

# YouGov Survey Results

## The Propaganda War - Part II

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<b>Which of these do you regard as the greatest threat to world peace?</b>	
Iraq	<b>25</b>
N Korea	<b>26</b>
Iran	<b>0</b>
Israel	<b>8</b>
Palestinians	<b>2</b>
United States	<b>32</b>
None of them	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**Thinking about the situation concerning Iraq, how much do you trust each of the following to take the right decisions, on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means you do not trust them at all, and 10 means you trust them totally...?**

**Tony Blair...**

0	<b>11</b>
1	<b>6</b>
2	<b>11</b>
3	<b>12</b>
4	<b>9</b>
5	<b>14</b>
6	<b>9</b>
7	<b>11</b>
8	<b>9</b>
9	<b>4</b>
10	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b>0</b>
Mean	<b>4.4</b>

**President George W Bush...**

0	<b>30</b>
1	<b>11</b>
2	<b>12</b>
3	<b>9</b>
4	<b>8</b>
5	<b>10</b>
6	<b>6</b>
7	<b>6</b>
8	<b>4</b>
9	<b>2</b>
10	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b>0</b>
Mean	<b>2.9</b>

**How big a threat do you think Saddam Hussein is at the moment to world peace?**

A very big threat	<b>16</b>
A fairly big threat	<b>40</b>
A fairly small threat	<b>39</b>
No threat at all	<b>4</b>
Don't know	<b>1</b>

**How big a threat do you think Saddam Hussein is at the moment to the lives of people here in Britain?**

A very big threat	6
A fairly big threat	24
A fairly small threat	53
No threat at all	17
Don't know	1

**Do you consider the following statements to be true or false...**

**'Saddam Hussein has strong links to the Al Q'aida terrorist group.'**

True	33
False	35
Don't know	33

**'Saddam Hussein has chemical and biological weapons, such as anthrax and nerve gas.'**

True	74
False	4
Don't know	22

**'Saddam Hussein is trying to develop nuclear weapons.'**

True	67
False	10
Don't know	23

**'Saddam Hussein is deliberately hiding weapons of mass destruction from the United Nations arms inspectors.'**

True	71
False	8
Don't know	21

**Which, if any, of these prospects would alarm you most?**

Saddam helping the Al Q'aida terrorist group	24
Saddam having chemical and biological weapons such as anthrax and nerve gas	27
Saddam trying to develop nuclear weapons	22
Saddam threatening the stability of the Middle East	22
None of these things alarm me	4
Don't know	1

**Recently the United States has produced evidence that it says proves that Iraq still has weapons of mass destruction. Do you think this evidence is...?**

Genuine, and proves that Saddam really does still have weapons of mass destruction	29
Genuine, but does not prove that Saddam still has these weapons	41
Not genuine - much or all of it has been fabricated by the Americans	21
Don't know	9

**How convincing do you find the following statements?**

**'Iraq has weapons of mass destruction and if we don't deal with that now, those weapons may well end up in the hands of terrorists.'**

Totally convincing	21
Fairly convincing	40
Fairly unconvincing	29
Totally unconvincing	7
Don't know	3

**'Saddam is an evil dictator who has even used weapons of mass destruction against his own people. Dealing with such a tyrant is simply the right thing to do.'**

Totally convincing	31
Fairly convincing	40
Fairly unconvincing	20
Totally unconvincing	7
Don't know	3

**'War against Iraq is wrong because the threat from Saddam does not compare with the number of Iraqi civilians who would die in any conflict.'**

Totally convincing	15
Fairly convincing	36
Fairly unconvincing	27
Totally unconvincing	17
Don't know	4

**How have the recent terrorist incidents and arrests in Britain changed the need to take military action against Saddam?**

Increased the need a lot	13
Increased a little	26
No change	57
Decreased a little	1
Decreased a lot	1
Don't know	2

**Which of these statements do you think best reflects the relationship between Tony Blair and President George Bush?**

Tony Blair is President Bush's lapdog	46
Tony Blair is a restraining influence on President Bush	38
Neither man has any influence on the other	10
Don't know	5

**Again, which of the following two statements do you agree with most?**

'Iraq is a threat to international security and peace'	45
The United States is a threat to international security and peace'	38
Neither statement	14
Don't know	4

**Which of the following two statements do you agree with most?**

'America has singled out Saddam Hussein because he is a uniquely dangerous threat to world peace.'	25
'America has singled out Saddam Hussein because he is a threat to U.S. oil interests and influence in the Middle East.'	46
'America is seeking revenge for the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001'	21
None of these	5
Don't know	3

**Again, which of the following two statements do you agree with most?**

'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is motivated by political self-interest.'	41
'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is based on his sense of morality and justice.'	36
Neither statement	18
Don't know	5

**Which of these statements do you agree with most?**

'President Bush is determined to go to war. There is nothing Saddam can do that would satisfy him.'	72
'President Bush has not yet decided to go to war. Saddam could prevent it by helping the arms inspectors and dismantling all his weapons of mass destruction.'	25
Don't know	3

**Do you support or oppose the proposal, that some have suggested, to avoid war by letting Saddam Hussein and his family leave Iraq for good, with the guarantee that he would not be put on trial for 'crimes against humanity'?**

Support strongly	12
Tend to support	42
Tend to oppose	23
Strongly oppose	17
Don't know	7

**Which of these statements best reflects your own view?**

'Diplomacy and arms inspections have failed. It's time to launch a military action against Saddam Hussein.'	16
'There may be a case for taking military action against Saddam Hussein at some point - it depends on the circumstances.'	71
'Under no circumstances should Britain support or take part in any military action against Saddam Hussein.'	11
Don't know	2

