

What the Iraqi Public Wants -A WorldPublicOpinion.org Poll-

Questionnaire and Methodology

Dates of Survey: January 2-5, 2006
Sample Size: 1000 + 150 Sunni Arab over-sample

Margin of Error: +/- 3 %

* Indicates less than one percent

Q1. Do you think that Iraq today is generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right direction	64%
Kurd	76
Shia Arab	84
Sunni Arab	6
Other	60
Wrong direction	36
Kurd	23
Shia Arab	16
Sunni Arab	93
Other	40
(Don't know).....	*
Kurd	*
Shia Arab	*
Sunni Arab	1
Other	*

Q2a. Do you think that the recent parliamentary elections were or were not free and fair?

Were.....	66%
Kurd	77
Shia Arab	89
Sunni Arab	5
Other	49
Were not.....	33
Kurd	19
Shia Arab	11
Sunni Arab	94
Other	51
(Don't know).....	1

Kurd	4
Shia Arab	*
Sunni Arab	1
Other	*

Q2b. Do you think that the government to be established by the newly-elected parliament will or will not be the legitimate representative of the Iraqi people?

Will be.....	68%
Kurd	81
Shia Arab	90
Sunni Arab	6
Other	51
Will not be	31
Kurd	16
Shia Arab	10
Sunni Arab	92
Other	47
(Don't know).....	1
Kurd	3
Shia Arab	*
Sunni Arab	2
Other	2

Q3. Thinking about any hardships you might have suffered since the US- Britain invasion, do you personally think that ousting Saddam Hussein was worth it or not?

Worth it	77%
Kurd	91
Shia Arab	98
Sunni Arab	13
Other	64
Not worth it.....	22
Kurd	8
Shia Arab	2
Sunni Arab	83
Other	31
(Don't know).....	1
Kurd	*
Shia Arab	*
Sunni Arab	4
Other	5

Q4a-d. Please tell me if you think the following are having a mostly positive or mostly negative influence on the situation in Iraq?

	Mostly Positive	Mostly Negative	(No effect/ Neither)	(Ref./ DK)
a. The United Nations.....	38%	38	23	1
Kurd	60	21	16	2
Shia Arab	39	38	23	*
Sunni Arab	20	57	23	*
Other	31	21	48	0
b. The Arab League.....	30%	34	35	1
Kurd	31	32	32	4
Shia Arab	31	39	29	*
Sunni Arab	28	22	50	1
Other	14	40	45	2
c. Syria	8%	61	30	1
Kurd	1	55	41	3
Shia Arab	5	80	16	*
Sunni Arab	21	25	54	*
Other	2	42	54	2
d. Iran.....	26%	52	21	1
Kurd	9	63	23	5
Shia Arab	43	30	26	*
Sunni Arab	*	93	6	1
Other	11	72	16	2

Q5a-c. Do you strongly approve, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat, or strongly disapprove of the following:

	Strongly Approve	Approve Somewhat	Disapprove Somewhat	Strongly Disapprove	(Refused/ DK)
a. Attacks on US-led forces in Iraq.....	23%	24	29	23	1
Kurd	8	8	18	63	3
Shia Arab	9	32	41	18	*
Sunni Arab	77	11	9	3	0
Other	5	38	24	31	2
b. Attacks on Iraq government security forces.....	1%	6	27	66	*
Kurd	*	*	13	86	*
Shia Arab	2	2	19	78	0
Sunni Arab	*	24	52	24	0
Other	0	2	47	51	0

c. Attacks on Iraqi civilians.*%	1	4	95	0
Kurd *	*	1	98	0
Shia Arab 0	1	5	94	0
Sunni Arab 0	0	5	95	0
Other 0	0	0	100	0

Q6. Which of the following would *you like* the newly elected Iraqi government to ask the US-led forces to do after they take office?

Withdraw all US-led forces within six months.....	35%
Kurd	13
Shia Arab	22
Sunni Arab	83
Other	36

Gradually withdraw US-led forces according to a two-year timeline.	35
Kurd	28
Shia Arab	49
Sunni Arab	11
Other	14

Only reduce US-led forces as the security situation improves in Iraq.	29
Kurd	57
Shia Arab	29
Sunni Arab	4
Other	46

(Refused/Don't know)	1
Kurd	3
Shia Arab	*
Sunni Arab	2
Other	5

[If Responded “Withdraw within six months” Q6, ask Q7, otherwise skip to Q8]

Q7. Which of the following reasons for withdrawing US-led forces is the most important to you? Which is the second most important reason to you?

