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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 745 Americans nationwide by telephone April 2–3. 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 4 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.

NOTES

All answer frequencies are given in percentages. Totals may exceed 100% in questions where more than one response was accepted. Totals may be less than 100% where some answer categories are not shown. “–” indicates less than 0.5%. The wording of some questions has been abridged.

SELECTED RESULTS FROM THE TIMES POLL NATIONAL SURVEY April 2–3, 2003

(A full summary of results will be available at a later date through the Los Angeles Times Poll)

GUIDE TO COLUMN HEADINGS

ALL	All U.S. adults
DEM	Self-described Democrats
IND	Self-described independents
REP	Self-described Republicans
LIB	Political liberals
MOD	Political moderates
CON	Political conservatives
MEN	Men
WOM	Women

Q1: Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Right direction	57	47	55	77	46	60	65	66	49
Wrong track	33	43	37	11	40	33	26	30	36
Don't know	10	10	8	12	14	7	9	4	15

Q2: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	68	54	68	89	51	65	82	75	62
Disapprove	28	43	31	6	41	33	15	24	32
Don't know	4	3	1	5	8	2	3	1	6

(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

Q3: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Saddam Hussein in Iraq?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	74	68	71	91	55	73	83	82	66
Disapprove	24	29	28	8	44	22	16	17	31
Don't know	2	3	1	1	1	5	1	1	3

Q4: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	55	33	69	75	43	48	71	57	53
Disapprove	39	58	24	21	50	49	24	37	40
Don't know	6	9	7	4	7	3	5	6	7

Q5: How closely have you been following the news about the U.S. military action against Iraq?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Very closely	65	62	65	79	63	65	69	73	58
Somewhat closely	30	33	29	19	33	30	26	23	38
Not too closely	4	3	6	2	2	5	3	4	3
Not closely at all	1	2	–	–	2	–	2	–	1

Q6: Where are you getting most of your information about the war in Iraq, or aren't you getting any information about the war in Iraq? Are you getting it from cable news shows, such as CNN, Fox and MSNBC, or from network news shows, or from local news shows, or from the Internet, or from newspapers, or from family and friends, or from radio news shows, or where? (ACCEPTED UP TO THREE REPLIES)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Cable news shows	69	63	72	81	75	63	74	69	68
Newspapers	30	29	29	27	31	29	30	31	29
Local news shows	23	35	14	20	19	27	18	21	26
Network news shows	18	24	22	14	22	20	16	18	19
Internet	13	10	9	18	13	14	13	13	12
Radio news shows	8	5	9	11	10	7	9	10	7
Family and friends	4	4	3	3	3	5	2	1	7
Other	2	1	1	3	1	3	2	2	1

Q7: Do you think the nation's economy these days is doing well or badly?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Well	50	40	49	62	38	36	68	47	52
Badly	47	56	50	34	58	60	31	51	44
Don't know	3	4	1	4	4	4	1	2	4

Q8: Do you trust President Bush and his advisors to make the right decision about the handling of military action against Iraq, or not?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Trust them	75	66	79	91	61	77	84	81	70
Don't trust them	20	27	19	8	37	16	13	14	26
Don't know	5	7	2	1	2	7	3	5	4

Q9: Do you support or oppose the Bush administration's decision to take military action against Iraq at this time?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support	77	70	72	95	67	74	84	82	71
Oppose	21	27	27	4	32	23	14	15	27
Don't know	2	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	2

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT MILITARY ACTION)

Q10: What is the main reason why you support the Bush administration's decision to take military action against Iraq? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	*	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Disarm Hussein	23	12	26	32		23	27	20	25
Liberate Iraqi people	15	16	15	17		8	19	13	18
Remove threat to America	14	11	20	12		10	11	12	16
Hussein violated U.N. resolutions	12	9	15	9		12	12	14	9
Hussein is evil	11	8	6	20		10	11	9	14

* Base for this question is too small to break out liberals as a separate subgroup.

