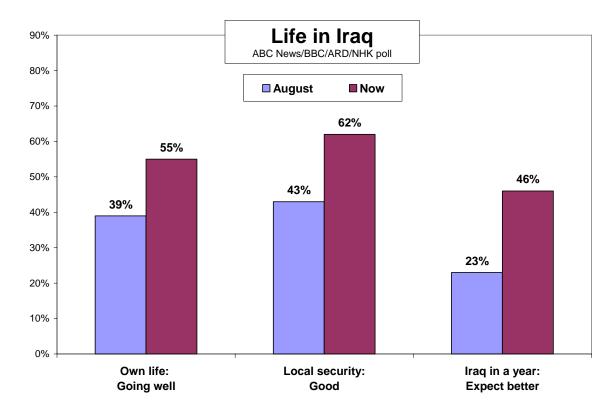
# Security Gains Reverse Iraq's Spiral Though Serious Problems Remain

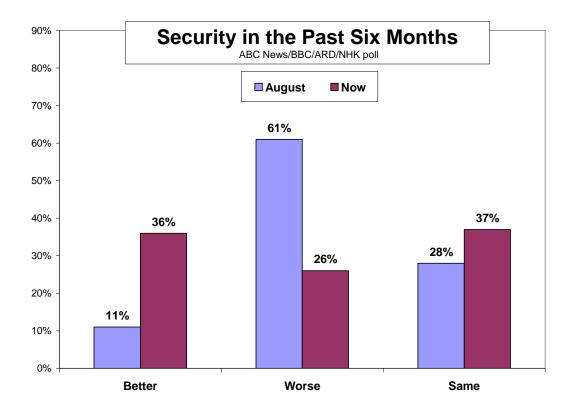
Improved security and economic conditions have reversed Iraqis' spiral of despair, sharply improving hopes for the country's future. Yet deep problems remain, in terms of security, living conditions, reconciliation and political progress alike.

Fifty-five percent of Iraqis say things in their own lives are going well, well up from 39 percent as recently as August. More, 62 percent, rate local security positively, up 19 points. And the number who expect conditions nationally to improve in the year ahead has doubled, to 46 percent in this new national poll by ABC News, the BBC, ARD German TV and the Japanese broadcaster NHK.

Without directly crediting the surge in U.S. forces, fewer report security as the main problem in their own lives – 25 percent, nearly half its peak last spring. Forty-six percent say local security has improved in the past six months, nearly double last summer's level. The number of Iraqis who feel entirely unsafe in their own area has dropped by two-thirds, to 10 percent. And with Sunni Arab buy-in, U.S.-funded Awakening Councils, created to provide local security, are more popular than the Iraqi government itself.



Even more striking is the halt in worsening views. In August, Iraqis by 61-11 percent said security in the country had gotten worse, not better, in the previous six months. Today, by 36-26 percent, more say security has improved. The new positive margin is not large. But the 35-point drop in views that security is worsening is the single largest change in this poll.



BEEN BETTER – In almost all cases, however, the improvement since August and March still has not brought Iraqi sentiment back to its pre-2007 levels. While 46 percent now expect improvements for the country in the next year, that's still far below its level in November 2005, 69 percent. While 55 percent say their own lives are going well, that's down from 71 percent in late 2005.

	Now	August 2007	March 2007	November 2005
Own life going well	55%	39	39	71
Expect gains for Irag	46%	23	40	69

Similarly, while there's been a big drop in the number who cite security as their own main problem, 50 percent still volunteer it as the nation's main problem overall – little changed from 56 percent in August. One in four Iraqis still report suicide attacks, sectarian fighting and other violence in their own area in just the past six months. And the provision of basic services has barely budged; 88 percent lack adequate electricity.

Much of the improvement since August is driven by Baghdad and Anbar provinces, focal points of the surge. Seventy-one percent in Anbar, and fewer in Baghdad but still 43

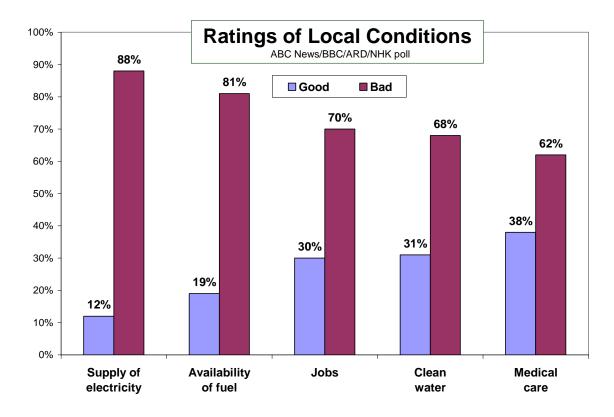
percent, now rate local security positively – up from zero in both locales last year. While a dramatic gain, most in Baghdad, home to a quarter of Iraqis, still say security is bad – a reflection of continued, albeit reduced, violence there.

