

# THE PIPA/KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS POLL

## THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

### PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll: Misperceptions, The Media and the Iraq War

#### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: Margin of Error: +/- 2-3.5 %

Sample Size:

June through September:	3334	
Jun:	1051	
Jul:	1066	
Aug/Sep:	1217	
May:	1256	
Mar:	795	
Feb:	2186	+ (997) over-sample in 5 major states
Jan:	1063	
Total Sample:	8634	+ (997) over-sample

Q1: Do you think the US made the right decision or the wrong decision in going to war against Iraq?

	<b>6-9/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>	<b>5/03</b>
Right decision.....	63%	62	63	65	68
Wrong decision .....	32	33	32	29	22
(No answer) .....	5	5	5	6	10

[IF "right decision"]

Q1a: Which comes closer to your view [order randomized]: \*\*

	<b>6-9/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>	<b>5/03</b>
I support having gone to war, because I think it was the best thing for the US to do.....	46%	47	45	46	53
I am not sure if going to war was the best thing to do, but I support Bush's decision, because he is the president...	16	14	17	18	15
(No answer) .....	1	1	1	1	10

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\*\* numbers represent percentage from the full sample

Q2: How closely are you following the news about the situation in Iraq now?

	<b>6-9/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>
Very closely.....	13%	17	13	7
Somewhat closely.....	43	45	43	34
Not very closely .....	29	27	28	41
Not closely at all.....	14	11	16	17
(No answer).....	1	1	1	1

STATEMENT: The next few questions ask for your impressions of some things that you may or may not know. Please just indicate your impression, whether or not you feel very confident that it is correct.

Q3: Is it your impression that Iraq did or did not use chemical or biological weapons in the war that just ended?

	<b>9/03</b>	<b>5/03</b>
Iraq did use chemical and biological Weapons .....	20%	22
Iraq did not use chemical and biological Weapons .....	75	69
(No answer) .....	5	9

Q4: Please select what you think is the best description of the relationship between the Iraqi government under Saddam Hussein and the terrorist group al-Qaeda. [*ORDER RANDOMIZED*]

	<b>6-9/03</b>	<b>9/03</b>	<b>7/03</b>	<b>6/03</b>	<b>2/03</b>
There was no connection at all .....	7%	7	7	7	7
A few al-Qaeda individuals visited Iraq or had contact with Iraqi officials.....	30	31	35	26	29
Iraq gave substantial support to al-Qaeda, but was not involved in the September 11 <sup>th</sup> attacks .....	35	35	33	36	36
Iraq was directly involved in carrying out the September 11 <sup>th</sup> attacks.....	22	21	20	25	20
(No answer) .....	6	6	6	6	8



Q9. As you may know, President Bush did not get UN Security Council authorization to invade, but decided to invade Iraq nonetheless. How do you feel about this decision?

	<b>3/03</b>
I agree with the decision.....	54%
I do not agree with the decision ....	23
I do not agree with the decision, but I still support the President.....	21
(No answer) .....	2

Q10. Do you favor or oppose the US going to war with Iraq?

	<b>3/03</b>
Favor strongly .....	39%
Favor somewhat .....	27
Oppose somewhat .....	18
Oppose strongly.....	14
(No answer) .....	2

Q11. Thinking about how all the people in the world feel about the US going to war with Iraq, do you think:

	<b>3/03</b>
The majority of people favor it ....	31%
The majority of people oppose it...	35
Views are evenly balanced.....	31
(No answer) .....	3

Q12. 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?

	<b>2/03</b>	<b>1/03</b>
The US should only invade Iraq with UN approval and the support of its allies .....	52%	55
The US should invade Iraq even if we have to go it alone.....	32	28
The US should not invade Iraq.....	15	14
(No answer) .....	2	3

Q13. 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

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