



## Program on International Policy Attitudes

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### PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll: *Americans on Iraq After the UN Resolution*

#### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: Nov 19 - Dec 1, 2002  
Sample Size: 1106 Respondents

Margin of Error: Full sample +/- 3.0%  
Half sample +/- 4.2%

Q1. Here are five foreign policy problems that the US is facing these days. Thinking about the long term, please select the one that you feel is the most important. *[order randomized; question repeated with remaining problems until all ranked.]*

	First Response	Mean Ranking
The situation in Iraq .....	29%	2.19
The Israeli-Palestinian conflict .....	12	3.29
The situation with North Korea .....	4	4.10
Osama bin Laden's terrorist group al Q'aeda .....	50	1.89
The situation in Afghanistan .....	4	3.70
(No answer) .....	1	

*[Half sample A]*

Q2. There has been some discussion about whether the US should use its troops to invade Iraq and overthrow the government of Saddam Hussein. Which of the following positions is closest to yours? *[order randomized]*

The US should only invade Iraq with UN approval and the support of its allies .....	55%
The US should invade Iraq even if we have to go it alone .....	28
The US should not invade Iraq .....	13
(No answer) .....	4

Q3. Do you think that Saddam Hussein does or does not have the capability to use chemical or biological weapons against targets in the US?

Does have capability ..... 86%  
Does not have capability ..... 10  
(No answer) ..... 4

[If “does have” in Q3]

Q4. If the US takes military action against Iraq with the stated goal of removing Saddam Hussein from power, how likely do you think it is that he will use chemical or biological weapons against American civilians in the US?

Very likely ..... 48%  
Somewhat likely ..... 38  
Not very likely ..... 12  
Not at all likely ..... 1  
(No answer) ..... 1

Q5. As you may know, UN inspectors are going into Iraq to look for any weapons of mass destruction that Iraq may have. If Iraq does not fully cooperate in disarmament and the US takes military action against Iraq, there is a debate about whether the explicit goal of that action should be to disarm Iraq or to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Please say which position is closest to yours.  
*[statements rotated]*

The explicit goal should be to overthrow Saddam Hussein because, even if the US forced Iraq to give up any weapons of mass destruction, he would still be a threat to the region and world peace. .... 57%

The explicit goal should be to disarm Iraq, because if the explicit goal is to overthrow Saddam Hussein, he will have nothing to lose and will almost certainly use weapons of mass destruction against American civilians. .... 35  
(No answer) ..... 8

*[Half sample B]*

Q6. If UN inspectors report that Iraq is blocking access to sites that they are trying to inspect, what do you think the UN should do? [order randomized]

Send in an international military force to force Iraq to give the inspectors access. .... 24%

Send in an international military force to invade Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein from power. ....	47
Use diplomatic means to put pressure on Iraq to allow access.....	24
(No answer).....	5

Q7. If the US takes military action against Iraq with the stated goal of removing Saddam Hussein from power, how likely do you think it is that Saddam Hussein will transfer weapons of mass destruction to terrorist groups to use against the US?

Very likely .....	57%
Somewhat likely .....	30
Not very likely .....	8
Not at all likely.....	4
(No answer).....	2

Q8. Imagine that after the initial UN inspections in Iraq, the US and other countries in the UN Security Council disagree about whether Iraq is adequately cooperating with the UN inspectors. President Bush moves that the UN approve an invasion of Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein, but most of the other members of the UN Security Council want to continue to use threats and diplomatic pressure to get Iraq to comply, and the motion does not pass. President Bush then decides that the US will undertake an invasion of Iraq, even if the US has to do so on its own. Just based on this information, what do you think your attitude would be about this decision?

I would agree with this decision. ....	43%
I would not agree with this decision. ....	26
I would not agree with this decision, but I would still support the President. ....	27
(No answer).....	4

[Resume full sample]

Q9. In politics today do you think of yourself as...[all but 'other' alternately reverse ordered]

Republican.....	22%
Leaning towards Republican .....	12
Independent .....	20
Leaning towards Democrat.....	8
Democrat.....	28
Other .....	8
(No answer).....	3

Q10. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Here is a 7-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? [all but 'no answer' alternately reverse ordered]

Extremely liberal.....	2%
Liberal.....	9
Slightly liberal .....	8
Moderate or middle of the road.....	18
Slightly conservative.....	10
Conservative .....	17
Extremely conservative .....	3
Haven't thought much about this .....	31
(No answer).....	2

*Demographics from respondent profile*

Q11. Gender

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

Q12. Age (calculated from birth date)

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

Q13. Education level (collapsed categories)

Less than High School .....	15%
High School Graduate .....	33
Some College .....	27
College Graduate .....	25

Q14. Region

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

Q15. Race/Ethnicity

White, non-Hispanic .....	73%
Black.....	12
Hispanic .....	11
Other .....	5