



CBS NEWS POLL
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THE WAR IN IRAQ AND THE SITUATION WITH IRAN
 March 26-27, 2007

IRAQ

Last week, the House of Representatives passed legislation that included a provision which calls for most U.S. troops to be out of Iraq by September 2008. The Senate will continue debate on a bill today that includes a provision for a pullout of U.S. troops by March 31, 2008.

Most of the public agrees with the sentiment of the House majority. 59% say the U.S. should set a timetable that would withdraw most U.S. troops by September 2008, while 37% oppose this timetable.

Majorities of Democrats and Independents favor a timetable for such a withdrawal; so do a third of Republicans.

SHOULD THE U.S. SET A TIMETABLE THAT WOULD HAVE MOST TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ BY SEPTEMBER 2008?

	All	Rep	Dem	Ind
Yes	59%	36%	77%	59%
No	37	63	20	34

IRAN

Most Americans think Iran is providing weapons to insurgents in Iraq, but despite that belief most Americans say that any threat from Iran can be contained through diplomacy. This poll was conducted after the seizure last week by Iranian forces of 15 British naval troops who were on patrol in the Persian Gulf.

18% of Americans now perceive Iran as a threat requiring military action - up eight points from three weeks ago. Still, 54% think Iran is a threat that can be contained through diplomacy. About one in five say Iran is not a current threat to the U.S.

IRAN IS...

	3 Weeks		
	<u>Now</u>	<u>Ago</u>	<u>2/2007</u>
A threat requiring military action now	18%	10%	21%
A threat that can be contained now	54	65	57
Not a threat to the U.S. now	18	18	14

Two-thirds think Iran is providing weapons to insurgents in Iraq, while 12% do not believe Iran is doing that. A quarter are unsure.

THINK IRAN IS PROVIDING WEAPONS TO INSURGENTS IN IRAQ

Yes	65%
No	12
Don't know	23

Even a majority of those who think Iran is providing weapons to Iraqi insurgents say Iran can be dealt with through diplomacy.

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 831 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone March 26-27, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus four percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher. An oversample of registered voters who plan to vote in a Democratic primary next year was also conducted for this poll, for a total of 539 interviews among this group. The subsample of all Democratic primary voters was weighted to the proportion of these voters across three previous 2007 CBS News and CBS News/New York Times Polls. The margin of error for Democratic primary voters is plus or minus four percentage points.

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q21 Do you think the United States should or should not set a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq that would have MOST troops out by September 2008?

	**** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ****			
	**** Party ID ****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Should	59	36	77	59
Should not	37	63	20	34
DK/NA	4	1	3	7

q22 Thinking now about IRAN. 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?

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Threat requiring action now	18	28	13	16	10
Threat that can be contained	54	53	56	53	65
Not a threat at this time	18	7	26	19	18
DK/NA	10	12	5	12	7

q23 To the best of your knowledge, do you think IRAN is currently providing weapons to insurgents in Iraq, or isn't Iran doing that?

Yes, providing	65	72	56	69
No, not doing that	12	8	17	10
DK/NA	23	20	27	21

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	831	
Total Republicans	152	225
Total Democrats	449	296
Total Independents	277	310