

Iraq, Syria and ISIS Trackers

Do you think the United States and Britain are / were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?

	Right	Wrong	Don't know	
	%	%	%	
2015				
January 22-23	25	54	20	
2014				
June 26-27	20	59	20	
June 12-13	23	51	26	After Isis takes control of Mosul
2013				
March 10-11	27	53	20	Approaching 10 years since invasion
2007				
June 5-7	30	55	15	
April 23-25	26	60	14	
2006				
March 27-29	33	57	11	
2005				
September 27-29	35	54	11	
April 25-26	35	53	11	During General election campaign
January 20-22	35	56	9	
2004				
October 26-28	36	54	10	
October 22-23	42	47	11	Following decision to send UK troops to central Iraq
October 8-9	40	47	14	Following death of Kenneth Bigley
October 1-2	42	48	10	After Labour Party conference
September 17-18	38	52	10	
September 10-11	39	49	12	
July 8-10	42	50	8	Immediately before the Butler Report
May 6-8	43	49	8	After US, UK torture pictures (from April 27)
February 26-27	49	42	9	Clare Short UN bugging row (Feb 26)
January 30-31	50	39	11	After Hutton report (Jan 28)
January 12-14	48	42	10	
2003				
December 18-19	53	33	14	After capture of Saddam Hussein (Dec 13)
November 13-14	43	45	11	Prior to Bush visit to UK (from Nov 18)
October 23-24	46	41	13	
October 2-3	46	47	8	After Labour Party conference
September 25-26	43	42	15	End of evidence to Hutton inquiry
September 4-5	49	41	10	Mid-point of Hutton inquiry
July 22-24	50	41	9	Kelly's death (July 18)
May 30 - June 1	58	35	7	
May 3-4	57	34	9	Bush declares war over (May 1)
April 13	60	35	6	
April 10	66	29	5	US troops enter central Baghdad
April 8	63	32	6	

	Right	Wrong	Don't know
	%	%	%
2003 cont.			
April 6	60	35	5
April 3	55	38	7
April 1	54	40	6
March 30	54	38	7
March 27	59	35	6
March 25	56	35	9
March 23	56	37	7
March 20	53	39	8
March 18	50	42	9

Start of war
Commons debate

The British government has authorised emergency airdrops of humanitarian aid (mainly food and water) by the RAF to thousands of Iraqis who are members of religious minority groups that have fled attacks by the group Islamic State (formerly called ISIS). Do you approve or disapprove of this decision to use the RAF to make humanitarian aid drops in Iraq?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
August 21-22	77	9	14
August 20-21	77	11	12
August 17-18	75	11	14
August 14-15	74	13	13
August 11-12	73	12	16
August 10-11	74	12	15

US President Obama has also authorised American air strikes against Islamic State/ISIS in this region of Iraq to prevent the killing of the religious minorities and to protect American personnel in the region. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
August 21-22	57	16	27
August 20-21	59	18	22
August 17-18	57	19	24
August 14-15	56	20	24
August 11-12	57	18	25
August 10-11	54	20	26

And would you approve or disapprove of the RAF taking part in air strike operations against Islamic State/ISIS?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2015	%	%	%
February 5-6	63	17	20
2014			
October 9-10	59	22	18
October 2-3	58	25	18
September 25-26	58	22	19
September 24-25	57	24	19
September 18-19	53	26	20
September 15-16	54	25	21
September 4-5	52	24	24
September 03	47	31	22
August 28-29	43	33	24
August 21-22	45	31	24
August 20-21	43	36	21
August 17-18	41	35	24
August 14-15	40	36	24
August 11-12	40	36	24
August 10-11	37	36	27

And would you approve or disapprove of Britain supplying arms to the Iraqi and Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State/ISIS?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 15-16	39	37	24
September 03	39	37	24
August 28-29	37	37	26
August 21-22	37	39	24
August 20-21	36	41	23
August 17-18	35	41	25
August 11-12	28	44	28

Would you approve or disapprove of Britain and the USA sending ground troops back into Iraq to help fight Islamic State/ISIS?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2015	%	%	%
February 5-6	32	45	23
2014			
October 9-10	32	47	21
October 2-3	28	51	21
September 25-26	26	53	21
September 24-25	26	54	20
September 22-23	29	46	25
September 18-19	24	55	21
September 15-16	26	52	22
September 4-5	24	52	24
September 2-3	20	58	22
August 14-15	20	58	22

Do you think Britain and the USA should completely rule out sending ground troops back into Iraq, or should they keep the option open?

