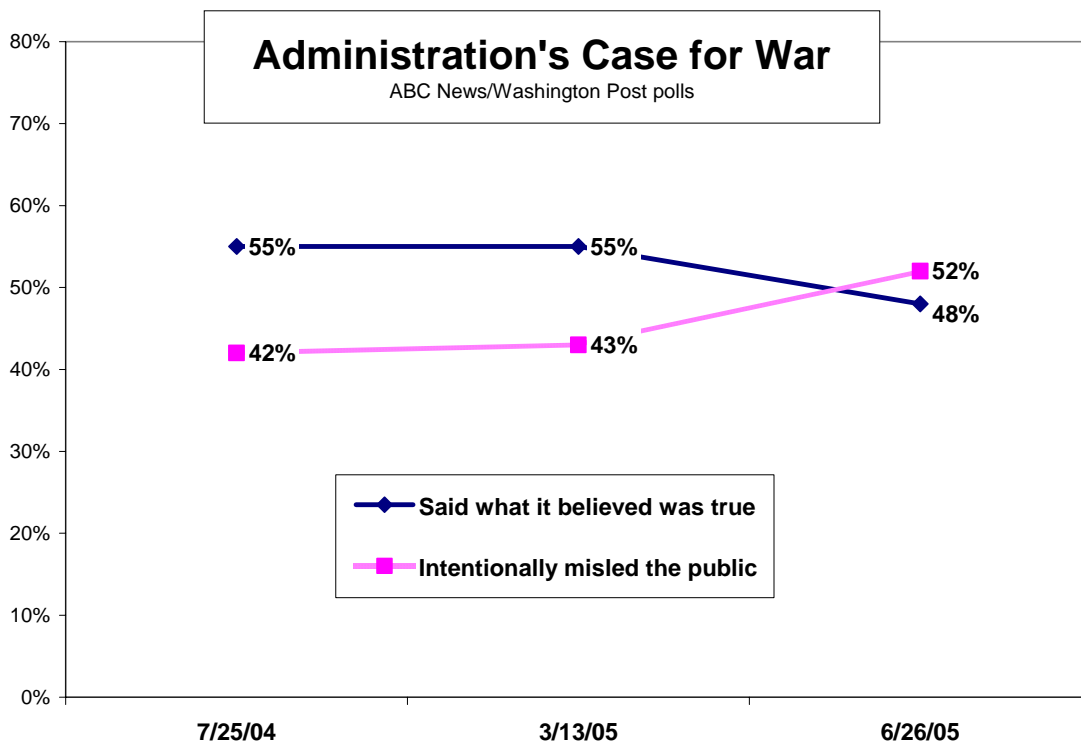


## **Commitment to Restore Order in Iraq Balances Criticisms of Bush & the War**

A sense of obligation balances negative public views on Iraq: Despite broad concerns and sharp criticism of the administration's performance, nearly six in 10 Americans say U.S. forces should remain in place until civil order has been restored there.

That expression of resolve works to George W. Bush's advantage as he prepares to address the nation on Iraq, as does a slight improvement in some bottom-line measures. But steep challenges remain: Recriminations against his administration have jumped, with a majority for the first time saying it "intentionally misled" the public in going to war, and nearly three-quarters saying it underestimated the challenges involved.

