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## THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

### Americans Assess US International Strategy

#### Questionnaire (Iraq Questions Only)

Dates of Survey: 11/21/06- 11/29/06  
 Sample Size: 1326

Margin of Error: +/- 2.7 % [full sample]  
 +/- 3.9 % [1/2 sample]

*Questions 1-14 to be released separately.*

[HALF SAMPLE B]

Q15. Do you think the US military presence in Iraq is currently:

	<b>11/06</b>	<b>3/06</b>	<b>10/04</b>
A stabilizing force.....	35%	43%	46%
Republicans.....	68	75	75
Democrats .....	14	19	19
Independents .....	30	37	50
 Provoking more conflict than it is preventing.....	 60	 55	 51
Republicans.....	27	24	24
Democrats .....	85	78	77
Independents .....	60	62	49
 (No Answer).....	 5	 2	 3

Q16: To try to address the problem of stabilizing Iraq, there is a debate about whether to work with Iraq's neighboring countries with whom we have other disputes. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea for the US to have talks with Iran?

Good idea.....	75%
Republicans.....	72
Democrats .....	81
Independents .....	71
 Bad idea .....	 21
Republicans.....	25
Democrats .....	17
Independents .....	20
 (No Answer).....	 4

Q17: What about having such talks with Syria?

Good idea.....	75%
Republicans.....	72
Democrats .....	82
Independents .....	69
Bad idea .....	19
Republicans.....	23
Democrats .....	15
Independents .....	19
(No Answer).....	6

[HALF SAMPLE B]

Q18: Is it your impression that the attacks on US forces in Iraq are approved of by:

	<b>11/06</b>	<b>3/06</b>
A majority of the Iraqi people.....	15%	12%
Republicans.....	11	8
Democrats .....	20	17
Independents .....	12	9
About half of the Iraqi people.....	39	40
Republicans.....	35	28
Democrats .....	41	45
Independents .....	39	51
A minority of the Iraqi people .....	43	45
Republicans.....	53	62
Democrats .....	38	33
Independents .....	38	38
(No Answer).....	4	3

[HALF SAMPLE A]

Q19. Would you favor having a major conference where leaders from the US, Europe, the UN, and various Arab countries would meet with leaders of the new Iraqi government to coordinate efforts to help Iraq achieve greater stability and economic growth, or do you think it is best for other countries to stay out of Iraq's affairs?

	<b>11/06</b>	<b>3/06</b>
Favor a major conference where new Iraqi government meets leaders from US, Europe, the UN, and various Arab countries .....	79%	77%
Republicans.....	79	81
Democrats .....	80	78
Independents .....	77	72
Best for other countries to stay out of Iraq's affairs .....	18	21
Republicans.....	19	18
Democrats .....	18	27
Independents .....	16	19
(No Answer).....	3	2

[HALF SAMPLE B]

Q20. Do you think the majority of the Iraqi people favor or oppose the US having permanent military bases in Iraq?

	<b>11/06</b>	<b>3/06</b>	<b>10/04</b>
Favor .....	27%	21%	21%
Republicans.....	48	38	29
Democrats .....	20	9	14
Independents .....	15	17	21
Oppose .....	66	77	76
Republicans.....	48	60	66
Democrats .....	77	90	83
Independents .....	72	81	78
(No Answer).....	6	2	4

[HALF SAMPLE B]

Q21. Do you think the US should or should not have permanent military bases in Iraq?

	<b>11/06</b>	<b>3/06</b>	<b>10/04</b>
Should .....	27%	27%	30%
Republicans.....	44	39	39
Democrats .....	21	17	22
Independents .....	19	27	33
Should not .....	68	71	67
Republicans.....	53	60	58
Democrats .....	77	82	77
Independents .....	70	70	66
(No Answer).....	5	2	3

[If “SHOULD” OR “SKIP” IN Q21]

Q21a. What if the newly elected Iraqi government is opposed to the US having permanent military bases? In that case, do you think the US should or should not have such bases?

	<b>11/06*</b>	<b>3/06</b>
Should .....	11%	12%
Should not.....	17	15
(No Answer).....	4	*

Q22: Which of the following do you think the US-led forces in Iraq should do?

