

YouGov Survey Results

The Propaganda War

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Which of these do you regard as the greatest threat to world peace?	%	%	%
Iraq	40	25	26
United States	27	32	27
Israel	12	8	9
Palestinians	5	2	2
North Korea	4	26	26
Iran	1	*	1
None of them	5	2	2
Don't know	6	5	7

Thinking about the situation concerning Iraq, how much do you trust each of the following to take the right decisions, on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means you 'do not trust them at all', and 10 means you 'trust them totally'... (Mean scores)

Tony Blair	4.7	4.4	5.6
George Bush	2.9	2.9	3.9

Which of these statements do you think best reflects the relationship between Tony Blair and President George W Bush?

Tony Blair is President Bush's lapdog	46	46	33
Tony Blair is a restraining influence on President Bush	35	38	47
Neither man has any influence on the other	13	10	13
Don't know	6	5	7

Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

'America has singled out Saddam Hussein because he is a uniquely dangerous threat to world peace'	25	33
'America has singled out Saddam Hussein because he is a threat to US oil interests and influence in the Middle East'	46	30
'America is seeking revenge for the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001'	21	27
None of these	5	9
Don't know	3	2

Again, which of the following two statements do you agree with most?

'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is motivated by political self-interest'	41	25
'Tony Blair's policy on Iraq is based on his sense of morality and justice'	36	55
Neither	18	17
Don't know	5	3

Do you agree or disagree with the statement: 'Saddam Hussein is cruel, but war is not the answer to the problem. Iraq is America's war, not ours.'

Agree	48	47	44
Disagree	47	48	55
Don't know	5	5	2

Now British troops are fighting in Iraq, do you think the likelihood of serious reprisal attacks from terrorists who support Saddam Hussein will...?

Increase a lot	57	49	34
Increase a little	36	36	45
Decrease a little	1	1	2
Decrease a lot	1	*	1
Not change much either way	5	12	16
Don't know	1	2	3

How likely do you think it is that the war against Iraq will lead to severe economic problems, such as much higher oil prices and higher inflation?

Very likely	38	37	20
Fairly likely	49	45	44
Fairly unlikely	6	13	27
Very unlikely	1	2	4
Don't know	2	4	6

Which of these possible consequences of the war do you fear most?

Conflict spreading to the rest of the Middle East.	37	43
Terrorist reprisals against Britain.	30	24
The deaths of British troops.	18	20
The deaths of Iraqi civilians.	9	4
Damage to British jobs and prosperity.	1	2
I do not fear any of these consequences.	3	5
Don't know.	2	3

(To all except those who say they do not fear any consequences, or don't know) And which of these consequences do you fear next most strongly?

Terrorist reprisals against Britain.	30	31
Conflict spreading to the rest of the Middle East.	27	24
The deaths of British troops.	23	24
The deaths of Iraqi civilians.	14	12
Damage to British jobs and prosperity.	5	7
I do not fear any of these consequences.	1	2
Don't know.	1	1

Which of these do you think is the most likely outcome of the military action by Britain and America against Iraq?

A quick victory for Britain and America	18	30	11
An eventual victory for Britain and America	39	40	74
A long drawn-out war with no clear victor	39	27	14
Defeat for Britain and America	1	*	*
Don't know	4	3	2

Which of the following do you hold most responsible for the deaths of British soldiers killed ACCIDENTLY by American 'friendly fire'?

Saddam Hussein	7	5
George W Bush	40	23
Tony Blair	13	7
None of these – accidents are inevitable in war	36	63
Don't know	4	3