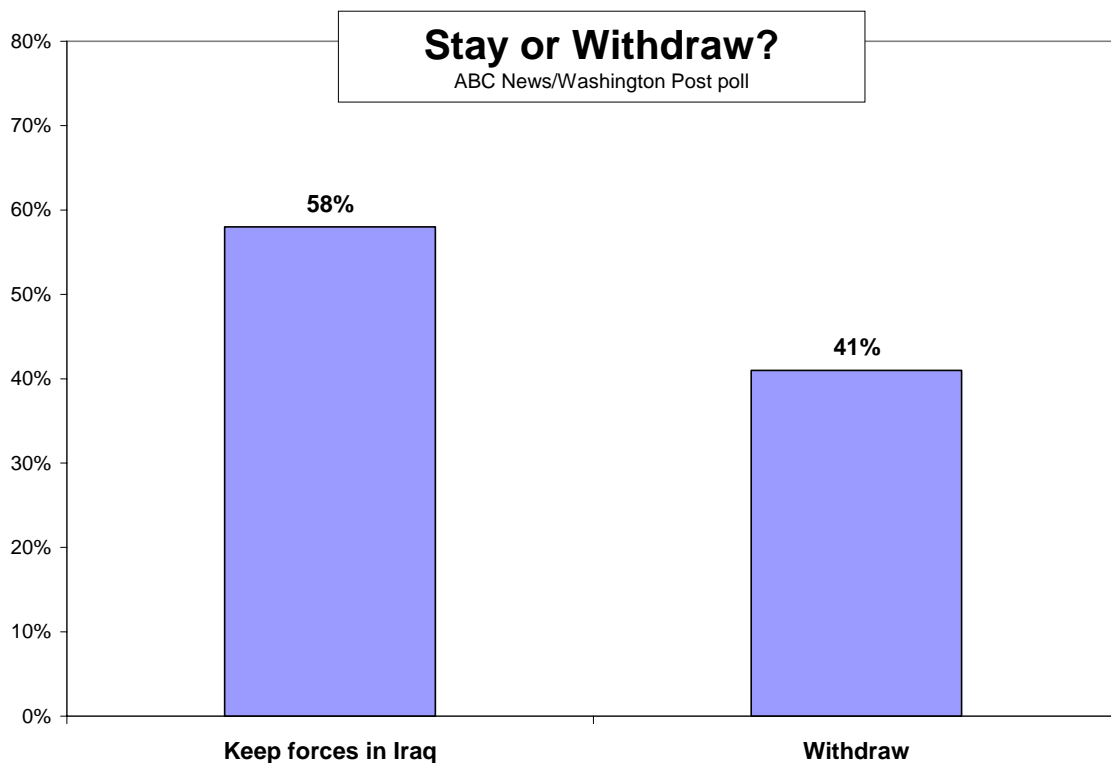


A record 57 percent also now say the administration intentionally exaggerated its evidence that pre-war Iraq possessed nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. Views such as these cut to the administration's basic credibility and competence, vital commodities as Bush tries to turn public opinion in a more favorable direction. He speaks tomorrow night, the first anniversary of the handover to an interim Iraqi government.

Bush's overall position isn't enviable. Not only do 51 percent of Americans disapprove of his job performance, a record 40 percent disapprove "strongly" (compared with 27 percent who strongly approve). That exceeds career-high strong disapproval for his two immediate predecessors, Bill Clinton (33 percent strongly disapproved in fall 1994, shortly before his party lost control of Congress) and Bush's father (34 percent in summer 1992, shortly before he lost re-election).

On Iraq specifically, 56 percent disapprove of Bush's work, and 44 percent disapprove strongly. (Strong disapprovers outnumber strong approvers by 19 points.) A majority hasn't approved of his handling of the situation there since January 2004, shortly after the capture of Saddam Hussein. On a more emotional level, nearly a quarter of Americans say they're "angry" about the war.

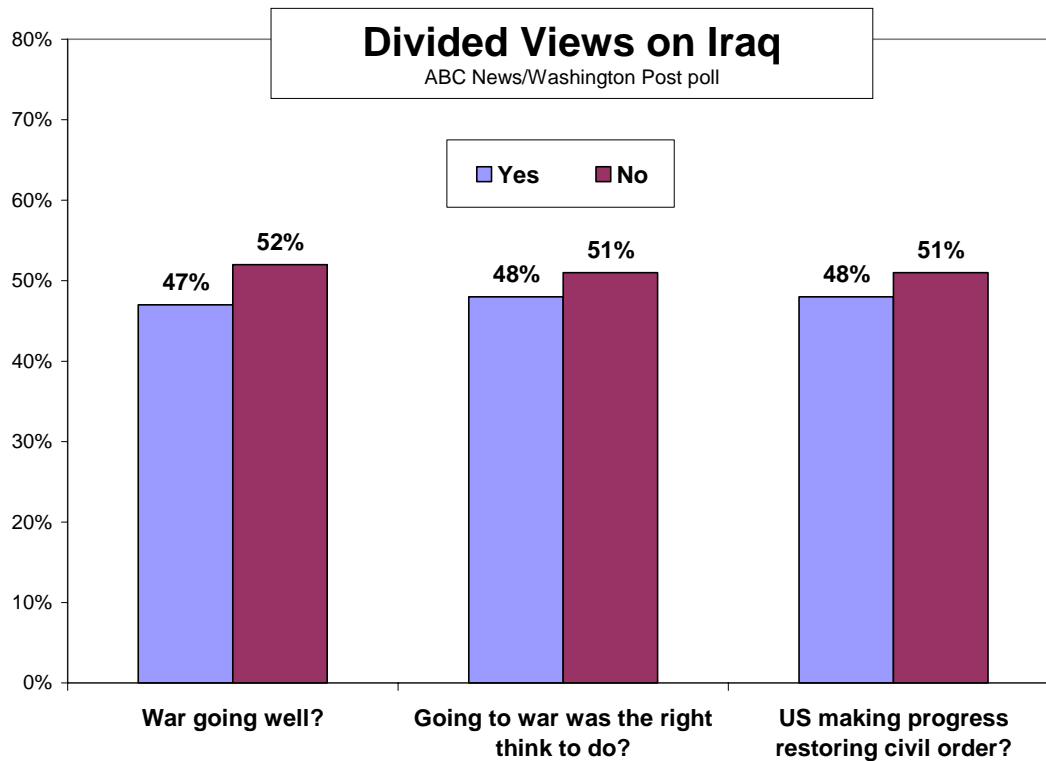
At the same time, while 53 percent say the war was not worth fighting, that's eased a bit from its record high, 58 percent early this month (a majority of Americans hasn't called the war worth fighting in more than a year, since April 2004, as the insurgency heated up). Similarly, 52 percent now say the war has improved long-term U.S. security, up five points from early June. And 53 percent are optimistic rather than pessimistic about the prospects for Iraq in the next year. These indicate incremental gains as a result of the administration's recent counteroffensive in laying out the war's value.



