

Washington Post-ABC News Poll

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The latest Washington Post-ABC News poll is based on telephone interviews with 1,202 randomly selected adults nationwide, and was conducted Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2005. The margin of sampling error for overall results is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Fieldwork was conducted by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

*= less than 0.5 percent

On another subject: All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Worth fighting ---			--- Not worth fighting ---			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/2/05	39	25	13	60	12	48	1
8/28/05	46	33	12	53	9	44	1
6/26/05	46	33	13	53	10	43	1
6/5/05	41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05	44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05	45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05	44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04	42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04 LV	49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04 RV	46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04 RV	51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04 RV	48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04	49	36	13	48	11	37	3
6/20/04	47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04	48	35	13	50	13	37	1
5/6/04	49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04	51			47			2
3/7/04	52			44			3
2/11/04	48			50			2
1/18/04	56			41			3
12/21/03	59			39			2
12/14/03	53			42			5
11/16/03	52			44			4
10/29/03	54			44			2
10/13/03	54			44			2
9/13/03	61			37			2
9/7/03	54			42			4
8/24/03	57			37			5
8/11/03	61			35			4
7/10/03	57			40			3
6/22/03	64			33			3
4/30/03	70	"	"	27	"	"	4
Gulf War:							
2/2/92*	66	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	2
7/28/91	67			30			3
6/2/91	70			26			3
3/4/91	86	"	"	13	"	"	1
*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"							

Again thinking about the goals versus the costs of the war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	No opinion
11/2/05	25	73	2
8/28/05	30	68	3
6/26/05	29	69	2
6/5/05	25	73	2
3/13/05	27	70	3
12/19/04	27	70	3
6/20/04	29	71	1
4/18/04	33	65	2
1/18/04	34	62	4
12/21/03	37	60	4
11/16/03	33	64	3
10/29/03	35	62	3
10/13/03	37	60	3
9/13/03	43	55	2
9/7/03	38	57	5
8/11/03	42	53	5
7/10/03	44	52	3
6/22/03	51	44	5
4/9/03	66	28	6
4/3/03	62	32	5
3/27/03	58	34	9

Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?

	----- Contributed -----		Has	No	
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not opin.	
11/2/05	46	25	21	52	2
8/28/05	49	29	20	49	2
6/26/05	52	31	22	46	1
6/5/05	47	24	22	52	1
3/13/05	52	29	23	46	2
1/16/05	50	30	21	47	3
12/19/04	51	27	23	46	4
10/3/04 LV	53	32	22	42	4
9/26/04 RV	54	36	18	42	4
9/8/04 RV	57	36	22	40	3
8/29/04 RV	54	33	20	42	4
7/25/04	51	32	19	45	3
6/20/04	51	28	23	46	2
5/23/04	54	30	24	43	3
4/18/04	57	33	24	40	3
3/7/04	57	29	29	40	3
2/11/04	58	32	26	38	4
1/18/04	59	34	25	38	3
12/21/03	62	34	29	34	4
7/10/03*	62	33	29	35	3

*"did or did not"

Do you think (the United States should keep its military forces in Iraq until civil order is restored there, even if that means continued U.S. military casualties); OR, do you think (the United States should withdraw its military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further U.S. military casualties, even if that means civil order is not restored there)?

	Keep forces	Withdraw forces	No opinion
11/2/05	52	44	4
8/28/05	54	44	2
6/26/05	58	41	2
12/19/04	58	39	3
6/20/04	57	42	1
5/23/04	58	40	2
4/18/04	66	33	1
11/16/03	62	34	4
10/29/03	58	38	3
9/13/03	65	32	3
8/24/03	69	27	4
7/10/03	72	26	2

(ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
11/2/05	44	55	2
8/28/05	48	50	2
6/26/05	48	51	1
12/19/04	44	49	7
6/20/04	51	48	1

(ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress in establishing a democratic government in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
11/2/05	47	48	6
12/19/04	48	44	8
6/20/04	50	48	3
5/23/04	38	57	5

Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	No opinion
11/2/05	15	47	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	35	4
6/26/05	16	38	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	36	4

(IF DECREASED) Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

	Withdrawn immediately	Decreased but not withdrawn immediately	No opinion
11/2/05	38	61	*
8/28/05	33	66	1
6/26/05	34	66	1
3/13/05	27	72	1

31/32 NET:

	Increased	----- Decreased -----				Kept about	No
		NET	All/immed.	Not all/not immed.	DK	the same	op.
11/2/05	15	47	18	29	*	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	13	27	*	35	4
6/26/05	16	38	13	25	*	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	12	31	1	37	4

In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration (told the American public what it believed to be true), or (intentionally misled the American public)?

	Told the American public what it believed to be true	Intentionally misled the American public	No opin.
11/2/05	44	55	2
6/26/05	48	52	*
3/13/05	55	43	2
8/29/04 RV	57	40	3
7/25/04	55	42	3