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WESTERN EUROPE, CANADA WANT UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN IRAQ

GLOBAL POLL: BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY, GERMANY, CANADA

- » Vast majority in Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Canada call for UN-led peacekeeping mission in Iraq
- » Support in Britain (79%) and Italy (80%)—countries that have sent troops to Iraq—higher than in other nations
- » Respondents 55+ tend to hold more positive views on UN mission
- » In Germany, young people support UN intervention more than older respondents

For this global study, Angus Reid Strategies conducted online surveys among randomly selected, representative samples of adults in five countries:

Britain – 1,000 adults, conducted from Jul. 26 to Jul. 29, 2007

France – 1,000 adults, conducted from Jul. 26 to Jul. 28, 2007

Italy – 1,000 adults, conducted from Jul. 26 to Jul. 27, 2007

Germany – 1,000 adults, conducted from Jul. 26 to Jul. 28, 2007

Canada – 1,075 adults, conducted from Aug. 10 to Aug. 11, 2007

The margin of error for the total sample in each country is +/-3.1 %, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of each country. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

[VANCOUVER – August 28, 2007] – A potential peacekeeping mission led by the United Nations (UN) in Iraq would enjoy of a great deal of support in four major European countries and Canada, according to an international survey conducted by the Angus Reid Global Monitor in partnership with Angus Reid Strategies.

As the war in Iraq gains dominance as a global issue, people in some Western nations, including Canada, seem to agree the UN will have to play a leading role in stabilizing the country.

The online survey of representative national samples of adults found that 80 per cent of respondents in Italy and 79 per cent of respondents in Britain support the creation of a UN peacekeeping force to oversee the political transition of Iraq into a democratic state. In addition, 74 per cent of respondents in France, 62 per cent in Germany, and 58 per cent in Canada agree with the prospective UN mission.

The findings of this global survey arrive at a time when the UN has taken major steps to become more involved in Iraq. On Aug. 10, the UN Security Council approved a resolution broadening its mandate in the war-torn country. Just days before, Zalmay Khalilzad, the United States ambassador to the UN, had published an editorial in *The New York Times* urging the UN to play a decisive role in stabilizing Iraq for the sake of local, regional and global peace.

The poll found that in Britain and Italy—the only two nations surveyed who sent troops to Iraq when the coalition effort first started in 2003—people are most in favour of setting up a peacekeeping contingent. This opinion is mainly driven by more than 80 per cent of respondents aged 55+ in the two countries. British and Italian men are also more inclined to support a UN-led mission in Iraq, while women appear more hesitant to respond to the question.

In France, where the government of President Jacques Chirac opposed the invasion of Iraq—and the U.S.-led war has always been widely unpopular—support for an international peacekeeping mission is steady at around 73 per cent across the different demographics. Only 15 per cent of all French respondents would oppose establishing the UN contingent in Iraq.

In Germany, another nation that maintained a critical stand towards the Iraq war in 2003, respondents aged 18-34 (66%) are more inclined than others to support an international peacekeeping force. About one third of Germans in all other age brackets are against the UN overseeing the situation in Iraq.

Compared to respondents in Europe, Canada—traditionally an active participant in global peacekeeping operations—is more skeptical about a UN peace mission in Iraq, although most respondents still agree with it. Canadians aged 35-54 express the lowest support for this idea (55%). About a third of Canadian men (30%) would oppose the UN mission, while 22 per cent of women are unsure about it.

OVERALL RESPONSES UN PEACEKEEPING IN IRAQ

Q. Would you support or oppose the creation of a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force to oversee the political transition of Iraq into a democratic state?

	BRITAIN	FRANCE	ITALY	GERMANY	CANADA
Strongly support	40%	31%	44%	18%	24%
Moderately support	39%	43%	36%	44%	34%
Moderately oppose	6%	10%	8%	21%	11%
Strongly oppose	5%	5%	7%	8%	15%
Not sure	10%	11%	5%	8%	16%
(net) Support	79%	74%	80%	62%	58%
(net) Oppose	11%	15%	15%	29%	26%



BRITAIN UN PEACEKEEPING IN IRAQ

Q. Would you support or oppose the creation of a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force to oversee the political transition of Iraq into a democratic state?

	GENDER		AGE		
	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
Strongly support	47%	34%	27%	36%	48%
Moderately support	37%	42%	38%	42%	38%
Moderately oppose	5%	7%	9%	7%	4%
Strongly oppose	4%	5%	6%	5%	4%
Not sure	7%	13%	21%	10%	6%
(net) Support	84%	76%	65%	78%	86%
(net) Oppose	9%	12%	15%	12%	8%



FRANCE UN PEACEKEEPING IN IRAQ

Q. Would you support or oppose the creation of a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force to oversee the political transition of Iraq into a democratic state?

	GENDER		AGE		
	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
Strongly support	32%	30%	28%	32%	32%
Moderately support	42%	43%	42%	42%	43%
Moderately oppose	11%	10%	14%	11%	8%
Strongly oppose	8%	3%	5%	3%	7%
Not sure	7%	14%	11%	12%	10%
(net) Support	74%	73%	70%	74%	75%
(net) Oppose	19%	13%	19%	14%	15%

 **ITALY UN PEACEKEEPING IN IRAQ**

Q. Would you support or oppose the creation of a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force to oversee the political transition of Iraq into a democratic state?

	GENDER		AGE		
	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
Strongly support	46%	43%	35%	44%	53%
Moderately support	35%	36%	43%	35%	30%
Moderately oppose	9%	8%	10%	7%	8%
Strongly oppose	7%	7%	7%	8%	6%
Not sure	3%	6%	5%	6%	3%
(net) Support	81%	79%	78%	79%	83%
(net) Oppose	16%	15%	17%	15%	14%

 **GERMANY UN PEACEKEEPING IN IRAQ**

Q. Would you support or oppose the creation of a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force to oversee the political transition of Iraq into a democratic state?

	GENDER		AGE		
	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
Strongly support	21%	16%	19%	17%	20%
Moderately support	42%	46%	47%	43%	43%
Moderately oppose	20%	21%	17%	21%	26%
Strongly oppose	12%	6%	6%	10%	9%
Not sure	4%	11%	11%	9%	2%
(net) Support	63%	62%	66%	60%	63%
(net) Oppose	32%	27%	23%	31%	35%

 **CANADA UN PEACEKEEPING IN IRAQ**

Q. Would you support or oppose the creation of a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force to oversee the political transition of Iraq into a democratic state?

	GENDER		AGE		
	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
Strongly support	27%	21%	18%	24%	28%
Moderately support	33%	35%	40%	31%	33%
Moderately oppose	12%	11%	9%	12%	13%
Strongly oppose	18%	11%	12%	15%	17%
Not sure	10%	22%	21%	18%	9%
(net) Support	60%	56%	58%	55%	61%
(net) Oppose	30%	22%	21%	27%	30%

ABOUT THE ANGUS REID GLOBAL MONITOR

The **Angus Reid Global Monitor** (angus-reid.com) is an independent research group that analyzes worldwide public opinion, and tracks elections, leadership races and other democratic processes around the globe. It is a non-partisan institute supported by Angus Reid Strategies, and provides high-quality analysis and research for public dissemination and benefit.

The core of the Global Monitor's work is maintaining and updating the **world's largest online public opinion database every day**, which includes more than 16,000 surveys from every continent, on topics ranging from approval ratings, voting intention studies, and reviews of public sentiment on a wide array of global issues. Entries go beyond simply recording the numbers and percentages: each poll is located, translated if necessary, and annotated with a brief analytic and contextual review.

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