#### **IRAQ POLL 2007**

The poll was conducted by D3 Systems for the BBC, ABC News, ARD German TV and USA Today. More than 2,000 people were questioned in more than 450 neighbourhoods and villages across all 18 provinces of Iraq between 25 February and 5 March 2007. The margin of error is + or -2.5%.

**Q1.** Overall, how would you say things are going in your life these days? Would you say things are very good, quite good, quite bad, or very bad?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very Good	8	22	13
Quite Good	31	49	57
Quite Bad	32	18	14
Very Bad	28	11	15
Refused/don't know	-	1	1

**Q2.** Compared to the time before the war in spring 2003, are things overall in your life much better now, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much Better	14	21	22
Somewhat Better	29	31	35
About the Same	22	19	23
Somewhat Worse	28	19	13
Much Worse	8	10	6
Refused/don't know	-	1	2

**Q3.** What is your expectation for how things overall in your life will be in a year from now? Will things be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much Better	12	35	37
Somewhat Better	23	29	34
About the Same	32	14	9
Somewhat Worse	25	7	3
Much Worse	7	5	3
Refused/don't know	1	10	13

# **Q4.** What is the single biggest problem facing your life these days?

# **Summary Table**

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Net: Security issues	48	18	25
Net: Political/military issues	13	n.a.	2
Net: Economic issues	17	15	21
Net: social issues	22	16	18
Net: Personal issues	1	7	4
Other	-	4	2
No problem	-	31	18
No opinion	-	9	8

**Q5** Do you think your children will have a better life than you, worse, or about the same?

	%
Better	42
Worse	37
About the Same	21
Refused/don't know	-

**Q6** Now thinking about how things are going, not for you personally, but for Iraq as a whole, how would you say things are going in our country overall these days? Would you say things are going very good, quite good, quite bad, or very bad?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Very Good	4	14
Quite Good	31	30
Quite Bad	35	23
Very Bad	31	30
Refused/don't know	-	3

**Q7** Compared to our country as it was before the war in spring 2003, are things in Iraq overall much better now, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Much Better	11	22
Somewhat Better	27	24
About the Same	12	13
Somewhat Worse	30	21
Much Worse	20	18
Refused/don't know	1	2

**Q8** What is your expectation for how things will be for Iraq as a country overall a year from now? Will they be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Much Better	14	41
Somewhat Better	26	28
About the Same	26	11
Somewhat Worse	21	6

Much Worse	13	5
Refused/don't know	-	9

**Q9** Not personally, but in terms of Iraq, what in your opinion is the single biggest problem facing Iraq as a whole?

# **Summary Table**

	2007
	%
Net: Security issues	53
Net: Political/military issues	26
Net: Economic issues	9
Net: social issues	12
Net: Personal issues	1
Other	-
No problem	-
No opinion	-

**Q10**. From today's perspective and all things considered, was it absolutely right, somewhat right, somewhat wrong, or absolutely wrong that US-led coalition forces invaded Iraq in spring 2003?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Absolutely Right	22	19	20
Somewhat Right	25	28	29
Somewhat Wrong	19	17	13
Absolutely Wrong	34	33	26
Refused/don't know	-	4	13

**Q11**. I would like to ask you about today's conditions in the village/neighbourhood where you live. Would you rate (insert item here) as very good, quite good, quite bad, or very bad?

#### The security situation

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	17	31	20
Quite good	30	30	29
Quite bad	21	17	21
Very bad	32	21	29
Refused/don't know	-	1	1

#### The availability of jobs

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	3	11	7
Quite good	17	27	19
Quite bad	44	23	23
Very bad	35	34	46
Refused/don't know	-	5	6

### The supply of electricity

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	2	11	8
Quite good	11	35	27
Quite bad	37	30	28

Very bad	51	24	37
Refused/don't know	_	1	1

## The availability of clean water

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	9	19	20
Quite good	22	39	31
Quite bad	35	27	22
Very bad	34	15	26
Refused/don't know	-	-	1

## The availability of medical care

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	8	27	17
Quite good	23	35	34
Quite bad	35	23	24
Very bad	34	13	22
Refused/don't know	-	2	3

#### Local schools

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	12	43	37
Quite good	31	31	35
Quite bad	35	17	15
Very bad	21	7	11
Refused/don't know	-	1	3

## Local government

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	12	21	18
Quite good	31	30	32
Quite bad	31	24	20
Very bad	26	18	18
Refused/don't know	-	7	12