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE MILITARY ACTION)

Q11: What is the main reason you oppose the Bush administration's decision to take military action against Iraq? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL *
Bush is doing this for political/personal reasons	18
U.S. has no business attacking Iraq	17
Iraqi civilian casualties	13
Want peaceful solution	12
World/U.N. oppose it	12

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(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT MILITARY ACTION)

Q12: Would you still support the war if it lasts longer than six months but less than a year, or not?

(IF YES) **If the war lasts a year?**

(IF YES) **If the war lasts longer than a year?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	*	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Would not support it	8	9	3	10		10	3	6	9
6 months to a year	17	16	30	11		20	11	16	19
A year	11	15	9	9		15	9	11	11
Longer than a year	60	53	54	68		53	74	63	57
Don't know	4	7	4	2		2	3	4	4

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Combined results of Q9 & Q12

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support if lasts...									
Less than 6 months	6	6	2	9	11	7	2	5	7
6 months to a year	13	12	21	10	18	15	10	13	13
A year	9	10	7	9	6	11	7	9	8
Longer than a year	46	37	39	65	32	39	62	52	40
Don't know how long	3	5	3	2	1	2	3	3	3
Oppose	21	27	27	4	31	23	14	15	27
Don't know	2	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	2

Q13: Would you still support the war if up to 500 Americans were killed, or not?

(IF YES) **If there were up to 1,000 Americans killed?**

(IF YES) **If there were more than a 1,000 Americans killed?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	*	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Would not support it	11	13	2	11		11	4	5	17
Up to 500	17	27	11	12		18	16	14	21
Up to 1,000	9	8	13	7		12	5	11	6
More than 1,000	52	37	59	63		46	64	61	41
Don't know	11	15	15	7		13	11	9	15

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Combined results of Q9 & Q13

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support if U.S. killed...									
Fewer than 500	8	9	2	11	17	8	3	4	12
500 to 1,000	13	19	8	11	14	13	14	11	15
Up to 1,000	7	6	10	6	5	9	4	10	4
More than 1,000	40	26	42	60	27	34	54	50	29
Don't know number	9	10	10	7	5	10	9	7	11
Oppose	21	27	27	4	31	23	14	15	27
Don't know	2	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	2

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q14: Do you think President Bush has done an excellent job explaining why the United States has taken military action against Iraq, or do you think he has done a good job, or only a fair job, or do you think he has done a poor job?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Excellent	20	5	29	33	14	16	29	23	18
Good	36	35	25	48	31	33	41	33	38
Fair	20	25	27	9	16	33	13	22	19
Poor	22	31	16	10	39	18	15	19	24
Don't know	2	4	3	-	-	-	2	3	1

Q15: Whether or not you approve of the United States taking military action against Iraq at this time, is the military action in Iraq going better or worse than you expected it would, or is it going just about as you had expected?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Better	27	28	22	33	32	23	30	26	29
Worse	14	11	15	11	18	12	15	7	20
About as expected	56	58	61	55	48	61	53	67	45
Don't know	3	3	2	1	2	4	2	-	6

Q16: Thinking about what the Bush administration said before the war began about how the war might go, which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

“The Bush administration gave an accurate assessment of how difficult the war would be,” or

“The Bush administration gave the impression it would be easier than it has been because they honestly believed it would be that easy,” or

“The Bush administration gave the impression that the war would be easier than they knew it would be, in order to rally public support for the war”? (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Accurate assessment	40	31	39	58	33	36	51	44	35
Honestly believed it	32	38	31	28	36	28	31	33	32
Rally public support	21	25	25	8	28	28	10	16	26
Don't know	7	6	5	6	3	8	8	7	7

Q18: Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

“Before the actual start of the war with Iraq, I supported the war, and I have not changed my mind although there have been U.S. casualties;” or

“Before the actual start of the war with Iraq, I supported the war, but I have changed my mind now that there have been U.S. casualties;” or

“Before the actual start of the war with Iraq, I opposed the war, and I have not changed my mind although there have been U.S. casualties;” or

