

YouGov Survey Results

Iraq

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Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?	
Right	40%
Wrong	47%
Don't know	14%

From what you know, do you think Iraq posed a danger to Britain when Saddam Hussein was leader of Iraq?

Yes – he had weapons of mass destruction	3%
Yes – he may not have had such weapons, but he would have acquired them and become a threat had he remained in power	56%
No – he was not a threat and was not likely to become a threat	34%
Don't know	7%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

'Now that the official US inquiry into weapons of mass destruction has found that Iraq had no such weapons at the time of last year's war, it is clear that Mr Blair lied at the time about Iraq's capability.'

Agree	48%
Disagree	30%
Don't know	21%

'Mr Blair should now give a full personal apology for giving false reasons at the time for taking Britain to war'

Agree	55%
Disagree	32%
Don't know	13%

Would you trust Mr Blair to lead Britain into a major conflict again?

Trust a lot	16%
Trust a little	28%
Not trust at all	47%
Don't know	8%

Tony Blair says the war with Iraq was justified in the fight against global terrorism. Do you think that Britain and America's actions in Iraq have increased or reduced the threat of global terrorism?

Increased the threat of global terrorism	55%
Reduced the threat of global terrorism	11%
Not made much difference either way	29%
Don't know	5%

From what you know, do you believe that daily life for most ordinary Iraqis is now better than it was before last year's war, or better, or about the same?

Life is now better	29%
Life is now worse	26%
Much the same	30%
Don't know	15%

Mr Kenneth Bigley, a British hostage captured in Iraq, is reported to have been killed by his captors. Do you think the British Government did all it reasonably could have to secure his release, or should it have done more?

Government did all it reasonably could	59%
Government should have done more	29%
Don't know	12%

Mr Bigley's captors said they would have released him had some women prisoners being held in Iraqi jails been freed. Do you think these prisoners should have been freed or not in order to secure Mr Bigley's release?

The women prisoners should have been freed	13%
The women prisoners should not have been freed	70%
Don't know	17%

Overall, how much do you blame the British Government for Mr Bigley's death?

Blame a great deal	12%
Blame a fair amount	16%
TOTAL BLAME	28%
Do not blame much	22%
Do not blame at all	43%
TOTAL NOT BLAME	65%
Don't know	7%

Do you believe Britain should continue to keep troops in Iraq, or should they now be withdrawn?

Keep troops in Iraq	41%
Withdraw troops	46%
Don't know	13%

**Do you think the war in Iraq and its aftermath...
...affected Mr Blair's judgement for the worse?**

Yes, made it worse	42%
No, not made it worse	31%
Don't know	27%

...affected Mr Blair's health for the worse?

Yes, made it worse	59%
No, not made it worse	18%
Don't know	24%

...affected Mr Blair's ability to be Prime Minister?

Yes, made it worse	45%
No, not made it worse	38%
Don't know	17%

Leaving aside your party preferences, and your views about domestic political issues, do you think Mr Blair should now resign over what has happened in Iraq and make way for another Labour MP to lead the party and become Prime Minister, or should Mr Blair remain Prime Minister?

Mr Blair should resign	36%
Mr Blair should remain Prime Minister	52%
Don't know	12%

Last year Dr David Kelly, a government scientist, committed suicide during the disputes about what British intelligence knew about Iraq's weapons programmes. Which do you think will prove to be more serious for Mr Blair's Government: Dr Kelly's death or Mr Bigley's death?

Dr Kelly's death	39%
Mr Bigley's death	31%
Don't know	31%