The availability of basic things you need for your household

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	2007	2005	2004

	%	%	%
Very good	8	22	18
Quite good	30	38	38
Quite bad	39	23	24
Very bad	23	15	17
Refused/don't know	-	2	2

### Your family's protection from crime

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very good	14	33	21
Quite good	26	33	31
Quite bad	32	19	20
Very bad	28	14	23
Refused/don't know	-	1	4

### Your family's economic situation

	2007	2005
	%	%
Very good	7	22
Quite good	29	48
Quite bad	41	20
Very bad	23	10
Refused/don't know	-	1

### The availability of fuel for cooking or driving

	%
Very good	1
Quite good	11
Quite bad	40
Very bad	48
Refused/don't know	1

Your freedom of movement—the ability to go where you wish safely

	%
Very good	8
Quite good	16
Quite bad	40
Very bad	35
Refused/don't know	-

Your freedom to live where you wish without persecution

	%
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Very good	8
Quite good	15
Quite bad	39
Very bad	38
Refused/don't know	-

**Q12.** What is your expectation for (insert item here) a year from now? Do you expect it to be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?

### The security situation

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	17	53	42
Somewhat better	27	24	32
About the same	32	10	10
Somewhat worse	17	3	3
Much worse	7	1	3
Refused/don't know	-	9	11

## The availability of jobs

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	10	48	38
Somewhat better	28	28	35
About the same	37	11	11
Somewhat worse	21	3	2
Much worse	5	1	2
Refused/don't know	-	10	13

### The supply of electricity

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	6	48	40
Somewhat better	22	26	34
About the same	41	14	11
Somewhat worse	24	3	3
Much worse	7	2	2
Refused/don't know	-	8	10

## The availability of clean water

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	12	47	43
Somewhat better	30	26	32

About the same	36	17	13
Somewhat worse	17	2	2
Much worse	4	1	1
Refused/don't know	-	7	9

# The availability of medical care

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	12	48	43
Somewhat better	28	26	32
About the same	37	16	12
Somewhat worse	17	2	2
Much worse	5	1	1
Refused/don't know	-	8	10

#### Local schools

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	15	51	44
Somewhat better	30	23	30
About the same	40	18	14
Somewhat worse	14	1	1
Much worse	1	1	1
Refused/don't know	-	6	9

## Local government

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	16	46	40
Somewhat better	27	25	29
About the same	31	15	12
Somewhat worse	21	2	2
Much worse	5	1	2
Refused/don't know	-	11	15

## The availability of basic things you need for your household

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	11	49	43
Somewhat better	31	27	33
About the same	42	13	10
Somewhat worse	15	3	2
Much worse	2	1	1
Refused/don't know	-	8	10

## Your family's protection from crime

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Much better	17	51	42
Somewhat better	27	26	33
About the same	32	12	11
Somewhat worse	18	2	2
Much worse	6	1	2
Refused/don't know	-	9	11

## Your family's economic situation

	2007	2005
	%	%
Much better	8	50
Somewhat better	31	26
About the same	42	12
Somewhat worse	17	3
Much worse	2	1
Refused/don't know	-	8

## The availability of fuel for cooking or driving

	%
Much better	6
Somewhat better	22
About the same	39
Somewhat worse	24
Much worse	9
Refused/don't know	-

## Your freedom of movement—the ability to go where you wish safely

	%
Much better	11
Somewhat better	25
About the same	38
Somewhat worse	19
Much worse	7
Refused/don't know	_

Your freedom to live where you wish without persecution

	%
Much better	10
Somewhat better	25
About the same	37
Somewhat worse	21
Much worse	7
Refused/don't know	-

**Q13** How effective or ineffective have the reconstruction efforts been in the area where you live since the war of spring 2003? Have they been very effective, quite effective, quite ineffective, or very ineffective?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Very Effective	6	18
Quite Effective	27	18
Quite Ineffective	35	14
Very Ineffective	23	26
No efforts	9	12
Don't know/not needed	1	12

**Q14** Which of the following structures do you believe Iraq should have in the future?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
One unified Iraq with a central government	58	70	79
in Baghdad,			
A group of regional states with their own	28	18	14
regional governments and a federal			
government in Baghdad			
A country divided into separate independent	14	9	4
states			
Refused/don't know	-	3	3

**Q15** Regardless of which structure Iraq SHOULD have, which structure do you think Iraq most likely WILL have 5 years from now?

	%
One unified Iraq with a central government	43
in Baghdad,	

A group of regional states with their own	34
regional governments and a federal	
government in Baghdad	
A country divided into separate independent	23
states	
Refused/don't know	-

**Q16.** I am going to name a number of organizations. For each one, please tell me if you have a great deal of confidence, quite a lot of confidence, not very much confidence, or none at all?