“Before the actual start of the war with Iraq, I opposed the war, but I have changed my mind now that there have been U.S. casualties”? (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Changed mind (Net)	22	25	13	23	25	19	20	21	24
Supported before, don't now	6	6	3	9	7	5	7	9	3
Opposed before, don't now	16	19	10	13	18	14	14	12	21
Not changed (Net)	75	72	83	76	71	76	79	77	72
Supported before, still do	57	50	61	71	45	56	66	63	51
Opposed before, still do	18	22	23	5	26	21	12	14	22
Don't know	3	3	4	1	4	5	1	2	4

Alternate break

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support war (Net)	73	69	70	85	64	70	80	75	71
Supported before, still do	57	50	61	71	45	56	66	63	51
Opposed before, don't now	16	19	10	13	18	14	14	12	21
Oppose war (Net)	24	28	26	14	33	26	19	23	25
Supported before, don't now	6	6	3	9	7	5	7	9	3
Opposed before, still do	18	22	23	5	26	21	12	14	22
Don't know	3	3	4	1	3	4	1	2	4

Q19: Whether or not you approve of the U.S. military action against Iraq, in your opinion, does the United States have the moral authority to take military action against Iraq, or not?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Yes	70	53	71	90	51	66	85	72	68
No	23	37	21	6	37	29	10	20	26
Don't know	7	10	8	4	12	5	5	8	6

(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

Q20: Do you think President Bush gave international diplomacy enough time to work before taking military action against Iraq?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Gave enough time	67	53	71	87	45	66	80	77	59
Not enough time	30	44	26	12	53	31	17	23	36
Don't know	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	-	5

Q21: Do you think President Bush gave the United Nations weapons inspectors enough time to work before taking military action against Iraq?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Gave enough time	73	60	77	88	52	73	85	80	66
Not enough time	25	37	22	9	47	24	13	19	30
Don't know	2	3	1	3	1	3	2	1	4

Q22: Do you think that military action against Iraq will be good for the economy, or bad for the economy, or do you think it won't have any impact on the U.S. economy at all?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Good	30	24	27	39	27	32	30	42	19
Bad	38	50	28	26	55	38	29	29	46
No impact	17	12	28	18	8	16	25	21	14
Don't know	15	14	17	17	10	14	16	8	21

Q23: The Senate has reduced President Bush's tax cut in half to 350 billion dollars over the next 10 years.

Supporters of the tax cut say that it would stimulate the economy and provide more long term growth.

Opponents of the tax cut say the new tax cuts would not stimulate the economy and would increase the deficit at a time when Bush is requesting an additional 75 billion dollars in immediate funding to finance the war in Iraq.

Do you think the U.S. can or cannot afford a 350 billion dollar tax cut under these circumstances? (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Can afford	29	19	34	43	17	24	42	35	24
Cannot afford	57	73	51	44	70	64	44	57	56
Don't know	14	8	15	13	13	12	14	8	20

Q24: Do you think the 350 billion dollar tax cut should still go through even if that means money will have to be taken out of Social Security funds to pay for other government programs as a result, or do you think the tax cuts should not go through if that is the case?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Go through	12	8	17	20	8	7	21	16	8
Not go through	82	91	76	70	91	87	73	79	85
Don't know	6	1	7	10	1	6	6	5	7

Q25: How long do you think the military action against Iraq will last? Do you think it will last less than a month, one to three months, or four to six months, or seven months to a year, or do you think the military action against Iraq will last longer than that?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Less than a month	5	5	4	9	8	5	5	7	4
1 to 3 months	32	33	40	30	22	34	40	41	24
4 to 6 months	21	19	15	27	16	19	22	21	20
7 months to a year	20	25	19	16	21	28	14	17	23
Longer than a year	15	14	13	15	30	11	13	11	19
Don't know	7	4	9	3	3	3	6	3	10

Q26: Do you think that U.S. military action against Iraq will make the world a safer place, or not?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Safer place	62	55	60	77	48	57	76	66	57
Not safer	33	40	32	19	49	34	20	27	38
Don't know	5	5	8	4	3	9	4	7	5

Q27: Would you say that military action against Iraq will have had a successful outcome if at the end of it, Saddam Hussein is still in power in Iraq, but all of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, including biological and chemical weapons, have been destroyed?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Successful	11	11	13	10	12	10	10	14	8
Not successful	84	82	84	86	84	83	86	82	87
Don't know	5	7	3	4	4	7	4	4	5