Withdraw all US-led forces within six months.....	18%
Republicans.....	8
Democrats .....	25
Independents .....	19
Gradually withdraw US-led forces according to a one-year timeline .....	25
Republicans.....	14
Democrats .....	36
Independents .....	22
Gradually withdraw US-led forces according to a two-year timeline .....	15
Republicans.....	13
Democrats .....	17

\* All responses percent of total.

Independents .....	15
Only reduce US-led forces as the security situation improves in Iraq .....	38
Republicans.....	64
Democrats .....	20
Independents .....	34
(No Answer).....	4

Q23: At this point do you think the majority of the Iraqi people want the US to

Commit to withdraw US forces according to a timeline of no more than a year .....	58%
Republicans.....	35
Democrats .....	75
Independents .....	61
Stay longer than a year.....	36
Republicans.....	59
Democrats .....	22
Independents .....	31
(No Answer).....	6

Q24: If the majority of the Iraqi people say they want the US to commit to withdraw US forces according to a timeline of no more than a year, do you think the US should or should not do so?

Should .....	73%
Republicans.....	67
Democrats .....	82
Independents .....	66
Should not .....	23
Republicans.....	31
Democrats .....	16
Independents .....	24
(No Answer).....	4

[HALF SAMPLE B]

Q25: What if a large majority of the Iraqi people want the US to commit to withdraw within a year, but the Iraqi government wants the US to remain longer? In that case do you think the US should commit to withdraw within a year or stay longer?

Should commit to withdraw within a year .....	52%
Republicans.....	34
Democrats .....	65
Independents .....	54
Stay longer .....	41
Republicans.....	61
Democrats .....	33
Independents .....	32
(No Answer).....	6

*Questions 26-29 to be released separately.*

[HALF SAMPLE A]

Q30: If the Iraqi government were to ask the US to commit to withdraw US forces according to a timeline of no more than a year, do you think the US should or should not agree to do so?

Should .....	77%
Republicans.....	73
Democrats .....	87
Independents .....	67
Should not .....	19
Republicans.....	24
Democrats .....	12
Independents .....	24
(No Answer).....	4

*Questions 31-41 to be released separately.*

**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:**

D1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican .....	24%
Independent.....	20
Democrat.....	28
Other .....	3
DK/No preference.....	25

[IF "OTHER," "NO PREFERENCE" "INDEPENDENT" OR SKIP at D1]

D1c. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican Party.....	8% *
Democratic Party .....	11
Neither .....	29

D1c. Who did you support in the election for Congress in the House of Representative in November 2006?

Republican candidate.....	31%
Democratic candidate .....	45
Other .....	17
Refused .....	7

D3. What is your religious preference? Do you consider yourself:

Christian.....	68%
Jewish.....	2
Muslim .....	1
Buddhist .....	1
Hindu.....	1
Other religion .....	7
No religious preference.....	15
Agnostic .....	1
Atheist.....	2
(No answer).....	2

[IF "CHRISTIAN" at D3]

D3a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical?

Yes .....	21% †
No.....	30
No opinion .....	16

\* Percent of total

† Percent of total.

(No answer).....1

D4. Age

18-29 ..... 22%  
 30-44 .....28  
 45-59 .....28  
 60+ .....22

D5. Education level (categorical)

Less than High School ..... 14%  
 High School Graduate.....32  
 Some College .....27  
 College Graduate .....26

D6. Race/Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic ..... 70%  
 Black, Non-Hispanic.....11  
 Other, Non-Hispanic .....5  
 Hispanic .....13  
 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic .....1

D7. Gender

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

D8. Region

Northeast ..... 19%  
 Midwest.....22  
 South .....36  
 West .....23

**METHODOLOGY**

In the United States, the poll of 1326 respondents was fielded November 21-November 29 with a margin of error of +/- 2.7-3.9% depending on the sample size for each question. The poll was fielded by Knowledge Networks, using its nationwide panel, which is randomly selected from the entire adult population and subsequently provided internet access. For more information about this methodology, go to [www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp](http://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp).