55	48	54	67	61	52	59	52	59	58	62
Don't know	24	22	15	23	17	30	32	22	19	22	27	23	27	22	25	19