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A Possible War in Iraq

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Which of these statements comes closest to your view of Iraq's leader, Saddam Hussein?	
'He poses a serious threat to world peace'	48
'He poses a real threat to other parts of the Middle East, but does not seriously threaten peace in the rest of the world'	36
'He poses no real threat to anyone outside Iraq'	14
Don't know	2
In the present crisis concerning Iraq, how much confidence do you have in. . . ?	
a) George Bush	
A great deal	9
A fair amount	23
Not much	33
None at all	35
Don't know	1
b) Tony Blair	
A great deal	16
A fair amount	29
Not much	34
None at all	21
Don't know	1
c) President Jacques Chirac of France	
A great deal	2
A fair amount	19
Not much	30
None at all	45
Don't know	4
Which of these statements do you most agree with, concerning the work of the United Nations arms inspectors in Iraq?	
'The inspectors are making real progress; given a few more months, they can make sure that Iraq no longer has weapons of mass destruction'	29
'Progress is very limited; unless Saddam is given a deadline, backed by the threat of force, to come clean, he will keep his weapons of mass destruction, however long the inspectors stay in Iraq'	65
Don't know	6
If the United Nations Security Council decides to launch military action against Iraq, should Britain contribute troops to such an action?	
Should	76
Should not	18
Don't know	6
If a majority on the Security Council does NOT back the use of force against Iraq, and the United States launches such an action, should Britain contribute troops to the US-led action?	
Should	32
Should not	60
Don't know	8

If a majority of the members of the Security Council support a resolution to back the use of force against Iraq, but one or two countries use their power of veto to block the resolution, should Britain contribute troops to a US-led military action?

Should	54
Should not	37
Don't know	10

France has said it will block ANY resolution at the United Nations that threatened military action against Iraq, even if a majority of the members of the Security Council back it. Do you think France is right or wrong to take this position?

Right	22
Wrong	70
Don't know	9

If Britain went to war against Iraq without the backing of the United Nations, which of these statements would come closest to your view?

Tony Blair would have gone against the will of the British people and should no longer be Prime Minister'	49
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Tony Blair would have stuck to his beliefs, despite public opposition, and should carry on as Prime Minister'	43
Don't know	7

Which of these views do you most agree with?

'It is vital that Parliament should debate and vote on whether to send British troops into action against Iraq BEFORE war starts'	52
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'It is vital to protect the safety of British troops. This may mean that military action has to start before Parliament has a further chance to debate the issue'	44
Don't know	5

If British troops do take part in military action against Iraq, should MPs who oppose war continue their opposition, or should they support the Government's actions while fighting continues?

Continue opposition	32
Support government while fighting continues	61
Don't know	7

If war takes place, how long do you think it will last?

Up to two weeks	9
Up to a month	24
More than a month	54
Don't know	14