

EVALUATING IRAQ: WHAT'S AHEAD?

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Many Americans are pessimistic about what may happen in Iraq - two out of three say the fighting between Iraqis may now be beyond the U.S. military's control. Only 25% of Americans think the U.S. military can be effective in lessening the violence between Iraqis.

CAN U.S. MILITARY BE EFFECTIVE IN LESSENING FIGHTING BETWEEN IRAQIS?

Yes	25%
No	67

The war in Iraq continues to take a toll on opinions of the President, but when it comes to what Congress ought to do about the war in Iraq, the public remains divided, much as it was last month. A slight majority thinks Congress ought to either block funding for more troops or block funding for the war entirely.

WHAT SHOULD CONGRESS DO ABOUT FUNDING FOR WAR?

Block all funding	8%
Block funding for more troops	45
Allow all funding	42

77% of Democrats want Congress to block funding for additional troops or for the war entirely, while 69% of Republicans think Congress should allow all funding for the war.

44% would like to see Congress pass a non-binding resolution against sending additional troops to Iraq. Nearly the same percentage - 45% - oppose the resolution.

These views are highly correlated with partisanship. 57% of Democrats think Congress should pass a non-binding resolution against sending more troops to Iraq, while 65% of Republicans think they should not do so. Independents are divided.

NON-BINDING RESOLUTION AGAINST SENDING MORE TROOPS TO IRAQ

	All	Dems	Reps	Inds
Congress should pass	44%	57%	26%	47%
Congress should not pass	45	29	65	43

A majority of Americans continues to disapprove of President Bush's plan to send more than 20,000 additional U.S. troops to Iraq. 33% of Americans approve of the plan, up four points from January. 63% disapprove.

SHOULD U.S. SEND 20,000 MORE TROOPS TO IRAQ?

	Now	1/2007
Favor	33%	29%
Oppose	63	66

Overall evaluations of the Iraq war remain bleak, and are not improving. Only one in 4 Americans continue to say the war is going well for the U.S.

HOW IS THE WAR GOING?

	Now	1/2007	10/2006	2/2006
Well	25%	23%	30%	36%
Badly	72	75	67	62

Just one in 10 think the situation in Iraq is getting any better. Half think the situation is deteriorating, and another four in 10 think it is staying the same.

THINGS IN IRAQ ARE GETTING...

	Now	1/2007	12/2006
Better	10%	9%	8%
Worse	46	45	52
Staying same	41	45	38

Fewer than one in 5 Americans believes the U.S.' stay in Iraq will now last under one year - but this view has risen each time this poll has asked it since Democrats won control of Congress. The belief that the U.S. will stay beyond five more years peaked in July of 2006, lessened in December, and remains at about that same level today.

HOW LONG WILL U.S. TROOPS HAVE TO STAY IN IRAQ?

	Now	12/2006	7/2006	12/2005
Less than a year	16%	12%	5%	6%
One to two years	29	29	23	20
Two to five years	25	30	36	37
Longer than five years	22	19	31	28

Most Americans believe the Democrats in Congress are making attempts to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq - something half the public supports. 37% think the Democrats in Congress are trying to decrease the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, and another 37% think the Democrats are trying to bring home all U.S. troops.

DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS ARE TRYING TO ... U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ

Increase	5%
Keep same	10
Decrease	37
Remove all	37

About half of the public want troop reductions. Just one in four favors an increase. Although this sentiment rose among all Americans between December and January, it hasn't changed in the last month.

The desire to see more troops sent to Iraq is expressed mostly by Republicans.

U.S. TROOP LEVELS IN IRAQ SHOULD:

	All	1/2007	12/2006
Increase	26%	24%	18%
Keep the same number	17	16	18
Decrease	23	26	34
Remove all troops	28	27	25

The nation remains divided over the long-term prospects for U.S. success in Iraq. 50% are positive, saying the U.S. is likely to succeed in the end. 47% think success is unlikely.

WILL THE U.S. SUCCEED IN IRAQ?

	Now	1/2007	1/2006
Very likely	13%	10%	21%
Somewhat likely	37	36	42
Not very likely	26	30	24
Not at all likely	21	20	11

As has often been the case, Republicans are more upbeat about prospects: 77% think success is likely, compared to only 32% of Democrats.

THE WAR BEYOND IRAQ

As the violence in Iraq continues, a majority of Americans - 59% - now think it is likely that the Iraq war could lead to a larger war in the Middle East. In the spring of 2003, during the early stages of the Iraq war, just 35% thought the war between the U.S. and Iraq would lead to a larger war in the region.

WILL THE IRAQ WAR LEAD TO A LARGER WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

	Now	4/2003
Yes	59%	35%
No	34	54

Democrats think a larger war is likely, while Republicans disagree.

Even though the Bush administration recently has released evidence of Iranians fighting against the U.S. in Iraq, just 21% of Americans view Iran as a threat that requires military action now. That number has changed little in the last year. Most say Iran can be dealt with through diplomacy, and 14% say Iran is not a threat to the U.S. now.

IRAN IS...

	Now	6/2006	2/2006
A threat requiring military action now	21%	21%	20%
A threat that can be contained now	57	55	55
Not a threat to the U.S. now	14	19	19

Less than half today think the U.S. should engage countries such as Iran and Syria to help the situation in Iraq - one recommendation made by the Iraq Study Group in December. 46% think the U.S. should request the support of countries in the Middle East such as Iran and Syria, down from 51% in December.

SHOULD THE U.S. REQUEST THE SUPPORT OF IRAN AND SYRIA?

	Now	12/2006
Yes	46%	51%
No	46	40

PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE WAR IN IRAQ

Americans are giving the President some leeway before they are willing to assess his latest Iraq war strategy. More than half of all Americans believe that it will take at least six months if not longer before determining whether or not the troop increase will lead to a successful resolution of the Iraq situation.

29% think it will take three to six months, and only 13% believe that such an assessment will be possible within the next three months.

HOW LONG SHOULD THE TROOP INCREASE BE GIVEN TO SUCCEED?

Less than three months	13%
Three to six months	29
Six months or more	53

But to most Americans, the proposed troop increase does not signal a major change in strategy for the U.S. in Iraq. Only one in four Americans think President Bush is trying to make major changes in its strategies and tactics for dealing with the situation in Iraq. 38% think the Administration is making minor changes, and 27% think the President is not making any changes at all.

IS BUSH CHANGING U.S. STRATEGIES AND TACTICS IN IRAQ?

Major changes	24%
Minor changes	38
No changes	27

An overwhelming majority of Americans - 93% - believes the Bush Administration should take the views of Congress at least somewhat into account when making decisions about Iraq. Half of all Americans think the Administration should consider the views of Congress a lot.

**HOW MUCH SHOULD BUSH ADMIN. CONSIDER CONGRESS
WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT IRAQ?**

A lot	51%
Some	42
Not much/at all	6

Similarly, 92% of all Americans think the Bush Administration should consider the views of the American people when considering what to do

about the situation in Iraq. 62% think the Administration should consider the views of the public a lot.

**HOW MUCH SHOULD BUSH ADMIN. CONSIDER PUBLIC OPINION
WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT IRAQ?**

A lot	62%
Some	30
Not much/at all	7

A majority of Americans who say the war in Iraq is going badly believe the Administration should consider the views of Congress and the American people a lot.

68% of Americans disapprove of the way President Bush is handling the situation in Iraq, while only 27% approve. That small number has been increasing gradually over the past two months - it is up three points from 24% in January, and up six points from 21% in December.

BUSH IRAQ APPROVAL

	Now	1/2007	12/2006
Approve	27%	24%	21%
Disapprove	68	72	75

The President's overall job approval rating is now at 32%, similar to what it was in December. It dipped to a record low of 28% in January.