Q28: Would you say that military action against Iraq will have had a successful outcome if at the end of it, Saddam Hussein is still alive but has gone into exile?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Successful	39	38	37	44	45	37	43	50	29
Not successful	53	50	60	50	48	57	50	43	61
Don't know	8	12	3	6	7	6	7	7	10

Q29: Would you say that military action against Iraq will have had a successful outcome if at the end of it, Saddam Hussein has been captured or killed?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Successful	85	80	88	93	77	83	92	90	81
Not successful	11	14	9	5	18	11	6	9	12
Don't know	4	6	3	2	5	6	2	1	7

Q30: Would you say the war in Iraq was successful if it removed Saddam Hussein from power and fewer than 100 American soldiers were killed in battle, or would you not say it was successful in that case?

(IF YES) **Would you still say it was successful if up to 500 American soldiers were killed in battle?**

(IF YES) **Up to 1,000?**

(IF YES) **Up to 5,000?**

(IF YES) **Would you say that the military action against Iraq had been successful if Saddam Hussein was removed from power, no matter what it costs in American casualties?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Not successful	17	22	15	9	22	17	14	14	21
Up to 100	21	18	23	19	28	22	17	17	24
Up to 500	13	20	8	11	12	14	13	12	13
Up to 1,000	11	11	15	12	7	17	9	14	7
Up to 5,000	4	3	7	4	4	3	5	6	2
More than 5,000 but not unlimited	11	6	12	20	11	6	16	12	11
Unlimited	14	14	14	13	12	10	17	18	9
Don't know	9	6	6	12	4	11	9	7	13

Q31: Would you say the war in Iraq was successful if it removed Saddam Hussein from power and fewer than 100 Iraqi civilians were killed in battle, or would you not say it was successful in that case?

(IF YES) **Would you still say it was successful if up to 500 Iraqi civilians were killed in battle?**

(IF YES) **Up to 1,000?**

(IF YES) **Up to 5,000?**

(IF YES) **Would you say that the military action against Iraq had been successful if Saddam Hussein was removed from power, no matter what it costs in Iraqi civilian casualties?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Not successful	18	21	17	8	21	16	18	12	23
Up to 100	18	19	12	16	19	21	16	15	21
Up to 500	13	17	14	13	18	16	9	12	14
Up to 1,000	8	9	5	13	9	6	11	11	5
Up to 5,000	6	2	13	7	5	4	9	7	5
More than 5,000 but not unlimited	10	3	16	16	4	11	12	14	6
Unlimited	14	16	13	14	17	11	15	17	11
Don't know	13	13	10	13	7	15	10	12	15

Q32: Do you think that Saddam Hussein has close ties with members of the Al Qaeda terrorist network, or do you think that Hussein has no close ties with the Al Qaeda terrorist network?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Ties to Al Qaeda	78	70	77	89	73	74	83	73	82
No ties	13	18	13	6	18	18	8	20	7
Don't know	9	12	10	5	9	8	9	7	11

Q33: Do you think Saddam Hussein bears any responsibility for the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or does he bear no responsibility? (IF YES) Does he bear all of the responsibility, or most of the responsibility, or some of the responsibility, or hardly any responsibility for the September 11th attacks?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
None	22	30	13	19	27	26	18	32	13
All	6	9	2	4	8	4	4	6	6
Most	11	8	18	15	7	7	16	7	15
Some	42	35	42	50	45	40	46	38	47
Hardly any	3	1	4	3	3	4	2	3	2
Don't know	16	17	21	9	10	19	14	14	17

Q34: How confident are you that the U.S. military forces will find weapons of mass destruction: Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Very confident	47	45	46	51	42	43	56	49	45
Somewhat confident	28	29	29	29	26	31	27	25	30
Not too confident	16	17	20	8	14	19	11	15	16
Not confident at all	5	5	5	3	10	6	1	8	3
Don't know	4	4	-	9	8	1	5	3	6

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE WAR—SEE Q9)

