

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2046 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 16th - 17th March 2023

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

	5-7 Jun '07	10-11 Mar '13	16-17 Mar '23																				
Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?																							
Right	30	27	23	29	17	28	19	30	27	20	15	21	29	25	23	23	23	28	27	23	21	17	25
Wrong	55	53	47	47	57	49	55	46	52	42	41	47	47	49	49	44	47	43	47	46	46	55	46
Don't know	15	20	30	24	26	23	26	23	21	38	44	32	23	26	28	33	30	29	26	30	33	28	29
Looking back, do you think the decision to invade Iraq has..																							
Increased or decreased the risk of terrorist attack on Britain or made no real difference?																							
Increased the risk		56	54	56	62	59	61	55	55	54	41	54	58	57	56	52	54	55	55	49	57	55	56
Decreased the risk		7	5	5	3	5	2	5	7	3	6	6	4	2	5	5	5	6	3	5	3	7	4
Made no real difference		30	23	26	20	22	22	26	26	20	24	20	25	26	23	23	22	25	29	25	22	21	22
Don't know		7	18	13	15	14	14	14	12	23	29	21	12	14	16	20	19	14	12	20	17	18	18
Made the world a safer or less safe place or made no real difference?																							
A safer place		14	8	10	6	8	7	10	11	5	8	9	9	5	9	7	7	11	12	7	8	9	7
A less safe place		38	41	43	45	44	43	42	42	40	39	35	44	48	43	39	41	42	39	35	41	48	43
Made no real difference		40	33	34	33	38	34	35	35	31	25	34	36	33	33	34	33	28	39	38	32	25	33
Don't know		8	18	12	16	10	15	13	12	23	28	21	11	13	16	20	19	19	9	20	19	18	17
Made the lives of ordinary Iraqis better or worse or made no real difference?																							
Better		24	8	10	7	11	8	10	11	6	4	11	9	6	10	6	8	5	10	9	9	9	8
Worse		29	43	41	52	47	47	39	46	40	49	40	43	45	45	40	43	45	42	40	43	49	42
Made no real difference		31	20	25	17	18	19	26	22	18	11	17	23	26	18	22	19	24	25	20	21	15	19
Don't know		16	29	24	24	24	26	25	21	36	36	32	25	23	26	32	29	26	23	31	26	27	31

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Which of the following best reflects your view?

The casualties, deaths and regional instability caused by the American and British invasion of Iraq are so great that the people of Iraq would have been better off left under the rule of Saddam Hussein

Despite the casualties and horrors of the war and the difficult years since, the people of Iraq are still better off today than they would have been left under the rule of Saddam Hussein

Neither

Don't know

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21	19	20	23	18	20	21	25	14	16	16	24	21	19	20	19	15	23	18	22	25	17
41	29	37	25	34	28	36	29	28	18	29	31	32	30	28	29	31	27	30	30	22	30
20	20	20	21	21	23	18	20	20	18	19	19	23	20	19	19	27	23	20	17	18	20
18	32	23	31	28	29	25	26	37	48	36	25	24	31	33	33	27	27	32	32	35	32

Looking ahead a few years, which do you think is more likely in Iraq?

A peaceful democracy

A permanently unstable country

Don't know

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12	6	7	6	7	5	7	8	4	7	6	6	4	6	5	6	4	9	5	5	9	5
71	62	68	63	63	64	66	66	58	49	57	66	72	63	60	62	64	61	62	67	55	61
17	32	25	31	30	31	27	26	38	43	37	28	24	31	34	33	32	30	33	28	36	34

Do you think Tony Blair, Prime Minister at the time of the war, deliberately set out to mislead the British public in the run-up to the war about whether Iraq possessed chemical and biological 'weapons of mass destruction'?

Yes, Mr Blair deliberately set out to mislead the public

No, he did not: he genuinely believed Iraq possessed such weapons

Don't know

52	50	42	56	37	35	37	56	50	35	30	38	43	54	43	41	42	40	48	41	42	39	44
32	31	25	19	33	40	33	19	27	23	22	24	32	20	26	24	25	28	23	24	23	27	25
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More broadly, which of the following best sums up your view of Tony Blair in respect of the Iraq war?

Even if some of the details were wrong, Mr Blair was right to warn that Saddam Hussein's regime was extremely dangerous	31	29	23	24	27	33	29	24	23	23	12	24	29	22	23	23	23	26	23	20	22	24	25
Mr Blair misled Parliament and the public about the scale of the threat from Iraq but did not intend to do so	17	15	15	14	17	22	19	12	17	13	15	13	18	16	17	12	15	13	11	15	15	19	15
Mr Blair knowingly misled Parliament and the public, but we should now move on and take no action against him	18	18	11	15	9	13	11	13	13	9	9	7	12	16	10	12	11	9	10	11	12	8	11
Mr Blair knowingly misled Parliament and the public and should be tried as a war criminal	23	22	21	30	17	10	15	30	25	17	12	19	22	27	20	22	21	16	25	20	21	19	22
Don't know	11	15	30	18	29	23	26	21	22	38	52	38	20	18	29	31	30	36	31	33	30	29	27

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*