

## What Baghdad really thinks

### Spectator/Channel Four News survey conducted by YouGov

YouGov questioned 798 adults throughout Baghdad face-to-face between 8 and 10 July

*all figures are percentages*

**Do you think that America and Britain's war against Saddam's regime was right or wrong?**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Right                 | <b>50</b> |
| Wrong                 | <b>27</b> |
| No opinion/not stated | <b>23</b> |

**What do you think was / were the main reason(s) for America and Britain's actions?**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| To secure oil supplies   | <b>47</b> |
| To help Israel   | <b>41</b> |
| To liberate the people of Iraq from dictatorship                                       | <b>23</b> |
| To protect Kuwait  | <b>7</b>  |
| To find and destroy weapons of mass destruction (e.g. chemical and biological weapons) | <b>6</b>  |
| Some other reason  | <b>10</b> |
| Don't know/not stated  | <b>8</b>  |

**What is your view towards the American and British forces currently stationed in Iraq? Do you feel ...**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Very friendly towards them                | <b>8</b>  |
| Fairly friendly towards them              | <b>18</b> |
| <hr/>                                     |           |
| TOTAL FRIENDLY                            | <b>26</b> |
| <hr/>                                     |           |
| Neither friendly nor hostile towards them | <b>50</b> |
| Fairly hostile towards them               | <b>9</b>  |
| Very hostile towards them                 | <b>9</b>  |
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| TOTAL HOSTILE                             | <b>18</b> |
| <hr/>                                     |           |
| No opinion/not stated                     | <b>6</b>  |

**If you HAD to choose, would you rather live under Saddam or the Americans?**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Prefer Saddam    | <b>9</b>  |
| No preference    | <b>47</b> |
| Prefer Americans | <b>29</b> |
| Not stated       | <b>15</b> |

a) Comparing your life today with one year ago, is it better or worse?

b) How do you expect your life to be in another years time? (Compared to the way it was BEFORE the American/British actions).

| c)How do you expect your life to be in 5 (FIVE) YEARS time? (Compared to the way it was BEFORE the American/British actions). | a) Life now | b) In one year's time | c) In five year's time |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Much better   | 10          | 19                    | 33                     |
| A little better   | 22          | 24                    | 19                     |
| <b>TOTAL BETTER</b>   | <b>32</b>   | <b>43</b>             | <b>52</b>              |
| Unchanged   | 16          | 13                    | 7                      |
| A little worse  | 20          | 4                     | 3                      |
| Much worse  | 27          | 12                    | 8                      |
| <b>TOTAL WORSE</b>  | <b>47</b>   | <b>16</b>             | <b>11</b>              |
| Don t know/Not sure/not stated  | 6           | 28                    | 31                     |

a) What kind of political/governmental system would you like to see in Iraq?

| b) In five years time, what sort of government do you expect there to be in Iraq?           | a) System wanted | b) System expected |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| British/American style democracy. With various political parties competing openly for power | <b>36</b>        | <b>32</b>          |
| Islamic rule, but tempered to modern ideals of justice and punishment                       | <b>26</b>        | <b>20</b>          |
| A single presidential ruler, but not Saddam   | <b>7</b>         | <b>5</b>           |
| Islamic rule in strict accord with the Koran (with Mullahs in charge)                       | <b>6</b>         | <b>5</b>           |
| A single party state, with open elections for political post                                | <b>6</b>         | <b>5</b>           |
| Return of Saddam Hussein  | <b>5</b>         | <b>4</b>           |
| Other   | <b>6</b>         | <b>4</b>           |
| Don t know/not stated   | <b>12</b>        | <b>26</b>          |

Right now, would you prefer to see the US (and Britain) stay in Iraq or pull out?

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Should stay for a few years                         | <b>31</b> |
| Should stay for about a year                        | <b>25</b> |
| Should stay for a while, but leave inside 12 months | <b>20</b> |
| Should leave Iraq IMMEDIATELY                       | <b>13</b> |
| No opinion/not stated                               | <b>11</b> |

**How soon should Iraqis be handed political power? (Even if the American forces remain in Iraq).**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Straight away                               | <b>40</b> |
| Within three months                         | <b>11</b> |
| Within six months                           | <b>11</b> |
| Within one year                             | <b>11</b> |
| More than one year from now                 | <b>9</b>  |
| Iraqis should not be handed political power | <b>7</b>  |
| Don't know/not stated                       | <b>10</b> |

**Which, if any, of these problems are affecting you personally?**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Power cuts (no electricity)                 | <b>80</b> |
| Danger of attack on the streets             | <b>67</b> |
| Danger of attack in your home/place of work | <b>50</b> |
| Lack of clean drinking water                | <b>49</b> |
| Lack of medical facilities/medicines        | <b>33</b> |
| Lack of clean washing water                 | <b>25</b> |
| Shortage of food                            | <b>24</b> |
| Businesses closed                           | <b>21</b> |
| Schools closed                              | <b>17</b> |
| Other                                       | <b>9</b>  |
| None of these                               | <b>1</b>  |
| Not stated                                  | <b>3</b>  |

**Is Iraq a more dangerous or safer place for you to live since the Americans and British invaded?**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Much more dangerous     | <b>54</b> |
| A little more dangerous | <b>21</b> |
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| <b>TOTAL DANGEROUS</b>  | <b>75</b> |
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| No real change          | <b>10</b> |
| A little safer          | <b>11</b> |
| Much safer              | <b>3</b>  |
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| <b>TOTAL SAFER</b>      | <b>14</b> |
| <hr/>                   |           |
| None of these           | <b>1</b>  |
| Not stated              | <b>1</b>  |