### The Iraqi Army

	2007	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	24	36	18	13
Quite a lot of confidence	37	31	38	25
Not very much confidence	25	18	25	29
None at all	14	12	10	16
Refused/don't know	-	3	9	17

#### The Police

	2007	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	32	38	26	18
Quite a lot of confidence	32	31	41	28
Not very much confidence	16	18	20	30
None at all	20	12	8	15
Refused/don't know	-	2	4	10

## US and UK occupation forces

	2007	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	6	7	8	7
Quite a lot of confidence	12	11	17	12
Not very much confidence	30	23	23	20
None at all	52	55	43	52
Refused/don't know	-	5	8	9

#### Local leaders in your community

	2007	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	11	17	17	19
Quite a lot of confidence	34	23	34	26
Not very much confidence	34	29	22	21
None at all	21	21	16	17
Refused/don't know	-	10	12	18

## National government of Iraq

	2007	2005
	%	%
Great deal of confidence	18	23
Quite a lot of confidence	31	30
Not very much confidence	27	25
None at all	24	16
Refused/don't know	_	6

#### The local militia in this area

	%
Great deal of confidence	16
Quite a lot of confidence	20
Not very much confidence	26
None at all	38
Refused/don't know	-

#### Local teachers

	%
Great deal of confidence	19
Quite a lot of confidence	52
Not very much confidence	26
None at all	3
Refused/don't know	1

**Q17** There can be differences between the way government is set up in a country, called the political system. From the three options I am going to read to you, which ONE do you think would be the best for Iraq now?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Strong leader: a government headed by one man for life	34	26	28
Islamic state: where politicians rule according to religious principles	22	14	21
Democracy: a government with a chance for the leader to be replaced from time to time	43	57	49
Refused/don't know	-	3	4

**Q18** And which one of these systems will be best for Iraq in five years time?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Strong leader: a government headed by one man for life	26	18
Islamic state: where politicians rule according to religious principles	22	12
Democracy: a government with a chance for the leader to be replaced from time to time	53	64
Refused/don't know	-	7

**Q19** Regardless of what kind of system Iraq SHOULD have, which of these do you think Iraq most likely WILL have five years from now?

	%
Strong leader: a government headed by one man for life	22
Islamic state: where politicians rule according to religious principles	24
Democracy: a government with a chance for the leader to be replaced from time to time	53
Refused/don't know	1

**Q20** Thinking of the current national government of Iraq, how do you feel about the way in which it has carried out its responsibilities? Has it done a very good job, quite a good job, quite a bad job, or a very bad job?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Very Good Job	10	22
Quite a Good Job	36	39
Quite a Bad Job	27	17
Very Bad Job	26	16
Refused/don't know	-	7

**Q21**. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nouri Kamel al-Maliki is handling his job as prime minister?

	%
Approve	43

Disapprove	57
Refused/don't know	-

**Q22.** Overall, do you think the members of the National Assembly of Iraq are willing or not willing to make necessary compromises to bring peace and security to the country?

	%
Willing	41
Not Willing	58
Refused/don't know	1

**Q23** Who do you think currently controls things in our country; is it the Iraqi government, the United States, somebody else, or no one?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Iraqi Government	34	44
United States	59	24
Somebody else	4	17
No one controls things	3	6
Refused/don't know	-	9

**Q24** Since the war, how do you feel about the way in which the United States and other Coalition forces have carried out their responsibilities in Iraq? Have they done a very good job, quite a good job, quite a bad job, or a very bad job?

	2007	2005
	%	%
A Very Good Job	6	10
Quite a Good Job	18	27
Quite a Bad Job	30	19
A Very Bad Job	46	40
Refused/don't know	ı	5

**Q25** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the presence of Coalition forces in Iraq?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Strongly Support	6	13	13
Somewhat Support	16	19	26
Somewhat Oppose	32	21	20
Strongly Oppose	46	44	31
Refused/don't know	-	3	10

**Q26** Do you think that bringing more US forces into Baghdad and Anbar will make security in these areas better, worse, or have no effect on the security situation in these areas?

	%
Better	29
Worse	49
No Effect	22
Refused/don't know	-

**Q27** How long do you think US and other Coalition forces should remain in Iraq? Should they leave now, remain until security is restored, remain until the Iraqi government is stronger, remain until Iraqi security forces can operate independently, remain longer but leave eventually, or never leave?