**DIVISIONS and DOUBTS** – Other views show divided assessments in some bottom-line views. The public splits, 48-51 percent, on whether the war was "the right thing" or "a mistake." People divide, 47-52 percent, on whether it's going well or going badly. And

the public splits by 48-51 percent on whether the United States is making significant progress restoring civil order in Iraq. As in the past, political partisanship and ideology continue to run very strongly through these and related opinions.

None of these represents particularly good news for the administration, and indeed Bush still faces a wide range of doubts about U.S. policy and pronouncements. Sixty-nine percent call the level of U.S. casualties unacceptable and 62 percent say the United States is bogged down in Iraq. But it's about more than those: as noted, two-thirds or more say the U.S. military and the administration underestimated the difficulty of the war. And as many think the war has damaged military readiness and recruitment alike.



Majorities reject Vice President Dick Cheney's claim that the Iraqi insurgency is "in its last throes" (a quarter agree) and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's prediction that victory in Iraq will be "a death knell for terrorism as we know it." Instead just 23 percent say defeating the insurgents in Iraq will do a "great deal" to defeat terrorism generally.

At the same time, 51 percent say the overall war on terrorism can be successful only if the United States restores civil order in Iraq – a group that naturally is one of the likeliest to favor sticking it out.

**TERRORISM, DEMOCRACY and IMAGE** – Fifty-six percent see the war in Iraq as part of the broader war on terrorism, a basic administration position. But that's the fewest to date, down from a high of 77 percent during the main fighting in April 2003.

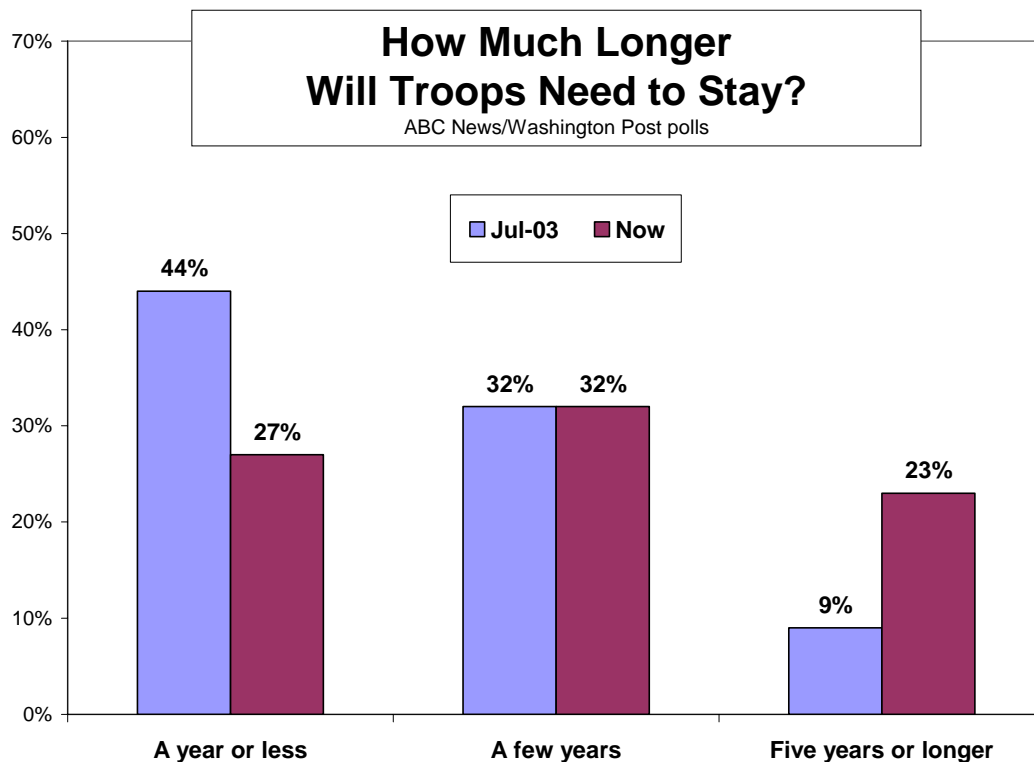
The public divides on other administration claims for the war, such as whether it's contributed to peace and stability in the Middle East (51 percent think so) or encouraged democracy in other Arab nations (49 percent). Just a quarter say the war has strengthened the United States' position in the world; that's down from 52 percent during the main fighting, and compares unfavorably with 84 percent after the Persian Gulf War.

