

Americans weigh in

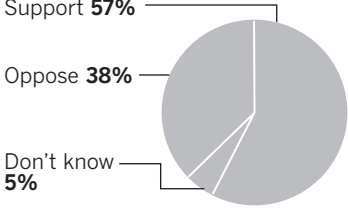
Q: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling:

	Approve	Disapprove
His job as president	56%	39%
Terrorism threat	74%	22%
Iraq/Saddam Hussein	58%	38%
North Korea situation	48%	29%
Environment	48%	30%
Energy situation	45%	32%
The economy	45%	47%
Federal budget	42%	43%
Health care cost/availability	40%	45%

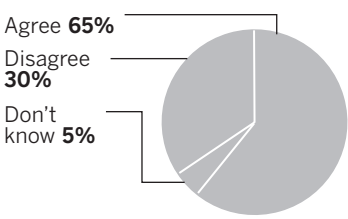
Q: President Bush's personal attributes:

	Yes	No
Decisive leader	71%	24%
Good judgment in a crisis	69%	24%
Shares your values	58%	37%
Trust him to make right decision about Iraq	55%	39%
Cares about people like you	54%	38%

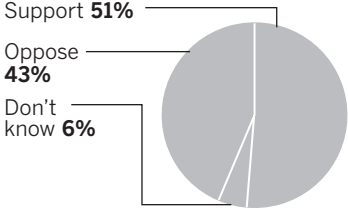
Q: Suppose President Bush decides to order U.S. troops into a ground attack against Iraqi forces. Would you support or oppose that decision?



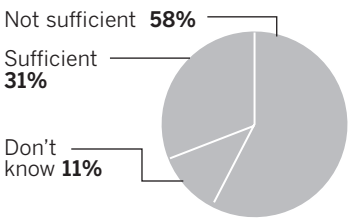
Q: Agree or disagree: "The U.S. should take military action against Iraq only if it has the support of the U.N. Security Council?"



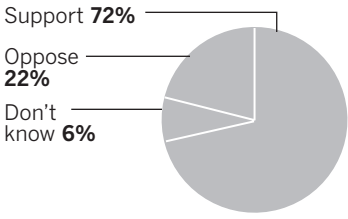
Q: What if the Security Council does not approve military action against Iraq, but the U.S. has the support of some allies such as Great Britain. Would you support or oppose military action in that situation?



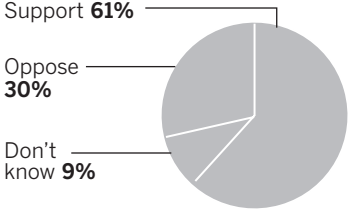
Q: U.N. weapons inspectors have been searching for evidence that Iraq may not have disposed of its weapons of mass destruction. The inspectors recently issued a report saying that although the Iraqis have been cooperating, the inspectors have not been able to account for large amounts of poison gas and anthrax. Inspectors have not, however, uncovered any direct evidence of Iraqi violations. Do you think the weapons inspectors' report by itself is sufficient cause to take military action against Iraq, or not?



Q: Suppose weapons inspectors do find evidence that Iraq has failed to dispose of its weapons of mass destruction. Would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action against Iraq at that point?



Q: Would you support or oppose allowing Saddam Hussein to go into exile in exchange for the U.S. not taking military action against Iraq?



Note: Numbers may not total 100% where "don't know" responses are not shown. Times Poll results are also available at www.latimes.com/poll.

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 1,385 Americans nationwide by telephone Jan. 30-Feb. 2. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation. Random-digit dialing techniques were used so that listed and unlisted numbers could be contacted. The entire sample was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age, education and region. The margin of sampling error for the entire sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by other factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.