	2007	2005
	%	%
Leave now	35	26
Remain until security is	38	31
restored		
Remain until the Iraqi	14	19?
government is stronger		
Remain until the Iraqi	11	16
security forces can operate		
independently		
Remain longer but leave	2	3
eventually		
Never leave	1	1
Refused/don't know	-	4

**Q28** Overall, do you think the presence of US forces in Iraq is making security in our country better, worse, or having no effect on the security situation?

	%
Better	21
Worse	69
No Effect	10
Refused/don't know	-

**Q29** Overall, please say if you think each of these countries is playing a positive, neutral, or negative role in Iraq now?

	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Refuse/
				don't
				know
	%	%	%	%
Russia	15	72	13	-
Saudia Arabia	20	28	52	1
Iran	17	16	67	ı
Syria	7	30	63	-
Turkey	10	44	46	-
United States	12	11	77	-

United Kingdom	11	14	75	_

**Q30** Thinking about the political action of other people, do you find each of these items to be acceptable or not acceptable?

	Acceptable	Not	Refuse/
		acceptable	don't
			know
	%	%	%
Attacks on	51	49	-
Coalition forces			
2004 survey	17	78	5
Attacks on Iraqi	12	88	-
government			
forces			

**Q31** How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood? Do you feel very safe, not very safe, or not safe at all?

	2007	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Very Safe	26	63	40
Not Very Safe	41	30	40
Not Safe At All	33	6	18
Refused/don't know	-	1	3

**Q32**. In order to avoid trouble, how often, if ever, have you done any of the following over the past year? Is it very often, quite often, not so often or never?

	Very	Quite	Not so	Never	Refuse/
	often	often	often		don't know
	%	%	%	%	%
Avoiding going out of your home	18	33	27	22	-
Not sending your children to school	14	26	28	32	-
Avoiding passing/driving by police stations and other public buildings	20	35	25	20	-
Avoiding markets and other crowded areas	21	33	29	17	-
Avoiding checkpoints	29	36	14	20	-
Avoiding US and other coalition forces	46	35	10	9	-
Avoiding travel	21	33	29	18	_
Being careful about what	30	37	18	14	-

you say about yourself to others					
Avoiding going to work or to apply for work	17	26	29	28	-

## Q33 For each item I read, please tell me if it has or has not occurred nearby here?

	Have	Have not	Refuse/
	occurred	occurred	don't know
	nearby	nearby	
	here	here	
	%	%	%
Car bombs, suicide attacks	32	68	-
Snipers, crossfire	30	70	-
Fighting among sectarian	25	75	-
factions			
Kidnappings for ransom	40	60	-
Fighting between Iraqi	34	66	-
government and anti-			
government forces			
Unnecessary violence	44	55	-
against citizens by US or			
coalition forces			
Unnecessary violence	24	76	-
against citizens by the Iraqi			
police			
Unnecessary violence	24	76	-
against citizens by the Iraqi			
Army			
Unnecessary violence	31	69	-
against citizens by local			
militia forces			

## Q34. And which one of these, if any, is the greatest concern to you personally?

	%
Car bombs, suicide attacks	38
Snipers, crossfire	5
Fighting among sectarian factions	8
Kidnappings for ransom	7
Fighting between Iraqi government and	12
anti-government forces	
Unnecessary violence against citizens by	16
US or coalition forces	
Unnecessary violence against citizens by	2
the Iraqi police	
Unnecessary violence against citizens by	2

the Iraqi Army	
Unnecessary violence against citizens by	4
local militia forces	
None of them	4
All of them equally	2
Refused/Don't know	-

**Q35** Have you or an immediate family member—by which I mean someone living in this household –been physically harmed by the violence that is occurring in the country at this time?

	%
Yes	17
No	83
Refused/don't know	-

**Q36** How concerned are you that you or someone living in this household might in the future become a victim of the violence that is occurring in the country? Is that something that worries you a great deal, somewhat, not so much, or hardly at all?

	%
A Great Deal	64
Somewhat	22
Not So Much	9
Hardly At All	5
Refused/don't know	ı

**Q37** I have asked about people living in this household. Do you have any close personal friends or immediate family members, living OUTSIDE this household who have been physically harmed by the violence that is occurring in the country at this time?

