

**CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL**  
**The Handover of Power in Iraq**  
**June 23-27, 2004**

q55 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the U.S. have stayed out?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May04b
	%	%	%	%	%
Right thing	48	81	25	43	49
Stay out	46	14	68	51	46
Don't know/No answer	6	5	7	6	5

q56 Do you think the Bush Administration has developed a clear plan for the transfer of power in Iraq on June 30th or hasn't it developed one?

Has developed a clear plan	30	53	17	23	24
Has not developed one	51	27	68	55	60
DK/NA	19	20	15	22	16

q57 Do you think the result of the war with Iraq was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not worth it?

Worth it	32	60	12	28	33
Not worth it	60	24	85	65	60
DK/NA	8	16	3	7	7

q58 Do you think Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

Yes	41	52	33	40	39
No	46	31	56	46	51
DK/NA	13	17	11	14	10

q59 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	2	5	1	1	3
Somewhat well	38	62	21	35	34
Somewhat badly	31	22	36	34	38
Very badly	26	7	40	27	22
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	3

q60 In his statements about the war in Iraq, do you think George W. Bush is telling the entire truth, is mostly telling the truth but is hiding something, or is mostly lying?

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Entire truth	18	44	5	9	20
Hiding something	59	50	60	66	56
Mostly lying	20	3	32	22	20
Depends (vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	4

q61 Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? IF YES, ASK: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

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	%	%	%	%	%
Major part	39	66	23	34	38
Minor part	11	13	9	12	13
Not part	44	16	63	48	45
DK/NA	6	5	5	6	4

q62 Do you think the U.S. does or does not have the responsibility to make sure Iraq develops into a stable government after the June 30th handover of power?

Does have responsibility	66	79	57	64
Does not have responsibility	27	14	36	28
DK/NA	7	7	7	8

q63 As a result of the United States' military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

Increased	47	31	61	46	41
Decreased	13	23	7	12	18
Stayed about the same	38	45	31	40	39
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	2

q64 Right now, is the U.S. involvement in Iraq creating more terrorists who are planning to attack the U.S.; OR eliminating terrorists who were planning to attack the U.S.; OR is the US involvement in Iraq not affecting the number of terrorists planning to attack the U.S.?

Creating	55	34	71	55
Eliminating	17	32	7	15
No difference	21	27	14	24
DK/NA	7	7	8	6

q65 In their statements about the treatment of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, do you think members of the Bush Administration are telling the entire truth, are mostly telling the truth but are hiding something, or are mostly lying?

Entire truth	15	35	4	8
Hiding something	52	50	48	57
Mostly lying	27	7	43	28
DK/NA	6	8	5	7

q66 Which do you do think most Iraqi people are feeling right now -- grateful to the United States for getting rid of Saddam Hussein or resentful of the United States for being in Iraq right now?

Grateful	40	61	25	39	38
Resentful	43	27	59	42	48
Both (Vol.)	10	9	11	11	9
Don't know/No answer	7	3	5	8	5

q67 Should the United States troops stay in Iraq as long as it takes to make sure Iraq is a stable democracy, even if that takes a long time, or should U.S. troops leave Iraq as soon as possible, even if Iraq is not completely stable?

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Stay as long as it takes	54	73	38	53	45
Leave as soon as possible	40	22	56	40	49
Don't know/No answer	6	5	6	7	6

q68 After control of the government in Iraq is turned over to the Iraqi people on June 30th, do you think the Iraqi people will be safer, less safe, or will the Iraqi people be about as safe as they are now?

Safer	16	25	9	17
Less safe	20	14	27	18
About as safe	59	56	60	60
DK NA	5	5	4	5

q69 As far as you know, were Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda working together in the months before the war in Iraq or were Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda not working together in the months before the war?

Were working together	45	65	34	40
Were not working together	38	18	50	43
DK/NA	17	17	16	17

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1053	
Total Republicans	319	303
Total Democrats	348	370
Total Independents	386	380