

## ABC News Iraq poll – Note on Methodology – 12/12/05

This survey was conducted for ABC News, Time magazine, the BBC, NHK and Der Spiegel by Oxford Research International. Interviews were conducted in person, in Arabic or Kurdish, among a random national sample of 1,711 Iraqis aged 15 and up from Oct. 8-Nov. 22, 2005.

The survey was conducted in 16 of 18 Iraqi provinces; the southern provinces of Muthanna and Thi-Qar were not selected in the random sampling procedure. Muthanna accounts for an estimated two percent of the country's population, Thi-Qar, six percent.

Sampling was conducted by province, district, subdistrict and settlement, proportional to population size, with a total of 135 sampling points. (Anbar was slightly oversampled to allow for more reliable analysis in that province.) Sources for population parameters were the 2001-2002 Statistical Abstract of Iraq, the 1997 census and, where available, United Nations data from 2003. Residences within each settlement were selected by route/random interval and respondents were selected within residence by Kish grid. The sample was weighted by sex, age, urban/rural status and population of province.

Thirty-five trained Iraqi field workers carried out the survey – 22 interviewers, eight supervisors and five team leaders. Eleven percent of interviews were monitored by a supervisor and 30 percent were validated by supervisor back-checks.

The survey had a contact rate of 98 percent and a cooperation rate of 84 percent for a total response rate of 82 percent. The full sample has a margin of sampling error of 2.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.