**The United Nations decided last November that Iraq should co-operate fully with UN arms inspectors. On 27 January the chief inspector, Hans Blix, said that Iraq was failing to give full co-operation. Mr Blix is due to present his next report in a few days time. If he says again that Iraq is failing to give full-co-operation, what should the United Nations do?**

Decide to back immediate military action against Iraq	19
Give an ultimatum, that military action will be taken against Iraq within a few weeks unless it proves it has dismantled all its weapons of mass destruction	47
Allow the arms inspectors as much time as necessary to do their work, even if Iraq continues not to co-operate fully	30
The United Nations should take no action	1
Don't know	3

**Would you support or oppose Britain contributing troops to a military action against Iraq in the following circumstances...?**

**If the United Nations decides to back the use of force against Saddam Hussein...**

Strongly support	37
Tend to support	45
Tend to oppose	10
Strongly oppose	6
Don't know	2

**If most members of the UN Security Council back the use of force, but one or two countries use their veto to block UN action...**

Strongly support	25
Tend to support	37
Tend to oppose	22
Strongly oppose	11
Don't know	5

**If most members of the UN Security Council do NOT back the use of force, but President Bush asks Britain to supply troops to a US-led action...**

Strongly support	10
Tend to support	18
Tend to oppose	27
Strongly oppose	42
Don't know	4

**Do you agree or disagree with the statement: 'Saddam Hussein is cruel, but war is not the answer to the problem. Iraq is America's war, not ours.'**

Agree strongly	18
Tend to agree	29
Tend to disagree	29
Disagree strongly	19
Don't know	5

**Which of these statements do you consider most convincing?**

'Saddam Hussein is a tyrant who threatens world peace. The United Nations should be prepared to go to war to stop him.'	14
'By defying the United Nations, Saddam Hussein has become an international outlaw. The UN should be prepared to take military action to enforce its authority, like the police acting against the head of a criminal gang.'	53
Neither statement is convincing	30
Don't know	3

**Which of the following two statements do you agree with most?**

'Saddam Hussein must be removed from power.'	35
'Iraq's weapons of mass destruction must be destroyed.'	48
Neither statement	14
Don't know	4

**If Britain takes part in a war against Iraq, will the likelihood of serious reprisal attacks from terrorists who support Saddam Hussein...**

Increase a lot	49
Increase a little	36
Not change much either way	12
Decrease a little	1
Decrease a lot	0
Don't know	2

**How likely is it that a war against Iraq would lead to severe economic problems, such as much higher oil prices and higher inflation?**

Very likely	37
Fairly likely	45
Fairly unlikely	13
Very unlikely	2
Don't know	4

**How likely is it that a war against Iraq would lead to significant casualties among British troops?**

Very likely	28
Fairly likely	44
Fairly unlikely	23
Very unlikely	2
Don't know	3

**If there is a war against Iraq and Britain takes part, which of these possible consequences do you fear most?**

The deaths of Iraqi civilians	9
The deaths of British troops	18
Terrorist reprisals against Britain	30
Conflict spreading to the rest of the Middle East	37
Damage to British jobs and prosperity	1
I do not fear any of these consequences	3
Don't know	2

**And which of these consequences do you fear next most strongly?**

The deaths of Iraqi civilians	14
The deaths of British troops	23
Terrorist reprisals against Britain	30
Conflict spreading to the rest of the Middle East	27
Damage to British jobs and prosperity	5
I do not fear any of these consequences	1
Don't know	1

**Which of these do you think is the most likely outcome of a military action by Britain and America against Iraq?**

A quick victory for Britain and America	<b>30</b>
An eventual victory for Britain and America	<b>40</b>
A long, drawn out war with no clear victor	<b>27</b>
Defeat for Britain and America	<b>0</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

**THREE-WAY SPLIT - GROUP A**

**Military action nearly always means the loss of lives. How many casualties among British troops would you find so intolerable that you would oppose British troops taking part in action against Iraq?**

None - I'm already opposed	<b>42</b>
0 - 20	<b>8</b>
21-50	<b>4</b>
51-200	<b>10</b>
201-1000	<b>13</b>
1001 - 5000	<b>7</b>
More than 5,000	<b>4</b>
Any cost is worth bearing	<b>13</b>

**GROUP B**

**Military action nearly always means the loss of lives. In the first Gulf War, 47 were killed. In the Falklands War it was 255. How many casualties among British troops would you find so intolerable that you would oppose British troops taking part in action against Iraq?**

None - I'm already opposed	<b>39</b>
0 - 20	<b>6</b>
21-50	<b>6</b>
51-200	<b>11</b>
201-1000	<b>12</b>
1001 - 5000	<b>8</b>
More than 5,000	<b>4</b>
Any cost is worth bearing	<b>14</b>

**GROUP C**

**Military action nearly always means the loss of lives. In the Korean War 50 years ago, around 1,000 British soldiers were killed. In the Battle of Alamein in 1942, around 10,000 were killed. How many casualties among British troops would you find so intolerable that you would oppose British troops taking part in action against Iraq?**

None - I'm already opposed	<b>38</b>
0 - 20	<b>6</b>
21-50	<b>4</b>
51-200	<b>10</b>
201-1000	<b>13</b>
1001 - 5000	<b>9</b>
More than 5,000	<b>5</b>
Any cost is worth bearing	<b>16</b>

**If you had to choose, which of the following individuals would you hold most responsible for British casualties of war in Iraq?**

Saddam Hussein	<b>42</b>
George Bush	<b>24</b>
Tony Blair	<b>27</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>