

# YouGov Survey Results

## The Propaganda War

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<b>Which of these do you regard as the greatest threat to world peace?</b>	
Iraq	26
N Korea	26
Iran	1
Israel	9
Palestinians	2
United States	27
None of them	2
Don't know	7

<b>Do you think the United States and Britain are right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?</b>	
Right	55
Wrong	38
Don't know	7

<b>Which of these is the biggest reason why you now support military action against Iraq? (Base = 906)</b>	
Because it's important to enforce United Nations demands that Iraq get rid of its weapons of mass destruction	30
Because it's worth liberating Iraq from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein	33
Because France blocked any chance of the United Nations action	5
Because without military action, Iraq could have helped terrorists obtain weapons of mass destruction	32
Don't know	0

<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?</b>	
<b>Tony Blair...</b>	Average Index Score <b>5.59</b>
<b>President George W Bush...</b>	Average Index Score <b>3.92</b>
<b>Iain Duncan Smith...</b>	Average Index Score <b>4.79</b>
<b>Charles Kennedy...</b>	Average Index Score <b>3.87</b>

<b>How much do you trust each of the following to tell the truth about the war in Iraq?</b>	
<b>The British military...</b>	Trust a great deal <b>34</b>
	Trust a fair amount <b>49</b>
	Do not trust much <b>13</b>
	Do not trust at all <b>3</b>
	Don't know <b>1</b>

<b>The American military...</b>	Trust a great deal <b>10</b>
	Trust a fair amount <b>41</b>
	Do not trust much <b>33</b>
	Do not trust at all <b>16</b>
	Don't know <b>1</b>

**The Iraqi military...**

Trust a great deal	0
Trust a fair amount	2
Do not trust much	23
Do not trust at all	75
Don't know	1

**Tony Blair...**

Trust a great deal	19
Trust a fair amount	43
Do not trust much	26
Do not trust at all	11
Don't know	1

**George Bush...**

Trust a great deal	8
Trust a fair amount	32
Do not trust much	31
Do not trust at all	29
Don't know	1

**Saddam Hussein...**

Trust a great deal	0
Trust a fair amount	1
Do not trust much	8
Do not trust at all	91
Don't know	1

**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.'	33
'Tony Blair is a restraining influence on President Bush.'	47
'Neither man has any influence on the other.'	13
Don't know	7

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

'America has singled out Saddam Hussein because he is a uniquely dangerous threat to world peace.'	33
'America has singled out Saddam Hussein because he is a threat to U.S. oil interests and influence in the Middle East.'	30
'America is seeking revenge for the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001.'	27
None of these statements	9
Don't know	2

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

'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is motivated by political self-interest.'	25
'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is based on his sense of morality and justice.'	55
Neither statement	17
Don't know	3

**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	26
Tend to disagree	25
Disagree strongly	30
Don't know	2

**Is the number of British casualties in the war so far...**

More than you expected	13
About what you expected	39
Fewer than you expected	43
Don't know	5

**Is the number of Iraqi civilian casualties in the war so far...**

More than you expected	3
About what you expected	39
Fewer than you expected	47
Don't know	10

**Which of the following do you hold most responsible for the deaths of British troops killed ACCIDENTALLY by American 'friendly fire'?**

Saddam Hussein	5
George Bush	23
Tony Blair	7
None of these leaders - accidents are inevitable in war	63
Don't know	3

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Coalition forces have been careful to target only the Iraqi military and to keep Iraqi civilian casualties to the minimum.'**

Agree	83
Disagree	7
Don't know	10

**How surprised are you by the coalition forces' care in keeping civilian casualties to the minimum?**

Very surprised	6
Fairly surprised	25
Not very surprised	37
Not at all surprised	30
Don't know	1

**Suppose the coalition's military commanders advised Tony Blair and George Bush that the only way to achieve a swift victory would be to attack civilian areas and so risk much higher civilian casualties. Should Mr Blair and Mr Bush allow the coalition forces to fight in civilian areas?**

Should allow them	32
Should not allow them	55
Don't know	13

**Now British troops are fighting in Iraq, will the likelihood of serious reprisal attacks from terrorists who support Saddam Hussein...**

Increase a lot	34
Increase a little	45
Decrease a little	2
Decrease a lot	1
Not change much either way	16
Don't know	3

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

Very likely	20
Fairly likely	44
Fairly unlikely	27
Very unlikely	4
Don't know	6

**Which of these possible consequences of the war do you fear most?**

The deaths of Iraqi civilians	4
The deaths of British troops	20
Terrorist reprisals against Britain	24
Conflict spreading to the rest of the Middle East	43
Damage to British jobs and prosperity	2
I do not fear any of these consequences	5
Don't know	3

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

The deaths of Iraqi civilians	12
The deaths of British troops	24
Terrorist reprisals against Britain	31
Conflict spreading to the rest of the Middle East	24
Damage to British jobs and prosperity	7
I do not fear any of these consequences	2
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	11
An eventual victory for Britain and America	74
A long, drawn out war with no clear victor	14
Defeat for Britain and America	0
Don't know	2

**Which of these statements do you most agree with about the humanitarian crisis in Iraq?**

'The crisis is made far worse by the war, and will persist long after the fighting is over.'	37
'The war will help to solve the crisis, which is likely to be eased significantly soon after the fighting is over.'	56
Don't know	7

**British ministers say they will bring humanitarian relief (such as food and medical supplies) to the people of Iraq as soon as possible. Do you think...**

They mean it and will make sure it happens	62
They means it now but lack the determination to make sure it happens	32
They do not mean it	2
Don't know	3

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'If no weapons of mass destruction are found in Iraq, Tony Blair should resign as Prime Minister.'**

Agree	41
Disagree	49
Don't know	10

**Tony Blair has promised that all the income from Iraq's oil fields will belong to the Iraqi people. Do you believe him? (Base = 826)**

Yes, I believe him	56
No, I do not believe him	34
Don't know	10

**George Bush has promised that all the income from Iraq's oil fields will belong to the Iraqi people. Do you believe him? (Base = 814)**

Yes, I believe him	44
No, I do not believe him	46
Don't know	11