Economic improvement complements the security gains. Fifty-seven percent rate their household finances positively, a 20-point jump, again steepest in Baghdad (especially its Sadr City area) and Anbar. The availability of basic consumer goods has soared even more sharply; 65 percent rate it positively, up by 26 points since August to its highest in polls dating to early 2004. And family incomes are up by 26 percent, about \$80 a month.

This poll, marking the fifth anniversary of the start of the Iraq war on March 19, 2003, is the fifth in Iraq by ABC News and other media partners. It consists of face-to-face interviews with a random national sample of more than 2,200 Iraqi adults.

CHALLENGES – Challenges remain broad and deep. Beyond their own lives, most Iraqis, 55 percent, still say things are going badly for the country, even if that's down from a record 78 percent in August. Violence remains common, particularly in the cities; local car bombs or suicide attacks, just within the past six months, are reported by 45 percent in Baghdad, 51 percent in Kirkuk and 39 percent in Mosul.

Living conditions for many remain dire, with sizable majorities reporting a lack of electricity, fuel, clean water, medical care and sufficient jobs. Improvement in all these has been modest at best. Six in 10 say they can't live where they choose without facing persecution, although this, too, is well down from its peak.

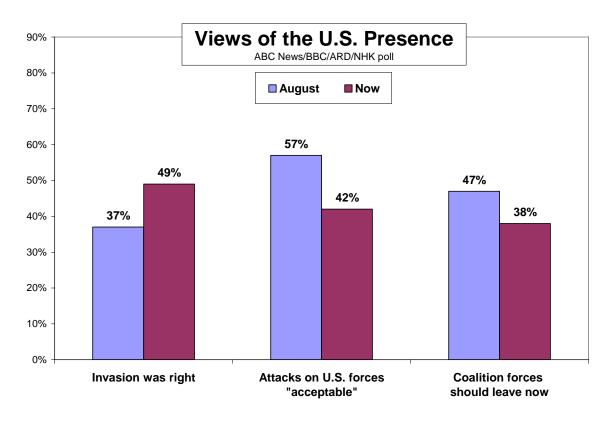


Sectarian differences remain vast. While more than six in 10 Shiites and seven in 10 Kurds say their own lives are going well, that drops to a third in the Sunni Arab minority. Eighty-three percent of Sunnis rate national conditions negatively. And while half of Shiites and six in 10 Kurds expect their children's lives to be better than their own, a mere 12 percent of Sunnis share that most basic hope.

Ratings of the national government and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki remain weak – 43 and 40 percent positive, respectively – and sharply split by sectarian group. Just half think legislators are willing to compromise on key issues. The country divides on the state of Sunni-Shiite relations, and Arab-Kurdish relations are rated more negatively.

In a telling result, one question asked Iraqis whether this is a good time for the millions who have fled the country to return. Forty-five percent say yes, now is the time for those Iraqis to come back – but 54 percent say it's not. (Not surprisingly, where security is rated positively, Iraqis are 20 points more likely to say it's time to return.)

THE U.S. – Views of the United States, while still broadly negative, have moderated in some respects. Just shy of half, 49 percent, now say it was right for the U.S.-led coalition to have invaded, up by 12 points from August; the previous high was 48 percent in the first ABC News poll in Iraq in February 2004.



Similarly, the number of Iraqis who call it "acceptable" to attack U.S. forces has declined for the first time in these polls, down to 42 percent after peaking at 57 percent in August.

Even with a 15-point drop, however, that's still a lot of Iraqis to endorse such violence. (Just 4 percent, by contrast, call it acceptable to attack Iraqi government forces.)

Sunni Arabs, dispossessed by the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, are a good example. In August 93 percent of Sunnis called it acceptable to attack U.S. forces. Today, that's down to 62 percent – a dramatic decline, but one that still leaves six in 10 Sunnis on the side of anti-U.S. attacks.

Other measures are a little better, if not good. Just 20 percent of Iraqis express confidence in U.S. forces, up slightly from 14 percent last summer. Just 29 percent say U.S. forces have done a good job in Iraq, up 10 points. Only 27 percent say the presence of U.S. forces is making overall security better in Iraq, up 9 points; 61 percent say it's making things worse.