BUSH'S JOB APPROVAL

	Now	1/2007	12/2006
Approve	32%	28%	31%
Disapprove	59	64	63

Americans are most divided on the President's handling of terrorism, with 44% approving and 49% disapproving of how the President is handling his job in this area. 38% of Americans approve of the way he is handling the economy, and 28% approve of the way he is handling foreign policy - similar numbers to last month.

BUSH JOB APPROVALS

	Now	1/2007
Terrorism	44%	42%
Economy	38%	37%
Foreign policy	28%	26%
Iraq	27%	24%

Overall, most Americans view the economy favorably, with six out of 10 Americans saying the economy is at least somewhat good. This evaluation is the highest it has been since October.

VIEWS OF THE ECONOMY

	Now	1/2007
Good	60%	58%
Bad	39	42

64% of Americans think the economy is staying the same or getting better - 34% think it is getting worse.

But when assessing the direction the country is headed in overall, only 26% believe the country is headed in the right direction. 68% think the country is off on the wrong track. Belief that this nation is headed in the wrong direction is associated with feelings about the war. Most of those who think the war is going badly also think the nation is on the wrong track.

IRAQ AND THE 2008 ELECTION

Looking ahead to the 2008 Presidential campaign, about one-fourth of voters say they'll use a Presidential candidate's stand on Iraq as a litmus test for whether or not to vote for them. 9% will only back a candidate who supports the war; slightly more, 15%, will only back one opposed to it.

But partisan voters are more likely to evaluate a candidate solely by their Iraq stance. One in five Americans who plan to vote in the Republican Primary in 2008 only want a candidate who supports the war and a quarter of Democrats will only accept a candidate who opposes it.

IN 2008, WILL YOU ONLY CONSIDER A PRES. CANDIDATE WHO..

	All Voters	Rep. Primary Voters	Dem. Primary Voters
Supports the war	9%	20%	2%
Opposes the war	15	5	25
It depends	75	73	73

Voters, both partisans and independents, overwhelmingly see the Iraq war being a factor in their 2008 Presidential decisions - but not the only one. Few say it won't be an influence. 87% say it will be an important factor. 14% say it will be the single most important issue.

IN YOUR 2008 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE, IRAQ ISSUE WILL BE: (Among registered voters)

	All	Reps	Dems	Indeps
Most important issue	14%	12%	16%	13%
Important, along with other issues	73	71	74	73
Won't influence vote	13	17	10	12

VIEWS OF CONGRESS

Most Americans continue to disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job, and most can't name anything they've done since taking office.

When asked to name one thing the new Congress has done in the past month, seven in 10 can't name anything --- down slightly from the 75% of registered voters who said that in September 2006.

Congress' efforts to address the situation in Iraq have not gone unnoticed. In this poll, 8% volunteer they have done something generally about Iraq, and another 3% mention the non-binding resolution on the war in Iraq. 7% cite the minimum wage.

CAN YOU NAME ANYTHING CONGRESS HAS DONE?

Iraq (general)	8%
Minimum wage	7
Non-binding resolution on Iraq	3
Done nothing	3
Nancy Pelosi	2
Bickered	1
Can't name anything/don't know	70

Given the public's negative views on the war in Iraq and their desire to bring U.S. troops home, it isn't surprising that Americans do not want to see Republicans in Congress rubber-stamp the President's proposals. 40% think the Republicans in Congress should cooperate and support President George W. Bush's legislative proposals even when they have some objections or reservations, but 53% think they should not.

SHOULD REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS SUPPORT BUSH'S PROPOSALS?

Yes	40%
No	53

There is significant doubt as to whether the President and the Democrats in Congress will be able to work together. 60% think they will not be able to do so, and just 33% think they will. That skepticism is shared by both Democrats and Republicans, and has not changed since last month.

