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**THE WAR IN IRAQ**  
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While party leaders continue to battle in Congress over whether to push through legislation that would remove most U.S. troops from Iraq by April 2008, a majority of Americans think that Congress should not continue to fund the Iraq War without a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

More than half of all Americans think the recent troop surge is not having an effect on the situation in Iraq, and think that the U.S. should either reduce the number of U.S. troops in Iraq or remove all U.S. troops from the country. While majorities of Democrats and Independents say the war is going badly and that troop levels should be decreased, Republicans are divided on these issues.

**THE STATE OF THE WAR**

Six in 10 Americans think funding for the war should only continue if a timetable for withdrawal is put in place. Another three in 10 say funding should be continued without a timetable for withdrawal. One in 10 thinks that all funding should be cut off no matter what.

**WHAT SHOULD CONGRESS DO ABOUT IRAQ WAR FUNDING?**

Fund with timetable	61%
Allow all funding	28
Block all funding	8

Just over half of Republicans (53%) think that funding for the war should continue without restrictions. Most Democrats (77%) and Independents (60%) think funding should be tied to a timetable for troop withdrawal.

Three in four Americans characterize the war in Iraq as going badly; including 45% who say the war is going very badly - numbers which have not changed substantially from last month. But while large majorities of Democrats and Independents agree with Americans overall in assessing how the war is going, one in two Republicans think the war is going well.

**HOW IS THE WAR GOING?**

	Total	Reps	Dems	Ind
Well	25%	49%	8%	22%
Badly	74	50	91	76

More than half of all Americans (51%) do not think the additional troops that are part of the President's "surge" are having any impact on the

situation in Iraq. One in five believes they are making the situation better, but another one in five thinks they are making it worse. Even among Republicans, fewer than half (40%) think the troop increase is having a positive effect on the situation in Iraq.

**THE TROOP INCREASE IS MAKING THE SITUATION IN IRAQ...**

	Now	6/2007
Better	20%	17%
Worse	22	24
No impact	51	52

63% of Americans think that the number of U.S. troops should be decreased, including one in three that says all U.S. troops should be removed from Iraq. 18% believe that the number of U.S. troops should be kept the same, and 12% think that the number should be increased.

**U.S. TROOP LEVELS IN IRAQ SHOULD...**

	Now	6/2007
Increase	12%	11%
Keep the same number	18	17
Decrease	29	26
Remove all troops	34	40

Most Republicans think the U.S. troop levels should be kept the same or increased, but most Democrats and Independents think U.S. troops in Iraq should be reduced or removed altogether.

**GENDER AND THE WAR**

Men and women have historically differed on issues of war and peace. That is true in this poll when it comes to opinions about what should be done in Iraq. While a majority of both men and women think that funding for the war should be tied to a timetable for troop withdrawal, more women say this than do men. 67% of women - as opposed to 54% of men - think that funding should be tied to a timetable, while 35% of men - as opposed to 21% of women - think funding should be allowed no matter what.

While a majority of men and women both think the war is going badly, men are more likely than women to support the recent troop surge. Majorities of both men and women think the troop surge is having no impact, but men (27%) are twice as likely as women (13%) to say the surge is making a positive difference. There is little difference among men and women in assessing how the war is going.

Men (56%) are less likely than women (71%) to think that the number of U.S. troops in Iraq should be reduced or withdrawn entirely.

**GENDER AND THE WAR**

	Total	Men	Women
The Iraq War is going well	25%	29%	22%
U.S. troops should be reduced or withdrawn from Iraq	63%	56%	72%
The troop surge is helping	20%	27%	13%
Congress should allow all funding for the Iraq War	28%	35%	21%
Congress should fund only with timetable	61%	54%	67%
Congress should stop all funding	8%	8%	8%

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This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1554 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone July 9-17, 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. An oversample of women was also conducted for this poll, for a total of **1068** interviews among this group, by selecting them with higher probability than men in households with both men and women. The weights of men and women in mixed-gender households were adjusted to compensate for their different probabilities of selection. The final weighted distribution of men and women in the sample is in proportion to the composition of the adult population in the U.S. Census.

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q101 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 **					
*** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun07c
	%	%	%	%	%
Very well	2	5	0	2	1
Somewhat well	23	44	8	20	21
Somewhat badly	29	35	24	30	30
Very badly	45	15	67	46	47
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1

102 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?

Increase	12	23	3	12	11
Keep the same	18	33	8	16	17
Decrease	29	21	31	33	26
Remove all troops	34	18	52	31	40
DK/NA	7	5	6	8	6

q103 As you may know, the U.S. has sent more than 20,000 additional troops to Iraq. From what you have heard or read, would you say this troop increase is making the situation in Iraq better, making it worse, or is it having no impact on the situation in Iraq so far?

Making it better	20	40	4	19	17
Making it worse	22	8	33	22	24
No impact	51	42	58	52	52
DK/NA	7	10	5	7	7

q104 Which of these comes closest to your opinion?...Congress should block all funding for the war in Iraq no matter what; OR Congress should allow funding, but only on the condition that the US sets a timetable for the withdrawal of US troops; OR Congress should allow all funding for the war without any timetable conditions.

Block all	8	3	10	10
Fund with timetable	61	41	77	60
Allow all	28	53	9	26
DK/NA	3	3	4	4

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>	
Total Respondents	1554		
Total Republicans	474	439	(28%)
Total Democrats	560	535	(34%)
Total Independents	520	580	(38%)