Two-thirds think this war has damaged the United States' image abroad. And almost six in 10 still see long-term damage to U.S. relations with allies that opposed the war, such as France and Germany.

**WITHDRAWAL** – The public is far from demanding immediate withdrawal from Iraq; indeed a minority, 38 percent, say the level of U.S. forces should be decreased at all, down slightly from 44 percent in March. Just 13 percent favor an immediate pullout.

Instead there's an increased sense that U.S. forces will need to stay in Iraq for an extended period. In July 2003, 44 percent of Americans thought the troops could come home in about a year or less; now just 27 percent think so. And the number who see a stay of five years or longer has more than doubled, from nine percent then to 23 percent now.

In another sign of division, however long they think U.S. forces have to stay in Iraq, 45 percent of Americans say it's "too long." And among those who think it'll be five years or more, a larger number – 63 percent – think it's too long.



CHENEY/RICE – As noted, many Americans differ with accounts of the Iraq war offered by two top administration officials, Cheney and Rice.

While Cheney recently said the insurgency is “in its last throes,” most Americans say it’s either holding steady in strength (53 percent) or getting stronger (24 percent); that leaves 22 percent who think it’s weakening. And a net total of 25 percent think it’s “on its last legs,” equivalent to Cheney’s “last throes” comment.

On Rice’s statement, most, 53 percent, disagree that defeating the Iraqi insurgency will help defeat terrorism more generally. Moreover, only 23 percent say it would do “a great deal” to achieve that end. As many say defeating the insurgents would accomplish very little or nothing against terrorism more broadly.

READINESS and RECRUITS – Another result in this survey points to the law of unintended consequences, and its ability to complicate military missions. On top of their immediate concerns about casualties and prospects for the war, 65 percent of Americans think it’s made it more difficult for the U.S. military to respond to conflicts elsewhere in the world. Among those who think so, seven in 10 call this a major problem.

Seventy-three percent of Americans also think the war has made it more difficult for the military to attract new recruits; among those who feel this way, two-thirds call this, too, a major problem.

The survey also underscores the extent of that recruitment challenge: Fifty-two percent of Americans say they would not advise a young person close to them to join the military – 20 points higher than it was in a 1999 poll, before 9/11 and the nation’s military response changed the equation on military service.

HOPE AHEAD – For all this, majorities see some positives. The elections in January helped; 61 percent think that event brought the United States closer to the day it can withdraw its forces from Iraq. Nonetheless, six in 10 also are not confident Iraq will have a stable, democratic government a year from now. That suggests the Iraqi elections brought a promise of progress, but without either assurance or speed.

Further, there’s the fate and future of Iraqis themselves. Despite the ongoing suicide bombings targeting civilians in Iraq, nearly seven in 10 Americans think the Iraqi people are better off now than they were before the war. And 74 percent think they’ll be better off in the long run.

That said, the overall optimism measured in this poll is pushed into a majority by Republicans, among whom an overwhelming 84 percent are optimistic about the situation in Iraq over the next year. Optimism dives to 46 percent among independents and 34 percent among Democrats. Similarly, 72 percent of conservatives are optimistic, compared with 51 percent of moderates and just three in 10 liberals.

Similar partisan and ideological divides play out in emotional ratings. Liberals feel more strongly about the way the administration is handling the situation: 45 percent of them are angry about it, while 27 percent of conservatives are “pleased” with the administration’s

approach. Naturally, anger peaks, at 49 percent, among people who feel strongly that the war was not worth fighting.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone June 23-26, 2005, among a random national sample of 1,004 adults. The results have a three-point error margin. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

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Full results follow (\*= less than 0.5 percent).

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/26/05	48	27	21	51	11	40	1
6/5/05	48	27	21	52	14	38	1
4/24/05	47	25	22	50	13	38	3
3/13/05	50	31	19	48	11	37	3
1/31/05	50	34	15	45	11	34	5
1/16/05	52	33	19	46	11	35	2
12/19/04	48	27	21	49	12	38	2
10/20/04	50	30	20	46	11	35	4
10/17/04 LV	54	35	19	45	9	36	2
10/16/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/15/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/3/04 LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04	50	33	18	45	13	32	5
9/8/04	52	35	17	43	11	32	5
8/29/04	50	31	19	47	13	34	3
8/1/04	47	28	18	49	13	36	5
7/25/04	50	32	19	47	13	34	3
7/11/04	48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04	47	30	17	51	13	39	1
5/23/04	47	31	17	50	14	36	3
4/18/04	51	33	18	47	13	34	1
3/7/04	50	32	18	48	12	36	2
2/11/04	50	30	21	47	14	34	2
1/18/04	58	35	24	40	9	30	2
12/21/03	59	39	21	38	15	23	3
12/14/03	57	37	20	39	10	29	5
12/7/03	53	32	21	40	13	27	7
11/16/03	57	34	23	39	11	28	4
10/29/03	56	30	26	42	13	29	2
10/13/03	53	33	20	43	13	29	4
9/30/03	54	34	20	44	15	29	2
9/13/03	58	35	23	40	14	27	2
9/7/03	56	34	22	41	13	28	4
8/11/03	59	37	22	37	14	23	4
7/10/03	59	35	24	38	13	25	3
6/22/03	68	45	23	29	11	18	4
4/30/03	71	50	22	26	17	9	3