Q7a. Most Important: _____

[Rotate order in which statements are read]

It is offensive to me to have foreign forces in my country. 20%[†]

[†] Percent of total

Kurd	7
Shia Arab	11
Sunni Arab	52
Other	22

The presence of US forces attracts more violent attacks and makes things worse.	11
Kurd	4
Shia Arab	6
Sunni Arab	26
Other	14

It is no longer necessary to have US-led forces in Iraq: Iraq can take care of itself.	2
Kurd	1
Shia Arab	2
Sunni Arab	3
Other	0

I do not like the way US forces have treated Iraqi civilians	2
Kurd	1
Shia Arab	3
Sunni Arab	*
Other	0

Q7b. Second Most Important: _____

[Rotate order in which statements are read]

It is offensive to me to have foreign forces in my country.	3% ‡
Kurd	0
Shia Arab	3
Sunni Arab	6
Other	2

The presence of US forces attracts more violent attacks and makes things worse	11
Kurd	6
Shia Arab	4
Sunni Arab	32
Other	16

It is no longer necessary to have US-led forces in Iraq: Iraq can take care of itself.	13
Kurd	4
Shia Arab	8
Sunni Arab	34

‡ Percent of total

Other	14
I do not like the way US forces have treated Iraqi	
civilians.....	7
Kurd	3
Shia Arab	6
Sunni Arab	10
Other	5
(Refused/Don't know)	
Kurd	0
Shia Arab	1
Sunni Arab	1
Other	0

Q8. What do you think the newly-elected Iraqi government *will* ask the US-led forces to do?

Withdraw all US-led forces within six months.....	17%
Kurd	2
Shia Arab	24
Sunni Arab	14
Other	2
Gradually withdraw US-led forces according	
to a two-year timeline.	44
Kurd	36
Shia Arab	52
Sunni Arab	28
Other	47
Only reduce US-led forces as the security situation	
improves in Iraq.	37
Kurd	57
Shia Arab	23
Sunni Arab	54
Other	47
(Refused/Don't know)	
Kurd	4
Shia Arab	1
Sunni Arab	4
Other	5

Q9. If the new Iraqi government were to tell the US to withdraw all of its forces within six months do you think the US would or would not do so?

Would withdraw	23%
Kurd	17
Shia Arab	32

Sunni Arab	5
Other	14
Would not withdraw	76
Kurd	77
Shia Arab	67
Sunni Arab	94
Other	82
(Refused/Don't know)	2
Kurd	6
Shia Arab	1
Sunni Arab	*
Other	4

Q10. Do you think that six months from now Iraqi security forces will be strong enough to deal with the security challenges Iraq will face or do you think Iraq will still need the help of military forces from other countries?

Strong enough to deal with security challenges on its own	39%
Kurd	22
Shia Arab	45
Sunni Arab	38
Other	33
Will still need help of military forces from other countries	59
Kurd	73
Shia Arab	55
Sunni Arab	58
Other	67
(Refused/Don't know)	2
Kurd	5
Shia Arab	0
Sunni Arab	4
Other	0

[If “still needs help” Q10 ask Q11, otherwise skip to Q12]

Q11. How much longer do you think Iraqi security forces will still need the help of military forces from other countries?

1 year	21% [§]
Kurd	5
Shia Arab	25
Sunni Arab	21

[§] Percent of total

Other	25
2 years	26
Kurd	31
Shia Arab	21
Sunni Arab	31
Other	33
3 years or more	12
Kurd	33
Shia Arab	8
Sunni Arab	5
Other	7
(Refused/Don't know)	1
Kurd	3
Shia Arab	0
Sunni Arab	2
Other	2

Q12a-g. If US-led forces withdraw from Iraq in the next six months, do you think (.....) will increase a lot, increase a little, decrease a little, decrease a lot, or have no effect either way?

