

POLL HIGHLIGHTS: SOUTHERN AND NATIONAL OPINION ON IRAQ

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

REGION	Should have stayed out	Did the right thing
Southern states	56%	44%
Non-Southern states	58%	42%
National Total	58%	43%

There is some discussion about how many troops the U.S. should have in Iraq right now. Do you think the number of troops in Iraq should be:

REGION	Withdrawn completely	Decreased a lot	Decreased some	Maintain current levels	Increased some
Southern states	30%	8%	18%	24%	11%
Non-Southern	26%	14%	19%	22%	10%
National Total	27%	12%	19%	23%	10%

The following are commonly cited as U.S. goals in Iraq. Which one do you think is the primary reason the U.S. is in Iraq today?

REGION	Iraq is the central front in war against terrorism	We are promoting Democracy in Iraq in the Middle East	We are preventing Iraq from sliding into civil war	We want to ensure access to oil	Something else
Southern states	29%	20%	6%	30%	15%
Non-Southern	22%	26%	7%	31%	15%
National Total	25%	24%	7%	30%	15%

Do you feel proud or sad about the Iraq war? (6 choices)

REGION	Very sad	Somewhat sad	A little sad	A little proud	Somewhat proud	Very proud
Southern states	62%	23%	4%	1%	2%	9%
Non-Southern	56%	25%	7%	<1%	3%	9%
National Total	58%	25%	6%	1%	3%	9%

Poll designed by the Institute for Southern Studies in collaboration with Assistant Professor Michael D. Cobb and Associate Professor William A. Boettcher III, both from the Department of Political Science in the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State University. The poll, administered by Knowledge Networks, Inc., included 1,342 respondents with an over-sample in 13 Southern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia). The poll was in the field from September 19-26, 2006; the margin of sampling error for the national sample is plus or minus 2.7 percent.