4/16/03	74	52	22	23	9	14	3
4/9/03	77	58	19	20	6	14	4
4/3/03	71	54	16	25	7	19	4
3/23/03	68	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	4
3/20/03	67	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	5
3/2/03	62	38	23	35	13	22	4
2/23/03	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
2/9/03	64	42	21	34	14	20	3
2/1/03	62	41	21	34	13	22	4
1/28/03	62	43	19	36	13	23	2
1/27/03	59	39	21	37	15	22	4
1/20/03	59	36	23	38	16	22	2
12/15/02	66	37	28	32	12	20	2
11/4/02 LV	67	45	23	31	12	20	1
11/3/02 LV	67	45	22	32	12	20	1
11/2/02 LV	67	47	20	32	9	23	1
10/27/02	67	39	28	29	13	16	4
9/26/02	67	42	25	30	12	18	3
9/8/02	71	42	28	27	12	15	3
7/28/02	69	39	31	28	14	14	3
7/15/02	72	42	31	25	12	13	2
6/17/02	74	42	32	22	9	13	4
6/9/02	77	41	36	20	9	11	3
5/19/02	76	48	28	22	8	13	3
4/21/02	78	47	31	20	9	10	2
3/28/02	79	49	30	18	8	10	3
3/10/02	82	52	30	16	9	7	2
1/27/02	83	56	27	14	7	7	3
12/19/01	86	64	22	12	6	6	2
11/27/01	89	69	21	9	4	5	1
11/6/01	89	65	24	9	5	4	2
10/9/01	92	76	16	6	3	3	1
9/27/01	90	70	20	6	3	3	4
9/13/01	86	63	23	12	5	6	2
9/9/01	55	26	29	41	20	22	3
8/12/01	61	28	33	31	14	17	8
7/30/01	59	28	30	38	17	22	3
6/3/01	55	27	28	40	18	22	6
4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
3/25/01	58	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	8
2/25/01	55	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	22

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
6/26/05	43	25	18	56	12	44	1
6/5/05	41	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	1
4/24/05	42			56			2
3/13/05	39			57			4
1/16/05	40			58			2
12/19/04	42			57			1
9/26/04 RV	47			50			3
8/29/04 RV	47			51			2
7/25/04	45			53			2
6/20/04	44			55			2
5/23/04	40			58			2
4/18/04	45			54			1
3/7/04	46			53			1
2/11/04	47			52			1
1/18/04	55			42			2

12/21/03	60			39				2
12/14/03	58			38				4
11/16/03	48			48				4
10/29/03	47			51				2
10/13/03	51			47				2
9/29/03	50			47				3
9/13/03	52			46				2
9/7/03	49			47				4
8/24/03	56			37				7
8/11/03	56			41				3
7/10/03	58			41				2
6/22/03	67			30				2
4/30/03	75	"	"	22	"	"	"	2

Compare to: The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein

3/27/03	69			26				5
3/23/03	71			26				3
3/20/03	65			29				5
3/17/03	64			29				7
3/9/03	55			38				8
2/23/03	55			39				6
2/9/03	61			37				2
2/5/03	61			32				7
2/1/03	61			35				3
1/28/03	58			38				4
1/27/03	57			40				3
1/20/03	50			46				4
12/15/02	58			37				5
11/4/02 LV	56			40				4
11/3/02 LV	57			40				4
11/2/02 LV	56			41				3
10/27/02	57			38				5
9/26/02	58			39				3
9/14/02	65			31				4
8/29/02	52	"	"	36	"	"	"	12

3. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

	----Worth fighting----			----Not worth fighting---			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/26/05	46	33	13	53	10	43	1
6/5/05	41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05	44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05	45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05	44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04	42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04 LV	49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04 RV	46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04 RV	51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04 RV	48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04	49	36	13	48	11	37	3
6/20/04	47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04	48	35	13	50	13	37	1
5/6/04	49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04	51			47			2
3/7/04	52			44			3
2/11/04	48			50			2
1/18/04	56			41			3
12/21/03	59			39			2
12/14/03	53			42			5



11/16/03	52			44			4
10/29/03	54			44			2
10/13/03	54			44			2
9/13/03	61			37			2
9/7/03	54			42			4
8/24/03	57			37			5
8/11/03	61			35			4
7/10/03	57			40			3
6/22/03	64			33			3
4/30/03	70	"	"	27	"	"	4
Gulf War:							
2/2/92*	66	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	2
7/28/91	67			30			3
6/2/91	70			26			3
3/4/91	86	"	"	13	"	"	1
*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"							

4. Again thinking about the goals versus the costs of the war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	No opinion
6/26/05	29	69	2
6/5/05	25	73	2
3/13/05	27	70	3
12/19/04	27	70	3
6/20/04	29	71	1
4/18/04	33	65	2
1/18/04	34	62	4
12/21/03	37	60	4
11/16/03	33	64	3
10/29/03	35	62	3
10/13/03	37	60	3
9/13/03	43	55	2
9/7/03	38	57	5
8/11/03	42	53	5
7/10/03	44	52	3
6/22/03	51	44	5
4/9/03	66	28	6
4/3/03	62	32	5
3/27/03	58	34	9

5. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal, or somewhat?