Q35: If the U.S. military doesn't find any weapons of mass destruction, would you still support the Bush administration's decision to take military action in Iraq at this time or would you oppose military action? (IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE) Would you (support/oppose) that strongly or only somewhat?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	*	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support strongly	62	48	57	78		55	75	72	50
Support somewhat	21	23	28	12		24	14	17	25
Oppose somewhat	6	11	7	3		10	3	6	7
Oppose strongly	8	16	4	6		7	7	3	15
Don't know	3	2	4	1		4	1	2	3

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(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q36: The Iraqi military is using Iraqi citizens as human shields at some strategic sites in an attempt to keep the United States from bombing those sites. The United States military is trying not to bomb those areas. Which of these statements comes closer to your view:

“Even though this is war, the U.S. military is doing the right thing in trying not to bomb areas where Iraqi civilians are being used as human shields,” or

“This is war, so the U.S. military should bomb any Iraqi military position they think is necessary, regardless of whether Iraqi civilians are being used as human shields”?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Not bomb where civilians are	65	68	66	60	58	74	62	67	63
Bomb any military position	24	24	18	32	33	16	28	24	25
Depends (Vol.)	7	3	14	7	6	7	7	8	7
Don't know	4	5	2	1	3	3	3	1	5

Q37: Who do you think should lead the reconstruction effort in Iraq—the United States, or the United Nations, or should it be some other country that takes the lead?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
U.S.	29	24	25	42	27	28	33	29	28
U.N.	50	64	48	37	58	54	43	54	47
Other country	7	3	6	4	5	6	10	5	9
U.S./U.N. joint effort (Vol.)	7	4	12	9	6	6	9	8	6
Iraq (Vol.)	3	2	8	3	3	2	2	2	4
Don't know	4	3	1	5	1	4	3	2	6

Q38: Should the U.S. send peacekeeping forces to Iraq after the war, or not?

(IF YES) Do you think U.S. peacekeepers should stay in Iraq as long as they are needed, or should the U.S. have a time limit on how long peacekeepers should stay?

(IF LIMIT) How long do you think the U.S. should stay as peacekeepers in Iraq? Do you think it should be up to a month?

(IF UP TO A MONTH) Up to three months?

(IF UP TO THREE MONTHS) Up to six months?

(IF UP TO SIX MONTHS) Up to a year?

(IF UP TO A YEAR) Do you think the U.S. should stay longer than that?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Should not send	17	14	17	11	24	14	16	13	21
As long as needed	43	45	46	47	45	42	43	43	42
Up to a month	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
Up to 3 months	3	3	6	3	2	5	3	3	3
Up to 6 months	6	7	2	7	8	5	6	5	7
Up to a year	13	12	10	12	11	12	14	14	11
Longer than a year	13	12	15	15	7	16	15	16	10
Don't know	5	6	3	5	2	6	2	6	5

Q39: Do you think U.S. military action against Iraq is more likely to stabilize the situation in the Middle East, or do you think it is more likely to destabilize the Middle East, or do you think it would not have an effect on the Middle East one way or the other?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Stabilize	52	44	45	72	51	46	62	60	45
Destabilize	21	27	19	9	32	24	12	19	22
No effect	18	17	25	15	12	19	22	14	22
Don't know	9	12	11	4	5	11	4	7	11

Q40: Do you think U.S. military action against Iraq will reduce the threat of terrorism against Americans at home and abroad, or do you think the action will increase the threat of terrorism against Americans, or don't you think it will affect the threat of terrorism?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Reduce	38	34	44	48	29	38	45	42	34
Increase	39	45	28	34	56	36	34	32	46
No effect	16	11	25	15	15	20	15	19	14
Don't know	7	10	3	3	—	6	6	7	6

Q41: There have been anti- and pro-war demonstrations in the U.S. and around the world about U.S. military action in Iraq. Have you participated in any demonstrations, or expressed your opinions through e-mails, or sent letters to any congressional representatives, or have you done something else to show your support or opposition to U.S. military action in Iraq, or have you not done any of those things? (IF YES) Was it to protest the war or support the war in Iraq?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
No participation	82	86	81	74	76	86	79	82	82
Protested the war	6	9	8	3	19	2	3	4	8
Supported the war	11	5	11	22	5	9	18	13	9
Don't know	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	1	1