	%
Yes	47
No	53
Refused/don't know	-

**Q38** Who do you blame the most for the violence that is occurring in the country?

	%
The United States/coalition forces	31
President Bush	9
The Iraqi government	8
The Iraqi army	1
Iraqi police	1
Sunni militias/leaders	5
Shiite militias/leaders	6
Sectarian disputes	8
Al Qaeda/foreign jihads	18
Common criminals	6
Iran	7

Other	-
Refused/don't know	-

**Q39** Who do you feel is most in command of security in this area at this time: the Iraqi police, the Iraqi army, coalition forces, local militia, other extra-legal armed forces, or is no one in command of security here?

	%
The Iraqi police	41
The Iraqi army	23
Coalition forces	11
Local militia	9
Other extra-legal armed forces	10
No one is in command of	5
security here	
Refused/don't know	1

**Q40** And, which of these would be your preference to have in command of security in this area: the Iraqi police, the Iraqi army, coalition forces, local militia, or other extra-legal armed forces?

	%
The Iraqi police	46
The Iraqi army	32
Coalition forces	9
Local militia	7
Other extra-legal armed forces	1
None	5
Refused/don't know	-

**Q41**. During the past year have you done any of the following for security reasons—that is, specifically to avoid violence or religious persecution?

	Yes	No	Refused/
			don't know
	%	%	%
Become a more wary or watchful	81	19	-
person			
Moved to live in a new location	15	85	-
Changed your jobs	13	87	-
If you have school-aged children,	18	82	-
changed their school *			

<sup>\*</sup> Among those respondents with children

**Q42** In the last few days, have you experienced any of the following because of the situation in our country at the present time? If Yes: Have you experienced it a great deal or somewhat?

Yes, a	Yes,	No	Refused/
great deal	somewhat		don't know

	%	%	%	%
Trouble sleeping	36	40	25	-
Difficulty concentrating on your	31	41	28	-
work or usual activities				
Feelings of anger	36	46	18	-
Feelings of depression	37	40	23	-

**Q43**. There are areas of Iraq where in the past Sunnis and Shiites lived together in the same mahallah. In some of these areas people are now separating—Sunnis moving to live among Sunnis only, Shiites moving to live among Shiites only. Has this separating of people been happening in this mahallah, or not? Would you say:

	%
Yes, it has happened	14
No, this mahallah (neighborhood) has	38
been mixed and remains so	
No, this mahallah (neighborhood) has	47
never been mixed	
Refused/don't know	-

Q44 Has this movement of people been mainly forcible, or mainly voluntary? [Asked only of those answering "Yes" in Q43]

	%
Mainly Forcible	81
Mainly voluntary	19
Refused/don't know	-

**Q45** Do you think the separation of people on sectarian lines is a good thing or a bad thing for Iraq?

	%
Good thing	6
Bad thing	94
Refused/don't know	-

**Q46** Thinking about your security, if you could do so, would you move to a different area of the country, or are you satisfied living in this location?

	%
Move to different area	19
I am satisfied living in	81
this location	
Refused/don't know	1

**Q47** Again with your security in mind, if you could do so, would you move to a different country entirely, or are you satisfied living in Iraq?

	%
Move to another country	30
I am satisfied living in	70

this location	
Refused/don't know	_

Q48 Do you have current plans to leave the country, or no such plans at this time? [Asked only of those answering "move to another country" in Q47]

	%
Yes	42
No	57
Refused/don't know	1

**Q49** Thinking about ex-Baathists in the country, do you think they should or should not be allowed to take government jobs?

	%
Yes	56
No	44
Refused/don't know	-

**Q50** With regards to the execution of Saddam Hussein—do you believe this was carried out in an appropriate or inappropriate manner?

	%
Appropriate	50
Inappropriate	49
Refused/don't know	1

**Q51** And, do you believe the execution of Saddam Hussein was helpful in bringing about reconciliation in Iraq, or do you think it made reconciliation more difficult?

	%
Yes, brought reconciliation	36
No, made reconciliation more	53
difficult	
Had no effect on reconciliation	12
Refused/don't know	-

**Q52** Do you personally think Iraq is or is not involved in a civil war at this time?

	%
Yes	42
No	56
Refused/don't know	2

Q53. How likely do you think it is that there will be a civil war in Iraq—very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely? [Asked only of those answering "no/ refused/don't know" in Q52]

	%
Very likely	6
Somewhat likely	37
Somewhat unlikely	46
Very unlikely	11
Refused/don't know	-

Q54 Do you think that the following countries are or are not actively engaged in encouraging sectarian violence within Iraq?

	Yes,	No, not	Refuse/don't
	actively	actively	know
	engaged	engaged	
	%	%	%
Syria	66	34	-
Iran	71	29	-
Saudi Arabia	56	44	-