	NET	-----Contributed----- Great deal	Somewhat	Has not	No opin.
6/26/05	52	31	22	46	1
6/5/05	47	24	22	52	1
3/13/05	52	29	23	46	2
1/16/05	50	30	21	47	3
12/19/04	51	27	23	46	4
10/3/04 LV	53	32	22	42	4
9/26/04 RV	54	36	18	42	4
9/8/04 RV	57	36	22	40	3
8/29/04 RV	54	33	20	42	4
7/25/04	51	32	19	45	3
6/20/04	51	28	23	46	2
5/23/04	54	30	24	43	3

4/18/04	57	33	24	40	3
3/7/04	57	29	29	40	3
2/11/04	58	32	26	38	4
1/18/04	59	34	25	38	3
12/21/03	62	34	29	34	4
7/10/03*	62	33	29	35	3

\*"did or did not"

6. Do you think the United States (has gotten bogged down in Iraq), or do you think the United States (is making good progress in Iraq)?

	Has gotten bogged down	Is making good progress	No opinion
6/26/05	62	37	1
6/5/05	65	33	2
4/24/05	58	39	3
3/13/05	54	43	4
10/3/04 LV	58	38	4
9/26/04 RV	60	36	4
9/8/04 RV	54	40	6
5/23/04	65	33	2
5/6/04	60	35	5
4/18/04	59	41	0

7. Do you think (the United States should keep its military forces in Iraq until civil order is restored there, even if that means continued U.S. military casualties); OR, do you think (the United States should withdraw its military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further U.S. military casualties, even if that means civil order is not restored there)?

	Keep forces	Withdraw forces	No opinion
6/26/05	58	41	2
12/19/04	58	39	3
6/20/04	57	42	1
5/23/04	58	40	2
4/18/04	66	33	1
11/16/03	62	34	4
10/29/03	58	38	3
9/13/03	65	32	3
8/24/03	69	27	4
7/10/03	72	26	2

8. Overall how do you think things are going for the United States in Iraq at this time - very well, well, badly or very badly?

	-----Well-----			-----Badly-----			No op.
	NET	Very	Well	NET	Badly	Very	
6/26/05	47	7	40	52	34	18	1

Compare to Gallup: In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq - very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?

	-----Well-----			-----Badly-----			No op.
	NET	Very	Moderately	NET	Moderately	Very	
5/1/05	42	6	36	56	31	25	2
3/20/05	52	8	44	45	24	21	3
2/6/05	53	13	40	46	28	18	1
1/9/05	40	5	35	59	29	30	1
12/8/04	40	6	34	59	26	33	1
9/26/04	46	4	42	52	27	25	2

8/11/04	45	5	40	53	28	25	2
7/11/04	40	5	35	59	30	29	1
6/6/04	40	6	34	60	35	25	*
5/23/04	42	7	35	57	26	31	1
5/4/04	37	4	33	62	32	30	1
4/8/04	35	5	30	64	31	33	1
3/7/04	55	9	46	43	28	15	2
11/5/03*	38	4	34	61	34	27	1
10/8/03	42	6	36	58	34	24	*
9/10/03	47	6	41	52	31	21	1
8/26/03	50	6	44	49	30	19	1
7/27/03	56	10	46	43	28	15	1
7/20/03	54	6	48	45	30	15	1
6/29/03	56	5	51	42	29	13	2
6/1/03	70	11	59	29	22	7	1
5/7/03	86	30	56	13	10	3	1
4/23/03	85	21	64	14	12	2	1

\*11/5/03 and previous: "How would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq now that the major fighting has ended..."

9. How confident are you that Iraq will have a stable, democratic government a year from now - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

	-----Confident-----			-----Not confident-----			No opin.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	At all	
6/26/05	40	6	34	60	33	27	1
4/24/05	39	8	31	60	29	31	1

10. Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
6/26/05	48	51	1
12/19/04	44	49	7
6/20/04	51	48	1

11. Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	No opinion
6/26/05	16	38	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	36	4

12. (IF DECREASED, Q11) Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

	Withdrawn immediately	Decreased but not withdrawn immediately	No opinion
6/26/05	34	66	1
3/13/05	27	72	1

11/12 NET:

	-----Decreased-----				Kept about the same	No op.
Increased	NET	Withdrawn	Not withdrawn	DK		

6/26/05	16	38	13	25	*	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	12	31	1	37	4

13. Just your best guess, about how much longer do you think the United States will need to keep U.S. military forces in Iraq?

