

YouGov Survey Results

After the publication of the Hutton Report

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Fieldwork: 30-31 January 2004

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Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?	
Right	50
Wrong	39
Don't know	11

This week, Lord Hutton has published his report of the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of the Government weapons expert Dr David Kelly. Do you think Lord Hutton's conclusions were judicious and balanced, or a whitewash?

Judicious and balanced	26
A whitewash	55
Don't know	19

In particular, Lord Hutton said the Government did NOT embellish, or "sex up", its September 2002 dossier about Saddam's weapons of mass destruction. Do you agree or disagree with Lord Hutton's conclusion on this?

Agree with Hutton	27
Disagree with Hutton	54
Don't know	19

In the light of the Hutton inquiry and the continuing failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, do you think that there should be a wider judicial inquiry into how the Government took us into the war in Iraq?

Should be a judicial inquiry	54
Should not	32
Don't know	14

How has the publication of the Hutton report affected your view of whether Tony Blair can be trusted to tell the truth?

I trust him more than I did before to tell the truth	7
I trust him less than I did before to tell the truth	12
My view hasn't changed - I still trust him	23
My view hasn't changed - I still don't trust him	50
Don't know	9

Who do you trust more to tell the truth?

Trust the BBC more	44
Trust the Government more	12
Trust them both	7
Don't trust either	29
Don't know	7

Which of these statements comes closest to your view, regarding accusations that the Government distorts, or 'spins', the truth?

The present Labour Government is MORE guilty of 'spinning' than the last Conservative Government	36
The present Labour Government is LESS guilty of 'spinning' than the last Conservative Government	10
Both Governments are equally guilty	47
Neither Government is guilty	1
Don't know	7

The BBC's Chairman and Chief Executive both resigned as a result of the Hutton Report. If the Hutton Report had found serious fault with Tony Blair's handling of the Kelly affair, do you think Tony Blair would have resigned?

He would have resigned	26
He would NOT have resigned	62
Don't know	11

As a result of the Hutton Report, do you personally have greater respect or less respect for the government, or has the Hutton Report made no difference?

I now have more respect for the government	4
I now have less respect	19
No difference – I already respected the government	22
No difference – I already had little or no respect for the government	46
Don't know	9