	Increase a lot	Increase a little	Decrease a lot	Decrease a little	No effect either way	Ref./DK (vol)
a. violent attacks..... 23%		12	29	35	1	*
Kurd	58	20	10	12	0	0
Shia Arab	18	14	29	37	2	0
Sunni Arab	7	6	44	42	0	*
Other	16	0	22	62	0	0
b. amount of crime. 20%		14	30	34	1	*
Kurd	48	29	11	12	*	*
Shia Arab	17	15	28	38	2	*
Sunni Arab	8	4	50	38	*	*
Other	11	7	33	49	0	0
c. willingness of factions in Parliament to cooperate. 36%		37	13	9	4	1
Kurd	35	27	17	11	6	4
Shia Arab	31	37	15	11	5	*
Sunni Arab	40	47	7	5	*	*
Other	67	26	5	2	0	0
d. amount of inter-ethnic violence..... 19%		14	26	35	5	*
Kurd	49	19	17	13	1	1
Shia Arab	13	15	24	40	8	*
Sunni Arab	9	9	41	40	1	*

		Increase a lot	Increase a little	Decrease a lot	Decrease a little	No effect either way	Ref./DK (vol)
Other	7	18	25	49	0	2	
e. presence of foreign fighters in Iraq.....							
22%	9	22	34	12	1		
Kurd	61	13	11	9	6	*	
Shia Arab	15	10	24	40	11	*	
Sunni Arab	7	5	28	46	13	*	
Other	24	9	7	17	38	5	
f. day-to-day security for ordinary Iraqis.							
32%	35	14	16	2	1		
Kurd	29	28	20	20	1	1	
Shia Arab	28	33	15	21	3	0	
Sunni Arab	36	47	9	7	*	1	
Other	71	22	0	0	2	5	
g. availability of public services such as electricity, schools, sanitation, etc..							
29%	38	12	13	7	2		
Kurd	25	29	24	15	4	4	
Shia Arab	28	35	10	15	10	1	
Sunni Arab	29	54	7	7	2	1	
Other	64	21	7	2	2	5	

Q13. (Ask All) I am going to read a list of how the US has been involved in Iraq in non-military ways. For each one that I read, please tell me if you approve of the US being involved and think the US is doing a good job, approve but think the US is doing a poor job, or disapprove of the US being involved in Iraq in this way.

		Approve and US is Doing a good job	Approve, but US is doing a poor job	Disapprove	(Ref./DK)
a. assisting with the economic development of Iraq.....					
29%		46	25	*	
Kurd	36	51	12	1	
Shia Arab	36	53	11	0	
Sunni Arab	5	19	76	0	
Other	26	67	7	0	
b. assisting with the development of Iraq's oil industry					
28%		44	27	1	
Kurd	41	46	12	1	
Shia Arab	35	51	14	*	
Sunni Arab	4	20	76	*	
Other	21	55	14	10	

	Approve and US is Doing a good job	Approve, but US is doing a poor job	Disapprove	(Ref./DK)
c. training Iraqi security forces..... 33%				
Kurd	44	42	23	*
Shia Arab	54	42	4	0
Sunni Arab	37	52	11	*
Other	6	20	74	1
	23	67	9	2
d. helping to build Iraqi government institutions..... 23%				
Kurd	50	57	27	*
Shia Arab	37	57	6	*
Sunni Arab	27	59	14	*
Other	4	15	80	*
	5	79	14	2
e. helping to mediate between ethnic groups..... 17%				
Kurd	48	54	34	1
Shia Arab	34	57	11	1
Sunni Arab	19	57	24	*
Other	3	16	81	*
	2	81	14	4
f. assisting with the development of infrastructure (such as roads and electricity)..... 20%				
Kurd	52	57	28	1
Shia Arab	24	62	18	1
Sunni Arab	26	62	12	*
Other	4	16	79	*
	2	81	14	4
g. helping Iraqis organize their communities to address local needs (such as building schools and health clinics) 25%				
Kurd	45	48	30	*
Shia Arab	39	54	11	1
Sunni Arab	29	54	17	0
Other	6	14	80	*
	9	67	23	2

[If “Disapprove” to any Q13a-g, ask Q14, otherwise skip to Q15]

Q14. If the US were to agree to a timetable for withdrawing its forces would that make you more likely to approve of the US being involved in Iraq in these nonmilitary ways or would it make no difference?

More likely to approve of US nonmilitary

involvement.	15%**
Kurd	10
Shia Arab	9
Sunni Arab	37
Other	5
Would not make a difference in my opinion.....	23
Kurd	16
Shia Arab	17
Sunni Arab	47
Other	17
(Refused/Don't know)	8
Kurd	4
Shia Arab	11
Sunni Arab	3
Other	7

Q15. Do you think the US government plans to have permanent military bases in Iraq or to remove all its military forces once Iraq is stabilized?

