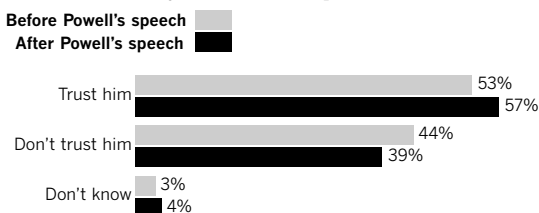


Impact of Powell's speech

The Times Poll contacted the same Americans in the days before and after Colin Powell's presentation of evidence against Iraq to the U.N. Security Council.

Q: *Do you trust President Bush to make the right decision about whether we should go to war with Iraq?*



Q: *If the Security Council does not approve military action against Iraq, but the U.S. has the support of some allies, such as Britain, would you support or oppose taking military action?*



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?"*

	Before speech	After speech
Agree	65%	62%
Disagree	32	37
Don't know	3	1

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

	Before speech	After speech
Support	55%	58%
Oppose	41	37
Don't know	4	5

Q: *Those who watched or listened to Powell's speech, or said they heard or read about it, were asked if they agree or disagree that the U.S. has proved its case that Iraq ...?*

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree
Has failed to comply with U.N. resolutions	50%	24%	24%
Has weapons of mass destruction	47%	23%	28%
Has close ties with Al Qaeda	45%	19%	32%

Q: *Those who watched or listened to Powell's speech, or said they heard or read about it, were then asked which of the following statements best described their views:*

Statement	Percentage
Before Powell's speech... —"I did not favor U.S. military action against Iraq, but the speech changed my mind and I favor it now."	10%
—"I did not favor U.S. military action, and the speech did not change my mind."	36%
—"I favored U.S. military action, and the speech did not change my mind."	50%
—"I favored U.S. military action, but the speech changed my mind and I do not favor it now."	4%

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

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 1,385 respondents nationwide who had participated in a Los Angeles Times telephone poll conducted Jan 30–Feb 2. For this survey, 809 men and women from the original study were contacted again by telephone Friday and Saturday. The sampling frame for the original study was randomly selected from a list of all exchanges in the nation. That sample was produced from telephone numbers which used random-digit dialing techniques so that listed and unlisted numbers could be contacted. Replies from this subset of the original sample were weighted to account for sex, race, age, education and region. As a result, previously published findings for the original study may sometimes differ slightly from results obtained from this subset. On the other hand, differences in replies to identical questions asked at different times show exact changes of attitudes for the weighted subset. The margin of sampling error for the original sample and the sample contacted again 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 changing events, question wording and the order in which questions