Indeed, on a basic level, the presence of foreign forces remains unwelcome: Just 26 percent of Iraqis support having U.S. and coalition troops in their country, up a scant 5 points. But this doesn't mean most favor immediate withdrawal. Well under half, 38 percent, say the United States should leave now, down from a peak 47 percent in August.

One reason is that Iraqis are divided on what might follow U.S. withdrawal; 46 percent think it would make security better, but the rest say it would make security worse or leave it as it is now. Those who think immediate withdrawal would improve security are twice as likely to support it.

Moreover, despite their antipathy, big majorities see a continued role for the United States. From two-thirds to 80 percent of Iraqis support future U.S. efforts conducting security operations against al Qaeda or foreign jihadis in Iraq; providing military training, weapons and reconstruction aid; and assisting in security vis-à-vis Iran and Turkey. The most popular of these is a U.S. role confronting al Qaeda.

Future role for U.S.	%	support
Security vs. al Qaeda in Iraq		80%
Training/weapons for Iraqi army		76
Reconstruction aid		73
Security vs. Iran		68
Security vs. Turkey		66

Americans long have been conflicted about the war: Broadly unhappy with its costs in human and material terms alike, yet torn on how and when best to leave Iraq in a tenable condition. Iraqis, it turns out, are equally conflicted on these issues.

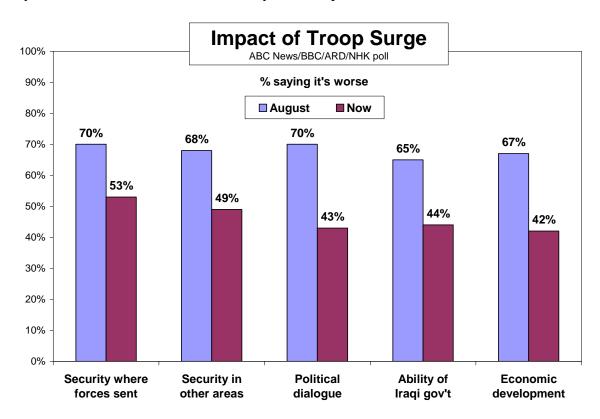
THE SURGE – On a national level, as noted, 36 percent of Iraqis say security has improved in the last six months; that's jumped from just 11 percent in August. Of them, 82 percent express at least some confidence improved security will continue, although fewer, about a third, are "very" confident of it.

At the same time, few give the United States direct credit for security gains. When those who see security as having improved are asked who deserves the most credit, Iraqi institutions lead the way -26 percent cite the national government, 18 percent the police, 13 percent the army. Just 4 percent mention the United States or U.S. forces.

Direct ratings of the surge likely reflect the United States' general unpopularity. Iraqis by 53-36 percent say the surge has made security worse, not better, in the areas where it's occurred; that, however, has improved sharply, from 70-18 percent in August.

Similarly, Iraqis by 49-30 percent say the surge has made security worse in the rest of the country (it was 68-12 percent in August); by 43-21 percent say it's worsened conditions for political dialogue (70-10 percent in August); by 44-25 percent say it's worsened the ability of the Iraqi government to do its work (65-12 percent in August) and by 42-22 percent say it's worsened the pace of economic development (67-6 percent in August).

These, again, have to be viewed through the filter of general antipathy toward the United States. What's notable is the change in the number of Iraqis who say the surge has made any of these conditions worse – down by 17 to 27 points.



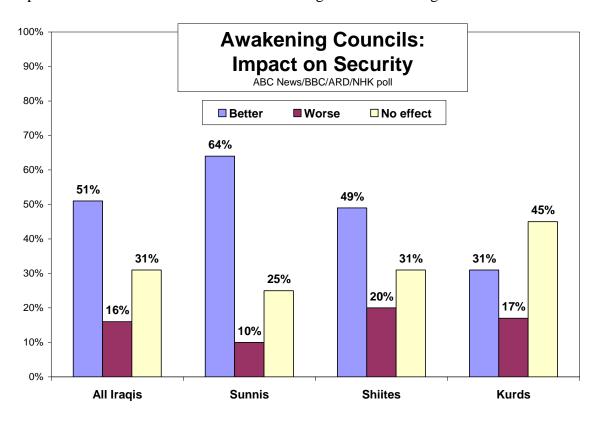
THE COUNCILS and THE SUNNIS – Moreover, an integral part of the surge strategy – the creation of U.S.-funded and -equipped "Awakening Councils" to provide local security – is generally popular. The councils are better-rated than the United States, local leaders, local militias and even the Iraqi government.

