

# YouGov Survey Results

## Iraq

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<b>In the present crisis concerning Iraq, how much confidence do you have in... George Bush...</b>	
A great deal	5
A fair amount	19
Not much	35
None at all	40
Don't know	1
<b>Tony Blair...</b>	
A great deal	10
A fair amount	31
Not much	37
None at all	22
Don't know	1
<b>Would you support or oppose Tony Blair sending British troops into military action against Iraq?</b>	
Support - no matter what the United Nations decides	21
Support - but only if the action is approved by the United Nations	49
Oppose - British troops should not be involved	28
Don't know	2
<b>Taking everything into account, do you think Saddam Hussein is sufficiently dangerous to justify the United Nations taking military action against Iraq?</b>	
Yes - he is sufficiently dangerous	58
No - he is not	28
Don't know	14
<b>On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House of Commons discussed Iraq. From what you know of the debate, has it made you...</b>	
More supportive of UK involvement in military action against Iraq	14
Less supportive	15
Has made no difference	64
Don't know	8
<b>On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House of Commons discussed Iraq. From what you know of the debate, were you impressed or not impressed with the performance of Tony Blair, the Prime Minister?</b>	
Impressed	32
Not impressed	47
Don't know	21
<b>From what you know of the debate, were you impressed or not impressed with the performance of Iain Duncan Smith, the leader of the Conservatives?</b>	
Impressed	18
Not impressed	53
Don't know	29
<b>From what you know of the debate, were you impressed or not impressed with the performance of Charles Kennedy, the leader of the Liberal Democrats?</b>	
Impressed	26
Not impressed	43
Don't know	32

<b>And what about your view of the Labour Party MPs on this issue? Do they appear...</b>		
	United	4
	Divided	91
	Don't know	5

<b>And what about your view of the Conservative Party MPs on this issue? Do they appear...</b>		
	United	34
	Divided	42
	Don't know	24

<b>And what about your view of the Liberal Democrat Party MPs on this issue? Do they appear...</b>		
	United	51
	Divided	17
	Don't know	33

<b>122 Labour MPs voted against the Government saying that the case for war against Iraq has not been made. Do you agree or disagree with them?</b>		
	Agree	58
	Disagree	34
	Don't know	9

<b>Do you think Tony Blair's strategy of supporting the United States over Iraq is... (please tick all that apply)</b>		
	Courageous	24
	Misguided	41
	Weak	17
	Principled	31
	Far-sighted	16
	Dangerous	37
	Don't know	3

<b>Which of the following two statements do you agree with most?</b>		
'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is motivated by political self-interest.'		30
'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is based on his sense of morality and justice.'		40
Neither statement		27
Don't know		3

<b>Tony Blair has said there is a 'moral case' for attacking Saddam Hussein if necessary, while the Pope - when the two men met last week - said the 'moral' course was to avoid conflict. Who do you think is right?</b>		
	The Pope	49
	Tony Blair	27
	Neither	18
	Don't know	6

<b>Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?</b>		
'Behind the scenes Tony Blair is trying hard to influence George Bush to behave sensibly.'		48
'Tony Blair is George Bush's poodle and willing to do whatever the American President wants.'		42
Don't know		10

<b>There have been reports in the media that British troops in the Gulf are not properly equipped. Do you think British troops in the Gulf are or are not properly equipped?</b>		
	Are properly equipped	15
	Are not properly equipped	55
	Don't know	30

<b>Which of the following statements do you most agree with?</b>		
Forcing Saddam from power is likely to lead to greater freedom and democracy in Iraq		<b>55</b>
Forcing Saddam from power is likely to lead to greater chaos in Iraq		<b>30</b>
Don't know		<b>15</b>
<b>Which of these statements do you most agree with?</b>		
Changing the regime in Iraq is likely to create greater stability in the Middle East		<b>47</b>
Changing the regime in Iraq is likely to create greater instability in the Middle East		<b>31</b>
Don't know		<b>21</b>
<b>Irrespective of whether you support or oppose military action against Iraq, IF British troops do go into action, do you think those MPs who currently oppose military action should continue to oppose it, or should they change their position and support the action?</b>		
They should continue to oppose military action		<b>37</b>
They should support the action		<b>53</b>
Don't know		<b>10</b>
<b>What is the maximum number of deaths among British servicemen would you consider an acceptable sacrifice for defeating Saddam Hussein?</b>		
None		<b>55</b>
10		<b>3</b>
50		<b>4</b>
100		<b>2</b>
More than 100		<b>12</b>
Don't know		<b>24</b>
<b>What is the maximum number of deaths among all Iraqis - military and civilian - that would you consider an acceptable sacrifice for defeating Saddam Hussein?</b>		
None		<b>47</b>
100		<b>4</b>
1,000		<b>7</b>
10,000		<b>6</b>
100,000		<b>2</b>
More than 100,000		<b>6</b>
Don't know		<b>29</b>
<b>If there is a war, how long do you think it will take for Britain and the US to defeat Saddam Hussein?</b>		
A week or less		<b>5</b>
Between one week and one month		<b>23</b>
Between one month and six months		<b>30</b>
Between six months and one year		<b>10</b>
A year or more		<b>8</b>
Will not defeat Saddam		<b>7</b>
Don't know		<b>16</b>
<b>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</b>		
<b>'A war would lead to severe economic problems in Britain.'</b>		
Agree		<b>43</b>
Disagree		<b>41</b>
Don't know		<b>16</b>
<b>'A war would greatly increase the chances of terrorist attacks in Britain.'</b>		
Agree		<b>82</b>
Disagree		<b>12</b>
Don't know		<b>6</b>

**'The war will greatly increase the dangers posed by Muslim fundamentalism around the world.'**

Agree	<b>82</b>
Disagree	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**When do you think Tony Blair will cease to be Prime Minister...**

Within the next 12 months	<b>19</b>
Beyond the next 12 months but before the next general election	<b>16</b>
At the next general election	<b>28</b>
Not until well after the next general election	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

**Do you think Tony Blair should stand down as Prime Minister if the war is a failure?**

Should stand down	<b>55</b>
Should not stand down	<b>34</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**If Tony Blair were to resign tomorrow who would you prefer as the new Labour leader?**

Gordon Brown	<b>30</b>
David Blunkett	<b>8</b>
John Prescott	<b>5</b>
Jack Straw	<b>6</b>
Clare Short	<b>9</b>
Alan Milburn	<b>3</b>
Charles Clarke	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>38</b>

**Thinking about education. There have been reports that some universities are giving preference to state school students with slightly lower grades than independent school pupils. Do you think that this is true or no true?**

Is true	<b>39</b>
Is not true	<b>20</b>
Don't know	<b>41</b>

**Whether or not it is true do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea that certain universities give preference to state school students with slightly lower grades?**

Good idea	<b>29</b>
Bad idea	<b>57</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Thinking about politics. If Iain Duncan Smith were to step down as leader, and the choice for Conservative Party members was between Michael Portillo and Kenneth Clarke, which would make the better leader?**

Michael Portillo	<b>23</b>
Kenneth Clarke	<b>51</b>
Don't know	<b>26</b>