

# YouGov / Mail on Sunday Survey Results Iraq

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Sample Size: 1746

Fieldwork: 1 - 2 October 2004

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

Right	42%
Wrong	48%
Don't know	10%

**Michael Howard has accused Mr Blair of lying during the build-up to the Iraq war. Do you agree or disagree with Mr Howard's accusation?**

Agree	53%
Disagree	33%
Don't know	14%

**Would you trust Mr Blair to lead Britain into a major conflict again?**

Trust a lot	15%
Trust a little	32%
Not trust at all	48%
Don't know	5%

**Tony Blair says the war with Iraq was justified in the fight against global terrorism. Do you think that Britain and America's actions in Iraq have increased or reduced the threat of global terrorism?**

Increased the threat of global terrorism	58%
Reduced the threat of global terrorism	9%
Not made much difference either way	29%
Don't know	5%

**Do you believe Britain should continue to keep troops in Iraq, or should they now be withdrawn?**

Keep troops in Iraq	38%
Withdraw troops	49%
Don't know	13%

**In his speech to the Labour conference Tony Blair acknowledged that he had taken Britain to war with Iraq on the basis of 'wrong information' about Saddam's weapons of mass destruction. Do you think his statement amounted to an apology for his handling of the war?**

Did amount to an apology	27%
Did not amount to an apology	64%
Don't know	9%

**Do you think Mr Blair should now apologise more clearly for his handling of the war?**

Yes, he should now apologise more clearly	58%
No, he has apologised enough	34%
Don't know	8%

**Allegations have been made that the Italian government paid \$1 million to secure the release of two Italian aid workers held hostage in Iraq. Which of these views comes closer to your view?**

It is right to pay for the release of hostages, if the alternative is that they will be killed	18%
It is wrong in principle to pay for the release of hostages, even if this means that they will be killed	63%
Don't know	19%

**Mr Bigley's captors have said they will free Mr Bigley if some women prisoners being held in Iraqi jails are freed. Do you think these prisoners should be freed or not in order to secure Mr Bigley's release?**

The women prisoners should be freed	<b>25%</b>
The women prisoners should not be freed	<b>54%</b>
Don't know	<b>22%</b>

**Mr Bigley's family says the British Government should negotiate with Mr Bigley's captors to secure his release. Do you think the Government should...**

Negotiate and, if necessary, make some concessions to secure Mr Bigley's release	<b>30%</b>
Talk to Mr Bigley's captors, but refuse to make any concessions	<b>55%</b>
Not talk to Mr Bigley's captors	<b>8%</b>
Don't know	<b>7%</b>