Fifty-six percent of Iraqis express confidence in the councils, compared with 49 percent in the national government of Iraq, 47 percent in local leaders, 22 percent in local militias and 20 percent in U.S. forces. The councils attract confidence from 73 percent of Sunni Arabs – generally the most alienated Iraqis – as well as from 60 percent of Shiites.

These councils began in Sunni Anbar province, where confidence in them peaks, at 88 percent; there now are both Sunni- and Shiite-dominated versions. (They're viewed far more dimly by Kurds.)

While just 27 percent of Iraqis say the presence of U.S. forces is making security better overall, nearly twice as many, 51 percent, say the Awakening Councils are making security better. Just 16 percent say the councils are making security worse, vs. 61 percent who say that about U.S. forces. And Iraqis almost unanimously reject attacks on Awakening Council leaders; 94 percent call these unacceptable.

Sixty-four percent of Sunnis say the councils are making security better, vs. 49 percent of Shiites and 31 percent of Kurds. This, along with the councils' general cross-doctrinal popularity, makes them look like a potentially effective tool in reassuring Sunni suspicions of the U.S. and the Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad alike.



The challenge is what happens with these councils over time, with some analysts expressing concern they could be drawn into sectarian conflict. Fifty-nine percent of

Iraqis – including equal numbers of Sunnis and Shiites alike – say the councils should be incorporated into the mainstream Iraqi security forces.

BAGHDAD/ANBAR – As noted, it's Baghdad and Anbar, focal points of the surge, where many of the changes have been greatest – but where conditions still lag in real terms. Ratings of local security have improved by 43 points in Baghdad (from nil in August) and by 32 points in Anbar (nil in March). They've advanced more slowly in the rest of the country, by 10 points since August, to 68 percent positive – still much higher than in Baghdad.

Positive ratings of the availability of local goods have jumped remarkably, from zero to 70 percent in Baghdad, and from 28 to 67 percent in Anbar, compared with a 10-point rise in the rest of the country. The availability of jobs is rated positively by 43 percentage points more in Anbar now than in August, and by 18 points more in Baghdad, compared with just 4 points more elsewhere.

Last August, in Anbar and Baghdad alike, no respondents felt they could live where they wanted without persecution; today 86 percent in Anbar, and 46 in percent in Baghdad, feel they can. It's been flat in the rest of the country, +2 points, to 34 percent.

	Local conditions (% positive)						
	Ва	ghdad	A	nbar	Rest	of Iraq	
	Now	August	Now	August	Now	August	
Availability of goods	70%	0	67%	28	63%	53	
Economic situation	60	15	59	24	56	46	
Live w/out persecution	46	0	86	0	34	32	
Local security	43	0	71	39	68	58	
Own life going well	41	26	26	0	62	46	
Availability of jobs	40	22	43	0	26	22	

Views that the United States was right to invade Iraq have gained 25 points in Baghdad, to 46 percent. But in Anbar, the Sunni heartland, this has not changed – no one there says the invasion was right, today as in the polls last August and March alike.

None in Anbar, either, express confidence in U.S. forces, or approve of the way they've done their work in Iraq. But there is this change: In August 76 percent in Anbar said U.S. forces should leave Iraq immediately. Today fewer than half as many, 34 percent, say so.

For all this, Baghdad and Anbar are hardly hotbeds of optimism. Just a quarter in Anbar say things are going well in their own lives (though that's up from no one last August); so do 41 percent in Baghdad, compared with 62 percent elsewhere. Compared to others in Iraq, fewer in either Anbar or Baghdad rate the country's situation positively, or expect their own lives, or the country's condition, to improve in the year ahead.

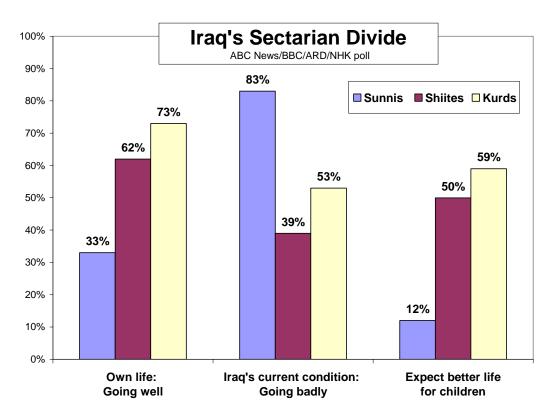
Another challenge is the strength of militias, especially in Baghdad's predominantly Shiite Sadr City area: There 70 percent express confidence in the local militia, far more than the level of militia support in the rest of the country (20 percent) and greater than the

level of confidence among Sadr City residents in either the national government (55 percent) or the Iraqi army (42 percent).