Q42: Which comes closest to your view of people demonstrating against U.S. military action in Iraq:

“I agree with the demonstrators’ views and I think it is OK for them to protest,” or

“I agree with the demonstrators’ views, but I do not think they should be protesting,” or

“I disagree with the demonstrators’ views, but I think it is OK for them to protest,” or

“I disagree with the demonstrators’ views and I do not think they should be protesting”? (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Agree w/views (Net)	29	35	31	20	56	27	15	29	28
OK to protest	18	24	20	8	35	17	8	20	16
Not OK to protest	11	10	11	12	22	10	7	9	13
Disagree (Net)	67	61	67	79	43	68	83	68	67
OK to protest	42	40	37	53	29	45	50	45	39
Not OK to protest	25	22	30	26	14	23	32	23	27
Don't know	4	4	2	1	1	5	2	3	5

Alternate break

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
OK to protest (Net)	60	64	57	61	64	62	58	65	55
Agree with views	18	24	20	8	35	17	8	20	16
Disagree	42	40	37	53	29	45	50	45	39
Not OK (Net)	36	32	41	38	36	33	39	32	40
Agree with views	11	10	11	12	22	10	7	9	13
Disagree	25	22	30	26	14	23	32	23	27
Don't know	4	4	2	1	-	5	3	3	5

Q43: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the media is handling the coverage of U.S. military action against Iraq?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	61	67	56	61	65	60	63	67	56
Disapprove	34	31	37	37	30	35	34	29	39
Don't know	5	2	7	2	5	5	3	4	5

Q44: Reporters have been assigned to U.S. military units in the region of Iraq and given unprecedented access to military action and personnel. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view:

“Greater media coverage of the military action and U.S. personnel in Iraq is good for the country because it gives the American people an uncensored view of events as they unfold,” or
 “Greater media coverage of the military action and U.S. personnel in Iraq is bad for the country because it provides too much information about military actions as they unfold”?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Good for country	55	54	59	53	55	55	58	58	52
Bad for country	37	40	34	41	41	36	36	34	41
Don't know	8	6	7	6	4	9	6	8	7

Q45: Do you think the briefings given by the Pentagon and by military commanders at Central Command in the Middle East are giving an accurate portrayal of the progress of the war, or are they overstating progress being made by U.S. military troops, or are they understating the progress made by American troops?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Accurate	58	54	58	72	45	55	73	65	52
Overstating	18	24	20	10	25	19	12	12	24
Understating	13	6	14	15	23	11	11	12	14
Don't know	11	16	8	3	7	15	4	11	10

Q46: Do you think the Iraqi people are welcoming the presence of U.S. military troops in their country to remove Saddam Hussein from power, or not? (IF NOT) Do you think they are not welcoming U.S. military troops because they are afraid that Saddam Hussein and his regime are still in power, or are they not welcoming U.S. troops because they oppose the U.S. invading their land?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Welcoming	50	48	49	55	37	50	59	57	44
Not welcoming, fear Hussein	28	30	27	30	38	23	26	25	31
Not welcoming, oppose invasion	12	13	14	7	10	12	12	9	15
Don't know	10	9	10	8	15	15	3	9	10

Q47: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said that Syria is providing military supplies and equipment, such as night vision goggles to Iraq, and threatened to hold them accountable for what he called “hostile acts.” Syria denies the charges. Do you think the U.S. should or should not take military action against Syria if they continue to provide military supplies and equipment to Iraq?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Should act	42	38	39	46	47	33	45	41	43
Should not act	46	51	52	40	46	52	44	52	41
Don't know	12	11	9	14	7	15	11	7	16

Q48: There is evidence that Iran is developing nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. Do you think the U.S. should or should not take military action against Iran if they continue to develop these weapons?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Should act	50	52	45	59	48	47	55	48	53
Should not act	36	38	44	30	42	39	31	41	31
Don't know	14	10	11	11	10	14	14	11	16

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