US plans to have permanent military bases in Iraq.....	80%
Kurd	67
Shia Arab	79
Sunni Arab	92
Other	95
US plans to remove its military forces once Iraq is stabilized.	18
Kurd	28
Shia Arab	21
Sunni Arab	7
Other	0
(Refused/Don't know)	1
Kurd	5
Shia Arab	0
Sunni Arab	1
Other	5

Q16. Would you prefer to have the US or the UN take the lead in Iraq's economic reconstruction?

US	21%
Kurd	43
Shia Arab	22
Sunni Arab	4

** Percent of total

Other	11
UN.....	59
Kurd	53
Shia Arab	64
Sunni Arab	48
Other	77
Neither	18
Kurd	3
Shia Arab	13
Sunni Arab	46
Other	11
(Refused/Don't know)	1
Kurd	*
Shia Arab	1
Sunni Arab	2
Other	2

Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the recent efforts of the Arab league to help Iraqi leaders achieve national reconciliation?

Approve	73%
Kurd	67
Shia Arab	73
Sunni Arab	74
Other	79
Disapprove	22
Kurd	18
Shia Arab	25
Sunni Arab	22
Other	11
Neither	4
Kurd	13
Shia Arab	2
Sunni Arab	3
Other	9
(Refused/Don't know)	1
Kurd	2
Shia Arab	0
Sunni Arab	1
Other	2

Q18a-c. As you may know at a recent Arab League conference, Iraqi leaders from all major ethnic groups signed a statement making three points. As I read each of these points please tell me if you think it was a good idea or a bad idea for Iraqi leaders to have agreed to them.

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Ref./DK)
a. Terrorism should be rejected.....	99%	*	1
Kurd	96	1	3
Shia Arab	100	0	*
Sunni Arab	98	1	1
Other	100	0	0
b. All groups should participate in the political process.	97%	3	*
Kurd	93	6	1
Shia Arab	97	3	*
Sunni Arab	98	2	1
Other	100	0	0
c. There should be a timetable for the withdrawal of US-led forces from Iraq	87%	11	2
Kurd	64	28	8
Shia Arab	90	9	1
Sunni Arab	94	4	2
Other	95	0	5

[If bad idea on timetable for withdrawal Q18c, ask Q19, otherwise skip to Q20]

Q19. Do you feel calling for a timetable for withdrawal of US-led forces was a bad idea because you think:

US-led forces should simply leave Iraq now	3% ^{††}
Kurd	1
Shia Arab	3
Sunni Arab	3
It is too soon to talk about withdrawing US-led forces	8
Kurd	25
Shia Arab	5
Sunni Arab	1
(Refused/Don't know)	*
Kurd	1
Shia Arab	*
Sunni Arab	*

^{††} Percent of total

Q20. Would you favor having a major conference where leaders from the US, Europe, the UN, and various Arab countries would meet with leaders of the new Iraqi government to coordinate efforts to help Iraq achieve greater stability and economic growth or do you think it is best for other countries to stay out of Iraq’s affairs?

Favor a major conference where new Iraqi government meets leaders from US, Europe, the UN, and various Arab countries.....		64%
Kurd	72	
Shia Arab	69	
Sunni Arab	40	
Other	82	
Best for other countries to stay out of Iraq’s affairs		34
Kurd	23	
Shia Arab	30	
Sunni Arab	57	
Other	16	
(Refused/Don’t know)		2
Kurd	5	
Shia Arab	1	
Sunni Arab	3	
Other	2	

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. ETHNICITY

Kurd	18%
Shia Arab	55
Sunni Arab	22
Other	5

METHODOLOGY

The survey was designed and analyzed by the Program on International Policy Attitudes for WorldPublicOpinion.org. Field work was conducted through D3 Systems and its partner KA Research in Iraq. Face-to-face interviews were conducted among a national random sample of 1,000 Iraqi adults 18 years and older. An over sample of 150 Iraqi Sunni Arabs from predominantly Sunni Arab provinces (Anbar, Diyala and Salah Al-Din) was carried out to provide additional precision with this group. The total sample thus was 1,150 Iraqi adults. The data were weighted to the following targets (Shia Arab, 55%, Sunni Arab 22%, Kurd 18%, other 5%) in order to properly represent the Iraqi ethnic/religious communities.

The sample design was a multi-stage area probability sample conducted in all 18 Iraqi provinces including Baghdad. Urban and rural areas were proportionally represented. A total of 5 sampling points (4 urban and 1 rural) of the 116 employed were replaced for security reasons with substitutes in the same

province and urban/rural classification. Among all the cases drawn into the sample, a 94% contact rate and 74% completion rate were achieved.