

THE PIPA/KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS POLL

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PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll: Misperceptions, The Media and the Iraq War

Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: Margin of Error: +/- 2-3.5 %

Sample Size:

June through September:	3334	
Jun:	1051	
Jul:	1066	
Aug/Sep:	1217	
May:	1256	
Mar:	795	
Feb:	2186	+ (997) over-sample in 5 major states
Jan:	1063	
Total Sample:	8634	+ (997) over-sample

Q1: Do you think the US made the right decision or the wrong decision in going to war against Iraq?

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03	5/03
Right decision.....	63%	62	63	65	68
Wrong decision	32	33	32	29	22
(No answer)	5	5	5	6	10

[IF "right decision"]

Q1a: Which comes closer to your view [order randomized]: **

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03	5/03
I support having gone to war, because I think it was the best thing for the US to do.....	46%	47	45	46	53
I am not sure if going to war was the best thing to do, but I support Bush's decision, because he is the president...	16	14	17	18	15
(No answer)	1	1	1	1	10

** numbers represent percentage from the full sample

Q2: How closely are you following the news about the situation in Iraq now?

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03
Very closely.....	13%	17	13	7
Somewhat closely.....	43	45	43	34
Not very closely	29	27	28	41
Not closely at all.....	14	11	16	17
(No answer).....	1	1	1	1

STATEMENT: The next few questions ask for your impressions of some things that you may or may not know. Please just indicate your impression, whether or not you feel very confident that it is correct.

Q3: Is it your impression that Iraq did or did not use chemical or biological weapons in the war that just ended?

	9/03	5/03
Iraq did use chemical and biological Weapons	20%	22
Iraq did not use chemical and biological Weapons	75	69
(No answer)	5	9

Q4: Please select what you think is the best description of the relationship between the Iraqi government under Saddam Hussein and the terrorist group al-Qaeda. [*ORDER RANDOMIZED*]

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03	2/03
There was no connection at all	7%	7	7	7	7
A few al-Qaeda individuals visited Iraq or had contact with Iraqi officials.....	30	31	35	26	29
Iraq gave substantial support to al-Qaeda, but was not involved in the September 11 th attacks	35	35	33	36	36
Iraq was directly involved in carrying out the September 11 th attacks.....	22	21	20	25	20
(No answer)	6	6	6	6	8

Q5: Since the war with Iraq ended, is it your impression that the US has or has not found Iraqi weapons of mass destruction?

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03	5/03
US has.....	22%	24	21	23	34
US has not.....	75	73	76	73	59
(No answer)	3	3	3	4	7

Q6: Is it your impression that the US has or has not found clear evidence in Iraq that Saddam Hussein was working closely with the Al Qaeda terrorist organization?

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03
US has.....	48%	49	45	52
US has not.....	46	45	49	43
(No answer)	6	6	6	5

Q7: Thinking about how all the people in the world feel about the US having gone to war with Iraq, do you think:

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03
The majority of people favor the US having gone to war	25%	27	24	25
The majority of people oppose the US having gone to war	41	38	42	41
Views are evenly balanced.....	31	33	30	32
(No answer).....	3	2	4	2

Q8: Thinking about how people in Europe feel about the US having gone to war with Iraq, do you think:

	6-9/03	9/03	6/03
The majority of people favor the US having gone to war	17%	18	18
The majority of people oppose the US having gone to war	50	49	48
Views are evenly balanced.....	30	30	29
(No answer).....	4	3	5

Q9. As you may know, President Bush did not get UN Security Council authorization to invade, but decided to invade Iraq nonetheless. How do you feel about this decision?

	3/03
I agree with the decision.....	54%
I do not agree with the decision	23
I do not agree with the decision, but I still support the President.....	21
(No answer)	2

Q10. Do you favor or oppose the US going to war with Iraq?

	3/03
Favor strongly	39%
Favor somewhat	27
Oppose somewhat	18
Oppose strongly.....	14
(No answer)	2

Q11. Thinking about how all the people in the world feel about the US going to war with Iraq, do you think:

	3/03
The majority of people favor it	31%
The majority of people oppose it...	35
Views are evenly balanced.....	31
(No answer)	3

Q12. 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?

	2/03	1/03
The US should only invade Iraq with UN approval and the support of its allies	52%	55
The US should invade Iraq even if we have to go it alone.....	32	28
The US should not invade Iraq.....	15	14
(No answer)	2	3

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?

	2/03	1/03
I would agree with this decision.....	37%	33
I would not agree with this decision....	36	36
I would not agree, but I would still support the President	25	27
(No answer)	2	5

Q14. How closely are you following the news on the situation in Iraq?

	2/03
Very closely.....	34%
Somewhat closely.....	44
Not too closely	18
Not at all	3
(No answer)	2

Q15. As you may know, the Bush administration has said that Iraq played an important role in the September 11th attacks. Would you say that you:

	1/03
Have seen conclusive evidence....	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

Q16: Where do you tend to get most of your news?

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03
From newspapers and magazines..	19%	18	19	19
From TV and radio.....	79	79	80	80
(No answer).....	2	3	1	2

Q17: If ONE of the networks below is your primary sources of news please select it. If you get news from two or more networks about equally, just go on to the next question.

	6-9/03	9/03	7/03	6/03
NBC.....	14%	14	12	17
CBS	9	9	9	7
ABC.....	11	10	11	12
Fox News.....	18	18	18	17
CNN	16	13	19	16
NPR.....	1	1	2	*
PBS.....	2	2	2	*
(No answer).....	28	33	28	28