	Few wks	Few mths	About a yr	Few yrs	5 years or longer	Long as needed	Pull out now	Other	No op.
6/26/05	1	8	18	32	23	7	6	NA	5
7/10/03	2	17	25	32	9	4	3	*	8

14. In your opinion is that too long, too short, or about right?

	Too long	Too short	About right	No opinion
6/26/05	45	2	52	1
7/10/03	39	3	56	3

15. Do you think the global campaign against terrorism overall (can be successful only if the United States restores civil order in Iraq), or do you think it (can be successful even if the United States withdraws from Iraq without restoring civil order there)?

	Successful only if US restores civil order	Successful even if US withdraws without restoring civil order	No op.
6/26/05	51	45	5

16. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the war in Iraq has or has not made it more difficult for the U.S. military to attract new recruits?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
6/26/05	73	25	1

17. (IF MORE DIFFICULT, Q16) Do you think that's a major problem or a minor problem?

	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	67	32	1	*

16/17 NET:

	-----More difficult-----				Not more difficult	No op.	
	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)	DK			
6/26/05	73	49	23	1	*	25	1

18. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the war in Iraq has or has not made it more difficult for the U.S. military to be ready to respond to conflicts elsewhere in the world?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
6/26/05	65	33	2

19. (IF MORE DIFFICULT, Q18) Do you think that's a major problem or a minor problem?

	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	71	28	1	1

18/19 NET:

	NET	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem (vol.)	DK	Not more difficult	No op.
6/26/05	65	46	18	1	1	33	2

20. Do you think the elections held in Iraq this past January did or did not bring the United States closer to the day U.S. forces can be withdrawn from Iraq?

	Did	Did not	No opinion
6/26/05	61	37	2
3/13/05	61	36	3
1/16/05*	57	39	4

\*"Do you think holding these elections will or will not bring"

21. If the United States can defeat the insurgents in Iraq, how much do you think that would do to defeat terrorism in general, beyond Iraq - a great deal, a good amount, just some, or very little?

	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	Very little	None (vol.)	No opin.
6/26/05	46	23	24	53	30	21	2	1

22. Do you think the anti-government insurgency in Iraq is (getting stronger), (getting weaker), or staying about the same?

	Stronger	Weaker	Staying about the same	No op.
6/26/05	24	22	53	1

23. (IF WEAKER OR THE SAME, Q22) Do you think it's on its last legs or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/26/05	33	65	2

22/23 NET:

	Stronger	NET	On last legs	Weaker/Same	Not on last legs	DK	No op.
6/26/05	24	75	25	49	2	1	

24. (HALF SAMPLE) As a result of the war, do you think the Iraqi people are (better off) or (worse off) now than they were before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq?

	Better	Worse	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	69	24	4	3
3/13/05	67	25	4	4

25. (HALF SAMPLE) In the long run, do you think the Iraqi people will be (better off) or (worse off) as a result of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq?

	Better	Worse	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	74	20	5	2
3/13/05	74	18	4	4

26. Do you think the war in Iraq has left the United States in a stronger position in the world, a weaker position, or hasn't it made much difference to the U.S position in the world?

	Stronger	Weaker	No difference	No opinion
6/26/05	25	39	36	*
3/13/05	28	41	30	1
4/18/04	29	35	36	0
4/9/03*	52	12	31	5
Persian Gulf War:				
3/4/91	84	3	13	1

\*4/9/03 and previous: "Do you think the war will leave the United States..."

27. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not (ITEM)?

6/26/05 - Summary Table

	NET	Has Great deal	Has Somewhat	Has not	No op.
a. Caused long-term damage to US relations with countries that opposed the war, such as France and Germany	59	24	35	40	1
b. Contributed to long-term peace and stability in the Mideast	51	19	32	47	2
c. Damaged the United States' image in the rest of the world	67	31	36	33	*
d. Encouraged democracy in other Arab nations	49	14	35	48	2

Trend:

a. Caused long-term damage to US relations with countries that opposed the war, such as France and Germany

	NET	Caused Great deal	Caused Somewhat	Has not	No opin.
6/26/05	59	24	35	40	1
6/20/04	63	38	25	35	2
7/10/03*	51	24	27	45	5

\*"did or did not"

b. Contributed to long-term peace and stability in the Mideast?

	NET	Contributed Great deal	Contributed Somewhat	Has not	No opin.
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6/26/05	51	19	32	47	2
6/20/04	42	20	23	56	2
7/10/03*	50	20	31	45	5

\*"did or did not"

c. Damaged the United States' image in the rest of the world

	-----Damaged-----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opin.
6/26/05	67	31	36	33	*
6/20/04	76	46	31	23	1
7/10/03*	63	30	34	34	3

\*"did or did not"

d. No trend.

