

# THE PIPA/KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS POLL

## THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

### PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll: Americans on Iraq's Reconstruction

#### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: Nov 21–30, 2003  
Sample Size: 712

Margin of Error: +/- 3.7 % [full sample]

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q1-24: Do you think the US made the right decision or the wrong decision in going to war against Iraq?

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>	<b>5/03</b>
Right decision .....	55%	57	62	63	65	68
Wrong decision .....	41	38	33	32	29	22
(No answer).....	4	5	5	5	6	10

[IF "right decision"]

Q1a-24a: Which comes closer to your view [order randomized]:

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>	<b>5/03</b>
I support having gone to war, because I think it was the best thing for the US to do.....	42%*	42	47	45	46	53
I am not sure if going to war was the best thing to do, but I support Bush's decision, because he is the president	13	15	14	17	18	15
(No answer).....	0	1	1	1	1	10

Q2. How do you think the process of rebuilding Iraq is going?

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>
Very well .....	4%	4	3	1

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\* Percentage of full sample.

Somewhat well .....	27	30	25	39
Not very well .....	46	46	44	40
Not at all well .....	20	18	13	13
(No answer).....	3	3	5	7

Q2. Do you think the process of creating an Iraqi government is going too slowly, too fast, about right?

Too slowly .....	60%
Too fast.....	5
About right .....	31
(No Answer) .....	4

Q3. Do you think the process of developing an Iraqi police force and army to take over the job of maintaining security in Iraq is going too slowly, too fast or about right?

Too slowly .....	60%
Too fast.....	5
About right .....	31
(No Answer) .....	5

Q4. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: The US has the right and even the responsibility to overthrow dictatorships and help their people build a democracy.

Has the right .....	34%
Does not have the right.....	59
(No Answer) .....	7

STATEMENT: Please tell me if you think the majority of people in the world would agree with the following statements about the war with Iraq, the majority would disagree with them, or whether views are evenly balanced:

Q5-18. The war will result in greater peace and stability in the Middle East.

	<b>World</b>
	<b>12/03 Opinion 5/03*</b>
Majority would agree .....	20% 29
Majority would disagree.....	44 58
Views evenly balanced.....	35 --
(No Answer) .....	3 13

Q6-19. The threat of terrorism has been significantly reduced by the war.

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	<b>World</b>	
	<b>12/03 Opinion 5/03**</b>	
Majority would agree .....	14%	26
Majority would disagree.....	59	64
Views evenly balanced.....	24	--
(No Answer).....	3	10

Q7-20. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the war with Iraq: The war will result in greater peace and stability in the Middle East.

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>5/03*</b>
Agree .....	39%	56
Disagree.....	56	32
(No Answer).....	5	12

Q8-21. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the war with Iraq: The threat of terrorism has been significantly reduced by the war.

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>5/03*</b>
Agree .....	26%	44
Disagree.....	70	47
(No Answer).....	4	10

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q9. What do you think is the more important thing for the US to do as part of the war on terrorism:

To capture Osama Bin Laden and break up the al-Qaeda terrorist group .....	75%
To capture Saddam Hussein and establish a democracy in Iraq .....	21
(No Answer).....	5

Q10. Thinking about what the US is doing in Iraq, how do you think it will affect the likelihood that other countries in the Middle East will become more democratic?

Increase it a lot .....	8%
Increase it a little .....	35
Have no effect .....	46
Decrease it a little .....	6

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Decrease it a lot ..... 3  
 (No Answer) ..... 3

Q11. Is it your impression that the US has or has not found clear evidence in Iraq that Saddam Hussein was working closely with the al-Qaeda terrorist organization?

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>
US has .....	43%	52	49	45	52
US has not .....	51	46	45	49	43
(No answer).....	6	2	6	6	5

Q12. Do you think the US should or should not put greater pressure on countries in the Middle East, like Saudi Arabia and Egypt, to become more democratic?

Should..... 41%  
 Should not ..... 53  
 (No Answer) ..... 6

Q13. When do you think US should remove its troops from Iraq?

Immediately ..... 26%

Once a government is established that is friendly to the US, though there have not been elections..... 9

Once a government has been elected, though there are not yet laws that protect human rights..... 7

Once a government has been elected and there are laws that protect human rights ..... 54

(No Answer) ..... 4

Q14. Who do you think should take the lead to work with Iraqis to write a new constitution and build a new democratic government?

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>
The US.....	26%	31
The UN.....	71	64
(No Answer).....	3	5

Q15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: At some point the US will need to let the Iraqi people decide who should lead their government, even if they elect a leader who is unfriendly to the US.

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>
Agree .....	78%	76
Disagree.....	19	22
(No Answer) .....	3	2

Q16. Do you think the US should commit itself to leaving Iraq by a pre-established date or do you think the US should commit itself to first making sure Iraq is a stable democracy?

Should commit to leaving Iraq by a pre-established date .....	31%
Should commit to making sure Iraq is a stable democracy .....	66
(No Answer) .....	3

Q17. Suppose some other countries would be willing to contribute more money and troops if the effort to reconstruct Iraq and build a new government were put under the control of the UN, while the US would continue to have command over the military forces there. Do you think the US should or should not agree to this plan?

Should agree .....	77%
Should not agree .....	17
(No Answer) .....	6

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: At some point the US will need to let the Iraqi people decide who should lead their government, even if they elect an Islamic religious leader who wants to institute Islamic law.

	<b>12/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>
Agree .....	71%	77
Disagree.....	23	18
(No Answer) .....	6	6

Q23. Which of the following is the closest to your view of US efforts to promote democracy in the Middle East:

The US is not doing much and it should not .....	10%
The US is not doing much and it should do more .....	8
The US is doing a substantial amount and should continue.....	49

The US is doing a substantial amount and should do less..... 27

(No Answer) ..... 7

Q24. Do you think al-Qaeda has or has not been involved in the recent attacks on US troops in Iraq?

Has been involved ..... 81%

Has not been involved ..... 14

(No Answer) ..... 5

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q25. If the upcoming election for president were held today and the candidates were Republican George W. Bush and the Democratic nominee for President -- for whom would you vote -- Republican George W. Bush or the Democratic nominee for President?

Vote for President George Bush ..... 42%

Vote for Democratic nominee for President ..... 48

(No Answer) ..... 10

[ONLY TO THOSE RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWER THE ABOVE QUESTION]

Q25a: How sure are you that you will vote this way?

Very sure Bush..... 31%

Somewhat sure Bush.....9

Not very sure Bush.....2

Very sure Democrat .....36

Somewhat sure Democrat .....9

Not very sure Democrat .....3

(No answer).....10

*Demographics*

D1. In politics today, do you think of yourself as:

Republican..... 29%

Democrat ..... 35

Independent ..... 25

Other ..... 8

(No Answer) ..... 2

D2. Did you vote for a candidate for the House of Representatives or the Senate in the election in November 2002?

Yes..... 53%  
No ..... 43  
(No Answer)..... 4

*Demographics*

D3. Age (calculated from birth date)

18-29..... 22%  
30-44..... 31  
45-59..... 26  
60+..... 22

D4. Education level (categorical)

Less than High School..... 16%  
High School Graduate ..... 33  
Some College ..... 28  
College Graduate..... 24

D5. Race/Ethnicity

White, non-Hispanic..... 73%  
Black..... 11  
Hispanic..... 11  
Other..... 5

D3. Gender

Male..... 48%  
Female ..... 52

D8. Region

Northeast ..... 19%  
Midwest ..... 23  
South..... 36  
West..... 23