

**PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll:  
Americans on Iraq and the UN Inspections**

**Questionnaire**

Dates of Survey: Jan 21-26, 2003  
Sample Size: 1063 Respondents

Margin of Error: +/- 3%

Q1. Here are five foreign policy problems that the US is facing these days. Thinking about the long term, please select the one that you feel is the most important. *[order randomized; question repeated with remaining problems until all rated.]*

|   | First<br>Response | Mean<br>Rating |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| The situation in Iraq .....                       | 40%               | 2.11           |
| The Israeli-Palestinian conflict .....            | 12                | 3.59           |
| The situation with North Korea .....              | 15                | 2.98           |
| Osama bin Laden's terrorist group al Q'aeda ..... | 31                | 2.32           |
| The situation in Afghanistan .....                | 2                 | 3.99           |
| (No answer) .....                                 | 1                 | -              |

Q2. How well do you think the US government is dealing with the following international problems and issues? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being very poorly and 10 being very well...The situation with Iraq. *[question is part of longer list; other data to be released separately]*

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Negative (0-4) .....  | 37%      |
| Neutral .....         | 15       |
| Positive (6-10) ..... | 45       |
| (No answer) .....     | 3        |
| <br>Mean .....        | <br>5.22 |

Q3. Just based on what you know, do you think the world does or does not have a system of international law that says when it is legal for a country to use military force against another country?

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| The world has such a system .....           | 49% |
| The world does not have such a system ..... | 47  |
| (No answer) .....                           | 4   |

Q4. Do you think the UN Security Council does or does not have the right to authorize the use of military force to prevent a country that does not have nuclear weapons from acquiring them?

US Security Council has the right ..... 76%  
 US Security Council does not have the right ..... 19  
 (No answer) ..... 5

Q5. Do you think that a country, without UN approval, does or does not have the right to use military force to prevent another country that does not have nuclear weapons from acquiring them?

Countries have the right ..... 46%  
 Countries do not have the right ..... 48  
 (No answer) ..... 6

Q6. Do you think that the US, without UN approval, does or does not have the right to use military force to prevent a country that does not have nuclear weapons from acquiring them?

US has the right ..... 48%  
 US does not have the right ..... 48  
 (No answer) ..... 5

Q7. Putting aside what you would favor the US doing, do you think the US would or would not have the right, without UN approval, to invade Iraq to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons?

US would have the right ..... 53%  
 US would not have the right ..... 43  
 (No answer) ..... 4

Q8. There has been some discussion about whether the US should use its troops to invade Iraq and overthrow the government of Saddam Hussein. Which of the following positions is closest to yours?

The US should only invade Iraq with  
 UN approval and the support of its allies ..... 55%

The US should invade Iraq even if we have  
 to go it alone. .... 28

The US should not invade Iraq. .... 14

(No answer) ..... 3

Q9. President Bush has said he wants the UN Security Council to decide to invade Iraq within the next few weeks. However, UN inspectors and most members of the Security Council want to continue with the inspections. Do you think the US should push for a Security Council vote to invade Iraq now, or do you think the UN should continue with the inspections?

The US should push for vote to invade Iraq now.....31%  
The UN should continue with inspections..... 66  
(No answer) .....4

Q10. As you may know, UN inspectors found about a dozen artillery shells that could be used with chemical weapons that Iraq had not declared to the UN. Do you think that the fact that Iraq did not declare these weapons is or is not a good enough reason for the UN to authorize an invasion of Iraq?

Good enough reason .....45%  
Not a good enough reason ..... 51  
(No answer) .....4

Q11. As you may know, the Bush administration has said that Iraq played an important role in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Would you say that you:

Have seen conclusive evidence for this. .... 13%  
  
Haven't seen conclusive evidence,  
but believe it's true. .... 55  
  
Haven't seen conclusive evidence,  
And are not convinced it's true. .... 29  
  
(No answer) .....4

Q12. Do you think that for the US to invade Iraq at this point, it is necessary or not necessary to get approval from the UN Security Council?

Necessary to get approval.....67%  
Not necessary to get approval..... 29  
(No answer) .....5

Q13. Imagine that after the initial UN inspections in Iraq, the US and other countries in the UN Security Council disagree about whether Iraq is adequately cooperating with the UN inspectors. President Bush moves that the UN approve an invasion of Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein, but most of the other members of the UN Security Council want to continue to use threats and diplomatic pressure to get Iraq to comply, and the motion does not pass. President Bush then decides that the US will undertake an invasion of Iraq, even if the US has to do so on its own. Just based on this information, what do you think your attitude would be about this decision?

- I would agree with this decision. ....33%
- I would not agree with this decision. .... 36
- I would not agree, but I would still support the President. .... 27
- (No answer).....5

*Demographics (from respondent profile)*

Q. Gender

- Male .....48%
- Female ..... 52

Q. Age (calculated from birth date)

- 18-29 .....21%
- 30-44 ..... 31
- 45-59 ..... 26
- 60+ ..... 22

Q. Party Affiliation

- Republican .....20%
- Lean Republican..... 9
- Independent ..... 22
- Lean Democrat..... 8
- Democrat..... 30
- Other ..... 7

Q. Education level (collapsed categories)

- Less than High School ..... 15%
- High School Graduate ..... 33
- Some College ..... 28
- College Graduate ..... 24

Q. Region

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast ..... | 19% |
| Midwest.....    | 23  |
| South .....     | 36  |
| West.....       | 23  |

Q. Race/Ethnicity

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| White, non-Hispanic ..... | 73% |
| Black.....                | 12  |
| Hispanic.....             | 11  |
| Other .....               | 5   |