28. Considering everything, do you think the United States did the right thing in going to war with Iraq or do you think it was a mistake?

	Right thing	Mistake	No opin.
6/26/05	48	51	1
3/13/05	48	51	1
4/18/04	52	46	1
4/9/03	81	16	3
3/27/03	69	26	5

Serbia:

6/10/99	55	41	4
6/6/99*	48	47	5
5/16/99	54	42	3
4/26/99	56	41	2
4/6/99	58	40	2

\*Washington Post

Compare to: Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?

	Not a mistake	Mistake	No opin.
1/9/02*	93	6	1
11/11/01*	89	9	2

Yugoslavia\*

6/5/99	53	43	4
4/21/99	51	42	7

Persian Gulf\*

7/21/91	82	15	3
3/3/91	87	10	3
2/10/91	76	21	3
2/2/91	80	18	2
1/26/91	77	18	5
1/20/91	80	16	4
1/13/91	65	29	6
1/6/91	61	30	9
12/9/90	66	28	6
12/2/90	66	29	5
11/18/90	65	27	8
11/11/90	68	27	5
11/4/90	67	25	8
10/28/90	71	24	5
10/21/90	67	26	7
10/14/90	68	27	5

10/4/90	71	21	8
9/30/90	73	20	7
9/16/90	73	18	10
9/11/90	76	19	5
9/2/90	76	16	8
8/26/90	76	18	6
8/19/90	75	17	8

Vietnam\*

11/15/00	24	69	7
4/24/95	23	71	6
3/18/90	22	74	4
1/15/73	29	60	11
5/17/71	28	61	11
1/11/71	31	60	9
5/26/70	36	56	8
4/7/70	34	51	15
1/20/70	32	57	11
9/22/69	32	58	10
1/28/69	39	52	9
10/1/68	37	54	9
8/12/68	35	53	12
4/9/68	40	48	12
2/27/68	42	49	9
2/6/68	42	46	12
12/12/67	46	45	9
10/11/67	44	47	9
7/18/67	48	41	11
4/24/67	50	37	13
1/31/67	52	32	16
11/15/66	52	31	17
9/13/66	48	35	17
5/10/66	49	36	15
3/8/66	59	26	15
9/1/65	60	24	16

Korea\*

6/7/00	47	34	19
1/16/53	50	36	14
10/22/52	37	43	19
10/14/52	37	43	20
3/5/52	35	51	14
8/8/51	48	42	11
6/21/51	40	43	17
4/21/51	45	37	18
3/31/51	43	45	12
2/9/51	41	49	9
1/5/51	38	49	13
8/25/50	65	20	15

\*Gallup; various wordings

29. (HALF SAMPLE) In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration (told the American public what it believed to be true), or (intentionally misled the American public)?

	Told the American public what it believed to be true	Intentionally misled the American public	No opin.
6/26/05	48	52	*
3/13/05	55	43	2
8/29/04 RV	57	40	3
7/25/04	55	42	3



30. (HALF SAMPLE) Before the war began, do you think the Bush administration did or did not intentionally exaggerate its evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction?

	Did	Did not	No opinion
6/26/05	57	41	2
3/7/04	55	43	2
2/11/04	54	42	5
7/10/03*	50	46	4

\*"such as biological or chemical weapons"

31. Do you think (ITEM) did or did not underestimate the difficulty of this war?

Summary Table - 6/26/05

	Did	Did not	No opinion
a. U.S. military leaders	65	34	1
b. Bush and his advisers	73	26	1

Trend:

a. U.S. military leaders	Did	Did not	No opinion
6/26/05	65	34	1
4/3/03	33	63	3

b. Bush and his advisers	Did	Did not	No opinion
6/26/05	73	26	1
4/3/03	39	57	4

32. Thinking about the next 12 months, would you say you feel (optimistic) or (pessimistic) about the situation in Iraq?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
6/26/05	53	46	1
12/19/04	46	51	2
6/20/04	52	45	3
5/23/04	55	43	2
1/18/04*	58	39	2

\*"Thinking about the coming year"

33. Thinking specifically about the way the Bush administration is handling the situation in Iraq, would you say you're (pleased about it, satisfied but not pleased, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry)?

	-----Positive-----			-----Negative-----			No
	NET	Pleased	Satisfied	NET	Dissatisfied	Angry	op.
6/26/05	45	15	30	55	32	23	*

34. Do you think of the war with Iraq as (part of the war against terrorism), or as (separate from the war against terrorism)?

	Part	Separate	No opinion
6/26/05	56	43	1
10/3/04 LV	60	38	1

9/8/04	RV	58	39	3
9/13/03		66	32	2
9/7/03		65	31	4
4/16/03		77	22	1

35-37 Held for release.

38. On another subject, would you advise a young person close to you to join the military, or not?

	Yes	No	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
6/26/05	41	52	6	1
8/30/99*	58	32	8	2

\*Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard

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