WILL BUSH AND DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER?

Yes	33%
No	60

Nevertheless, divided government is just fine with many Americans. 47% think it is better for the country to have a President and Congress from different parties, while 33% think it is better they share the same party.

Overall approval of Congress is about what it was last month; 32% approve, while 52% disapprove. Similar percentages of both Democrats and Republicans approve - 32% and 33% respectively. But one in 5 Democrats is not yet sure what they think of how Congress is doing.

Views of the Democrats in Congress have are more positive than negative. Now, 54% of Americans have a favorable impression of them,

while 35% are unfavorable. Opinions of Republicans now stand at 41% favorable and 49% unfavorable.

VIEWS OF PARTIES IN CONGRESS

	Favorable	Unfavorable
Democrats	54%	35
Republicans	41%	49

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1,142 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone February 8-11, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jan07c
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	%	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	%
Approve	32	71	6	26	28
Disapprove	59	19	86	64	64
DK/NA	9	10	8	10	8

q2 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	26	56	7	21	26
Wrong track	68	35	89	73	69
DK/NA	6	9	4	6	5

q3 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

War in Iraq	31	25	34	32	33
Economy/jobs	9	5	10	9	8
Health Care	8	8	10	6	8
Immigration	4	8	2	4	4
Terrorism (general)	4	8	1	4	5
Poverty / Homelessness	3	4	3	3	3
Education	3	2	2	4	4
Politicians/Government	3	3	3	3	3
The President/G.W. Bush	3	1	6	2	3
Moral Values/Family Values	3	10	1	1	3
Environment	2	1	2	3	1
Foreign Policy	2	1	1	2	2
Defense / Military	2	1	2	1	2
Foreign aid/Attn. to Domestic	2	1	2	2	1
Miscellaneous Social Issues	2	1	1	3	3
Religious Values	2	4	1	1	1
Other	12	12	14	13	11
DK/NA	5	4	5	6	5

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign policy?

Approve	28	67	6	21	26
Disapprove	61	26	83	66	64
DK/NA	11	7	11	13	10

q5 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	38	75	15	32	37
Disapprove	55	19	80	57	55
DK/NA	7	6	5	11	8

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	
Approve	27	57	6	23	24
Disapprove	68	36	90	70	72
DK/NA	5	7	4	7	4

q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	44	78	24	39	42
Disapprove	49	18	71	51	53
DK/NA	7	4	5	10	5

q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

Approve	32	33	32	31	33
Disapprove	52	57	48	51	49
DK/NA	16	10	20	18	18

q9 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

Very good	8	19	2	7	7
Fairly good	52	63	43	51	51
Fairly bad	27	14	35	29	31
Very bad	12	3	19	12	10
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1

q10 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

					Oct06d
Better	15	32	5	13	16
Worse	34	14	50	35	38
Same	49	52	44	51	44
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	2

q11 & q12 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q12 BLANK

q14 Over the coming year, do you think President George W. Bush and the Democrats in Congress will or will not be able to work together?

					Jan07c
Will be able	33	43	25	33	32
Will not be able to	60	52	64	61	62
DK/NA	7	5	11	6	6

q15 Do you think it is better for the country to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and the Congress controlled by another?

					Nov06b
Better when same party	33	43	35	25	33
Better parties are different	47	38	47	54	42
DK/NA	20	19	18	21	25

q16 Think about the things the new Congress has done during the past month since it took office. Is there any one thing that Congress has done in the past month that stands out in your mind? IF YES, ASK: What is that?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Iraq War (general)	8	7	8	8
Minimum Wage	7	5	9	7
Non-binding resolution (Iraq)	3	3	3	4
They've done nothing	3	3	2	3
Speaker Pelosi	2	0	2	2
Bickered/argued	1	2	1	2
Other	6	8	7	4
Can't name anything/DK/NA	70	72	68	70

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q18 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Even when they have some objections or reservations, Republicans in Congress should cooperate and support President George W. Bush's legislative proposals in order to give them a chance.

