

**CBS NEWS POLL**  
**Rebuilding Iraq**  
**September 15-16, 2003**

q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				Aug03b
	Total	**** Party ID ****			
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Approve	52	91	28	43	55
Disapprove	39	4	63	44	37
DK/NA	9	5	9	13	8

q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign policy?

Approve	47	84	24	39	50
Disapprove	44	12	69	47	40
DK/NA	9	4	7	14	10

q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

					Aug03a
Approve	46	81	28	38	57
Disapprove	47	15	68	50	33
DK/NA	7	4	4	12	10

q4 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

					Aug03b
Approve	41	70	27	32	39
Disapprove	52	22	66	60	53
DK/NA	7	8	7	8	8

q5 Do you think George W. Bush has been spending too much of his time on foreign policy problems, or too much of his time on problems here at home, or has he been spending his time about right?

Too much foreign	44	22	61	47	44
Too much at home	1	0	2	1	2
About right	40	68	24	33	44
Not doing either (Vol.)	6	4	5	9	4
DK/NA	9	6	8	10	6

q6 So far, do you think the Bush Administration has developed a clear plan for rebuilding Iraq, or hasn't it developed one yet?

					Apr03b
Has a clear plan	22	39	10	21	42
Not done that yet	64	43	83	63	45
DK/NA	14	18	7	16	13

q8 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?

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	Total	**** Party ID ****			
	Rep	Dem	Ind		
	%	%	%	%	
Worth it	43	64	29	41	46
Not worth it	47	23	64	50	46
DK/NA	10	13	7	9	8

q9 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	5	12	0	5	5
Somewhat well	44	61	36	37	46
Somewhat badly	29	19	34	32	31
Very badly	18	6	25	22	16
DK/NA	4	2	5	4	2

q10 From what you have seen or heard, is the United States in control of events taking place in Iraq, or are the events in Iraq out of U.S. control?

In control	38	54	27	35	42
Out of control	48	32	55	53	47
DK/NA	14	14	18	12	11

q11 From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do now --- should the U.S. 1) increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, 2) keep the same number of U.S. troops in Iraq as there are now, or 3) decrease the number of U.S. troops in Iraq?

Increase	15	20	11	15	22
Keep same	40	46	39	37	41
Decrease	36	25	44	37	31
DK/NA	9	9	6	11	6

q12 Do you think the United States correctly assessed how much resistance it would face in Iraq, or did the U.S. underestimate the amount of resistance it would face in Iraq?

Correctly assessed Iraqis	26	41	17	23
Underestimated Iraqis	64	47	75	68
Overestimated (Vol.)	3	4	1	3
DK/NA	7	8	7	6

q14 Who should have the LEAD responsibility for setting up a new government in Iraq - the United Nations or The United States?

United Nations	64	53	72	65	69
United States	26	40	21	20	25
Neither (Vol.)	5	3	3	7	2
DK/NA	5	4	4	8	4

q15 If the U.S. Allies make a major contribution to the financial costs of rebuilding Iraq, do you think they should also have a major role in making decisions about the rebuilding process, or should the United States remain in control of the rebuilding of Iraq?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***			
	**** Party ID ****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Allies should have a major	63	57	67	65
U.S. should remain in cont	30	37	27	26
DK/NA	7	6	6	9

q17 Do you think spending to rebuild Iraq will mean the United States government has to cut spending on domestic programs such as education and health care, or do you think the United States government can pay for domestic programs in the U.S. and rebuild Iraq at the same time?

Cut domestic	48	38	53	51
Pay for both at same time	37	48	34	32
DK/NA	15	14	13	17

q18 President Bush has asked Congress for \$87 billion for the next year to rebuild Iraq. Do you think the U.S. should or should not spend this amount of money rebuilding Iraq?

Should	26	42	16	22
Should not	66	47	77	72
DK/NA	8	11	7	6

q19 In order to pay for the rebuilding of Iraq, would you approve or disapprove of the United States increasing the national deficit?

Approve	24	43	16	17
Disapprove	72	53	81	77
DK/NA	4	4	3	6

q20 In order to pay for the rebuilding of Iraq, would you approve or disapprove of the United States cutting spending on domestic programs?

Approve	13	23	7	11
Disapprove	82	71	90	83
DK/NA	5	6	3	6

q21 In order to pay for the rebuilding of Iraq, would you approve or disapprove of eliminating the recent tax cuts?

Approve	38	29	40	42
Disapprove	53	62	51	49
DK/NA	9	9	9	9

q22 As a result of the U.S. military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

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	**** Party ID ****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug03b
	%	%	%	%	%
Increased	25	18	30	26	32
Decreased	17	27	12	15	19
About the same	55	55	56	55	48
DK/NA	3	0	2	4	1

q23 Do you think the U.S. presence in Iraq will lead to greater stability in the Middle East, less stability, or won't it have any effect on the stability of the Middle East?

Greater stability	40	59	30	33	60
Less stability	19	11	22	22	13
No difference	30	25	33	32	20
DK/NA	11	5	15	13	7

q24 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 PART OF WAR ON TERRORISM, ASK: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

	*** HALF SAMPLE A ***				May03a
Major part of war on terror	43	60	35	39	51%
Minor part of war on terror	9	9	8	11	14
Separate from war on terror	43	30	52	45	32
DK/NA	5	1	5	5	3

q25 Do you think of the rebuilding of Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? IF PART OF WAR ON TERRORISM, ASK: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

	*** HALF SAMPLE B ***			
Major part of war on terror	28	42	15	28
Minor part of war on terror	16	21	14	13
Separate from war on terror	51	33	68	49
DK/NA	5	4	3	10

q26 If Iraq becomes a stable democracy, do you think that will make the United States more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or won't it make any difference?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***			
More safe	36	55	26	32
Less safe	5	4	8	3
No difference	56	38	63	62
DK/NA	3	3	3	3

q27 How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to capture or kill Osama Bin Laden -- would you say you're very confident he will be caught, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				
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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Nov02d
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	21	32	17	16	15
Somewhat confident	31	40	26	29	38
Not too confident	26	17	30	29	30
Not at all confident	19	9	23	23	15
Not alive (Vol.)	1	1	0	2	0
DK/NA	2	1	4	1	2

	UNWEIGHTED	WEIGHTED
Total Respondents	675	
Total Republicans	207	192
Total Democrats	236	232
Total Independents	232	251
Half Sample A	355	253
Half Sample B	320	322