[This question was only asked to respondents who disapprove or don't know if Britain and the USA should send ground troops back into Iraq]

	Rule out	Keep open	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 24-25	45	38	17
September 22-23	40	39	22

Britain sending troops to Iraq to help train Iraqi and Kurdish forces to fight Islamic State/ISIS?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 2-3	29	47	25
August 28-29	29	48	22
August 21-22	30	49	21

Parliament is currently on its summer break and meets again at the start of September. Do you think it should or should not be recalled early to discuss the situation in Iraq?

	Recall	Not recalled	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
August 14-15	48	35	17
August 21-22	58	26	16

Do you approve or disapprove of...RAF dropping humanitarian supplies to people who have fled Islamic State/ISIS forces?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 25-26	79	10	11
September 24-25	81	7	12
September 18-19	75	10	15
September 15-16	78	9	14
September 4-5	77	8	15
September 03	75	10	15
August 28-29	77	8	15
August 21-22	77	9	14

US air strikes to prevent the killing of the religious minorities and to protect American personnel in the region?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 25-26	63	14	22
September 24-25	64	14	22
September 18-19	61	16	23
September 15-16	61	16	23
September 4-5	58	15	28
September 2-3	58	18	24
August 28-29	56	18	27
Augst 21-22	57	16	27

Currently, the Government has the power to remove British citizenship from people who have dual nationality, or are 'naturalised' Britons - that is, immigrants who have lived in Britain long enough to acquire British nationality. Some people from Britain are fighting with Islamic State/ISIS. Should the Government remove British nationality from those who have dual nationality and/or have been naturalised?

	Remove British nationality	Should not remove British nationality	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
October 23-24	76	10	14
September 25-26	79	8	13
August 28-29	78	9	12
August 21-22	76	9	16

Should Parliament change the law to give the Government the power to remove British citizenship from people who were born in Britain and have no other nationality, when they fight for forces such as Islamic State/ISIS?

	Change law	Not change law	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
October 23-24	65	19	15
September 25-26	68	18	14
August 28-29	67	19	14
August 21-22	68	19	16

Would you approve or disapprove of Britain giving asylum to Iraqi Christians who have been made homeless by the recent fighting?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
August 21-22	35	41	24
August 17-18	39	39	22

Would you approve or disapprove of... US air strikes on Islamic State/ISIS forces and bases in Syria, to weaken them and push them back?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 25-26	61	16	23
September 24-25	62	15	24
September 18-19	59	16	24
September 15-16	61	17	22
September 4-5	55	17	28

The RAF taking part in air strike operations against Islamic State/ISIS in Syria?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
October 9-10	54	25	21
October 2-3	52	27	20
September 25-26	53	24	23
September 24-25	51	26	23
September 18-19	51	26	23
September 15-16	52	27	21
September 4-5	48	26	26
August 28-29	37	37	26

Thinking about British citizens who are being held hostage by Islamic State/ISIS, which of the following best reflects your view?

	Pay ransoms for their release if it is the best chance of saving their lives	Not pay ransoms, as it encourages more kidnaps and gives the kidnappers money to buy more weapons	Neither	Don't know
2014	%	%	%	%
October 9-10	9	67	9	15
September 25-26	9	68	8	14
September 15-16	9	70	8	13
September 4-5	8	68	10	14

Thinking again about British citizens who are being held hostage by Islamic State/ISIS, which of the following best reflects your view?

	Britain should attempt a military rescue operation to try and save the hostages' lives	Britain should not attempt a military rescue operation as there is a chance the hostages would be killed	Neither	Don't know
2014	%	%	%	%
September 15-16	63	13	6	18
September 4-5	62	13	7	18

How well or badly do you think David Cameron has responded to the current situation in northern Iraq?

	TOTAL WELL	TOTAL BADLY	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 15-16	37	44	19
September 4-5	35	43	22
August 14-15	40	34	25

And how well or badly do you think Barack Obama has responded to the current situation in northern Iraq?

	TOTAL WELL	TOTAL BADLY	Don't know
2014	%	%	%
September 15-16	49	32	19
September 4-5	44	34	22