

# YouGov Survey Results

## Bush's visit

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<b>How much confidence do you have in George W Bush as President of the United States?</b>	
A great deal	2
A fair amount	20
Not much	39
None at all	36
Don't know	3
<b>Which two or three of these characteristics do you MOST associate with President Bush?</b>	
Strong	21
Weak	17
Decisive	30
Indecisive	16
Intelligent	10
Stupid	37
Danger to world peace	60
Good world leader	7
Articulate	6
Incoherent	33
Don't know	5
<b>Looking back, do you think Britain and America were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq earlier this year?</b>	
Right	43
Wrong	45
Don't know	11
<b>How much confidence do you have in Mr Blair's ability to handle the continuing problems in Iraq?</b>	
A great deal	7
A fair amount	31
Not much	41
None at all	18
Don't know	2
<b>How much confidence do you have in Mr Bush's ability to handle the continuing problems in Iraq?</b>	
A great deal	4
A fair amount	20
Not much	38
None at all	36
Don't know	2
<b>Do you think the security situation in Iraq will get better or worse over the next few months?</b>	
Better	15
Worse	73
Don't know	11
<b>Do you think British troops should be withdrawn from Iraq:</b>	
Immediately	20
Within six months whatever the security situation	26
Only when Iraq has made the transition to a peaceful democracy	47
Don't know	7
<b>Looking ahead a few years, which do you think is more likely in Iraq?</b>	
A peaceful democracy	18
A permanently unstable country	70
Don't know	13

Please indicate which of the following words and phrases more accurately describes President Bush...

Do you think President Bush is...?

Highly intelligent	17
Not very intelligent	62
Don't know	21

And is he...?

Sincere	29
Insincere	53
Don't know	17

And is he...?

Very well informed about the world	23
Not very well informed about the world	62
Don't know	15

And is he...?

A good friend to Britain	40
Not a good friend to Britain	40
Don't know	21

And does he...?

Care a lot about the views of people in other countries	10
Does not care much about the views of people in other countries	82
Don't know	9

And is he....?

A good advertisement for America	20
A bad advertisement for America	65
Don't know	15

And is he...?

Wise	13
Foolish	63
Don't know	23

As you may know, Mr Bush will make a State Visit to Britain next week. Do you personally welcome this visit or oppose it?

Welcome	21
Oppose	26
Don't care	50
Don't know	3

During President Bush's visit, demonstrations will take place in London and elsewhere in opposition both to America's invasion of Iraq and to Mr Bush's presence in Britain. What is your view of the demonstrators? Do you...

Have a lot of sympathy with them	15
Have a fair amount of sympathy with them	38
Have very little sympathy with them	22
Have no sympathy with them at all	19
Don't know	7

The British authorities are allowing some American secret service agents protecting Mr Bush to carry guns while the President is in Britain. Do you think the British authorities are right or wrong to allow this?

Right to allow them to carry guns	45
Wrong to allow them	47
Don't know	7

It is often said that Britain and the United States have a 'special relationship', meaning that the two countries are exceptionally close allies. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view of how the relationship between Britain and America should develop in future?

The 'special relationship' should continue, with Britain remaining America's closest ally	34
Britain should continue to be one of America's allies, but the 'special relationship' should end, and Britain should be readier than now to take an independent line	47
Britain should no longer regard America as a close ally, and instead pursue its own interests and objectives irrespective of what America thinks	14
Don't know	4

**Following the end of the 'cold war' it is often said that the United States is the world's only superpower. How much confidence do you have in the United States to act responsibly in this role?**

A great deal	<b>8</b>
A fair amount	<b>30</b>
Not much	<b>42</b>
None at all	<b>15</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**Do you think America would behave more responsibly if Mr Bush were to be defeated in next year's presidential election, or would it behave less responsibly, or would a change of president make no difference?**

More responsibly under a different president	<b>42</b>
Less responsibly	<b>6</b>
Make no difference	<b>36</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>