	** HALF SAMPLE A **			
Agree	40	68	23	38
Disagree	53	27	69	55
Don't know/No answer	7	5	8	7

q19 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Even when they have some objections or reservations, Congress should cooperate and support President George W. Bush's legislative proposals in order to give them a chance.

	** HALF SAMPLE B **			
Agree	39	67	24	31
Disagree	54	23	73	61
Don't know/No answer	7	10	3	8

q20-q33 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q34 In general, is your opinion of the Democrats in Congress favorable or not favorable?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Oct05d
Favorable	54	23	85	48	41
Not favorable	35	70	10	32	45
DK/NA	11	7	5	20	14

q35 In general, is your opinion of the Republicans in Congress favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	41	73	18	39	35
Not favorable	49	22	76	43	53
DK/NA	10	5	6	18	12

q36 When deciding what to do about Iraq, how much do you think the Bush Administration should take into account the views of Congress -- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	51	32	61	54
Some	42	55	34	40
Not much	3	6	2	2
Not at all	3	5	2	2
DK/NA	1	2	1	2

q37 When deciding what to do about Iraq, how much do you think the Bush Administration should take into account the views of most Americans -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot	62	41	77	63
Some	30	45	18	31
Not much	5	11	4	2
Not at all	2	3	0	2
DK/NA	1	0	1	2

q38 In deciding how to vote for President next year, how much will your vote be influenced by a candidate's position on the war? 1. It is the single most important issue; OR 2. it is important, but so are other issues; OR 3. It won't influence my vote.

** REGISTERED VOTERS **

Most important	14	12	16	13
Important, but so are others	73	71	74	73
Won't influence	13	17	10	12
Don't know/No answer	0	0	0	2

q39 In deciding how to vote for President next year, would you say you will 1. ONLY consider voting for a candidate who supports the Iraq war; OR 2. ONLY consider voting for a candidate who opposes the Iraq war; OR 3. it will depend on other issues?

Only supports	9	22	0	6
Only opposes	15	3	30	11
Other issues	75	74	69	83
Don't know/No answer	1	1	1	0

q40-q46 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q47 Which comes closer to your opinion: Iran is a threat to the United States that requires military action now, Iran is a threat that can be contained with diplomacy now, or Iran is not a threat to the United States at this time?

Threat requiring action now	21	35	12	19	21
Threat that can be contained	57	53	62	57	55
Not a threat at this time	14	7	19	15	19
DK/NA	8	5	7	9	5

q48 What about Iraq? 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?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jan07c
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Very well	1	3	0	1	1
Somewhat well	24	50	7	22	22
Somewhat badly	32	29	34	34	34
Very badly	40	15	58	41	41
Don't know/No answer	3	3	1	2	2

q49 Would you say the situation in Iraq is getting better, getting worse, or is it staying about the same?

Getting better	10	26	2	6	9
Getting worse	46	24	61	49	45
Staying the same	41	48	36	43	45
DK/NA	3	2	1	2	1

q50 From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do now - should the U.S. increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, keep the same number of U.S. troops in Iraq as there are now, decrease the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, or remove all its troops from Iraq?

					Jan07c
Increase	26	55	8	22	24
Keep the same number	17	19	14	18	16
Decrease	23	11	34	22	26
Remove all troops	28	9	38	32	27
DK/NA	6	6	6	6	7

q51 How much longer do you think the United States troops will have to remain in Iraq - for less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, or will U.S. troops have to stay in Iraq for longer than five years?

					Dec06a
Less than a year	16	10	20	18	12
One to two years	29	29	28	29	29
Two to five years	25	32	23	23	30
Longer than five years	22	22	22	24	19
Don't know/No answer	8	7	7	6	10

q52 Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do would you say that the U.S. is very likely to succeed in Iraq, somewhat likely to succeed, not very likely to succeed, or not at all likely to succeed in Iraq?

					Jan07c
Very likely	13	29	4	9	10
Somewhat likely	37	48	28	38	36
Not very likely	26	15	34	26	30
Not at all likely	21	5	30	23	20
Don't know/No answer	3	3	4	4	4

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q55 Do you favor or oppose sending more than 20,000 additional U.S. troops to Iraq in order to try and gain control of Baghdad and some other areas?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan07c
	%	%	%	%	%
Favor	33	62	11	32	29
Oppose	63	32	87	63	66
DK/NA	4	6	2	5	5

q56 What do you think George W. Bush is trying to do now in Iraq is he making major changes to US strategy and tactics in Iraq, minor changes, or no changes to US strategy and tactics in Iraq?

Major changes	24	40	14	22
Minor changes	38	44	33	40
No changes	27	9	42	28
Don't know/No answer	11	7	11	10

q57 What do you think the Democrats in Congress are trying to do now in Iraq increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, keep the same number of U.S. troops in Iraq as there are now, decrease the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, or are the Democrats in Congress trying to remove all U.S. troops from Iraq?

Increase	5	5	3	7
Keep the same number	10	6	9	15
Decrease	37	30	46	32
Remove all troops	37	53	34	27
Doing nothing (vol.)	1	1	0	1
Don't know/No answer	10	5	8	18

q58 As you may know, President George W. Bush has begun sending more than 20,000 additional troops to Iraq. Once all the additional troops arrive, how long do you think it will take to determine whether or not the increase has been successful at improving the situation in Iraq will it take less than three months, three to six months, or more than six months to determine?

Less than three months	13	7	14	15
Three to six	29	32	25	29
Six or more	53	56	56	48
Never (vol.)	2	1	2	2
Don't know/No answer	3	4	3	6

q59 In your opinion, do you think that the war between the United States and Iraq is likely to lead to a larger war between other countries in the Middle East?

					Apr03a
					%
Yes, likely	59	40	74	59	35
No, not likely	34	54	20	33	54
Don't know/No answer	7	6	6	8	11

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q62 Which of these comes closest to your opinion? 1. Congress should block all funding for the war in Iraq, OR 2. Congress should block funding for additional troops being sent to Iraq, but allow funding for troops currently there, OR 3. Congress should allow all funding for the war in Iraq?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan07c
	%	%	%	%	%
Block all funding	8	3	12	9	6
Block funding for more troops	45	24	65	43	50
Should allow all funding	42	69	20	42	38
DK/NA	5	4	3	6	6

q63 Do you think Congress should or should not pass a symbolic or non binding resolution against sending additional troops to Iraq?

	** HALF SAMPLE C **				
Should pass resolution	44	26	57	47	42
Should not	45	65	29	43	42
DK/NA	11	9	14	10	16

q64 Do you think Congress should or should not pass a non binding resolution against sending additional troops to Iraq?

	** HALF SAMPLE D **				
Should pass resolution	43	20	61	41	
Should not	45	70	27	46	
DK/NA	12	10	12	13	

q66 Can the U.S. military be effective now in lessening the fighting between groups of Iraqis, or is that something the U.S. military cannot do much about?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
Can be effective	25	39	15	23	
Cannot do much about	67	52	78	69	
DK/NA	8	9	7	8	

q67 In order to help provide stability in Iraq, do you think the U.S. should request the support of neighboring countries in the Middle East, such as Iran and Syria, even if the governments in those countries have been unfriendly or hostile to the U.S. in the past?

					Dec06a
Yes	46	40	49	49	51
No	46	54	42	44	40
Don't know/No answer	8	6	9	7	9

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1142	
Total Republicans	344	314
Total Democrats	371	400
Total Independents	427	429
Total Registered Voters	1015	969
Half Sample A	576	576
Half Sample B	566	566
Half Sample C	578	579
Half Sample D	564	563