RECONCILIATION vs. DIVISION – Other results, however, show majority support for internal cohesion and reconciliation in Iraq. In one example, 89 percent of Iraqis say Sunnis, many of whom boycotted previous elections, should now participate in the political process – including 95 percent of Sunnis themselves.

One in six Iraqis say the separation of people along sectarian lines has occurred in their area – almost exclusively in Baghdad and Basra, where (excluding Baghdad's Sadr City) it's reported by 36 and 34 percent respectively – almost all of whom say it's been mainly forcible rather than voluntary. Yet 92 percent call this a bad thing for Iraq. And 69 percent favor allowing former low- and mid-level members of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party to hold government jobs – including 63 percent of Shiites, despite their suppression by the Baathist system.

On a structural level, 66 percent of Iraqis say the country should continue as a unified nation with its central government in Baghdad, as opposed to a confederation of regional states or outright partition. While Sunnis have been and almost unanimously remain behind a single state, there's been an advance in this view among Shiites, from 41 percent last March to 56 percent in August and 67 percent now. The holdouts are Kurds, nearly all of whom want autonomy or semi-autonomy (details below).



Despite support for cohesion, the country nonetheless is very much divided along sectarian lines. Slightly more than half of Iraqis say they live in Shiite-only or Sunni-only areas (26 percent in each); add those who live in predominantly Sunni or Shiite areas and just 15 percent describe themselves as living in mixed locales. This is even though Sunnis Arabs account for 30 percent of all Iraqis in this survey, Shiites 51 percent and Kurds (who are Sunnis, but not Sunni Arabs) nearly all the rest.

Iraqis also divide evenly on the state of Shiite-Sunni relations – 48 percent say they're good, 51 percent bad – with more Shiites saying they're good (58 percent) than Sunni Arabs who agree (37 percent). Shiites also are more apt than Sunnis to say relations between people of these two doctrines are improving, 47 percent vs. 29 percent.

About half of Iraqis say they have a close friend of another doctrine; of them, 18 percent say it's not safe for them to associate publicly. And in one other result on doctrinal divisions, 59 percent of Iraqis say they'd refuse to have a grown child of theirs marry a person of another religious doctrine.

LIVING CONDITIONS – One thing on which Iraqis tend to agree is the difficult state of their living conditions. In the single worst item, 88 percent say their supply of electricity is bad. (In another measure, just two in 10 report receiving electricity from power lines for more than 12 hours a day, although that is up from just 12 percent last March.)

It's not just about power. Eight in 10 lack adequate fuel for cooking or driving. Sixty-eight percent rate their supply of clean water negatively. Sixty-two percent say they lack adequate medical care, a number that's grown sharply from 36 percent in November 2005 – likely relating to the flight of doctors, among other professionals, who've had the wherewithal to leave the country.

As noted, ratings of local security and family finances are sharply better; so is protection from crime – closely related to security and now rated positively by 54 percent, up from 35 percent in August (but still below its peak, 66 percent in November 2005).

The biggest improvement, also as noted, is in the availability of basic household goods, up 26 points to 65 percent positive. Laggards, though, include some essentials: electricity, medical care, clean water, fuel, enough jobs to go around and freedom of movement.

	Local 1	iving co	nditions
	(% rat	ing posi	tively)
	Now	August	Change
Availability of goods	65	39	+26
Schools	63	51	+12
Local security	62	43	+19
Economic situation	57	37	+20
Crime protection	54	35	+19
Local government	46	39	+7
Freedom of movement	44	26	+18
Freedom to live			
w/out persecution	39	23	+16
Medical care	38	33	+5

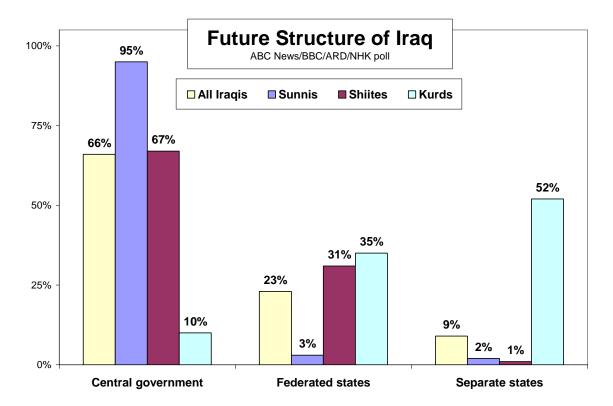
Clean water	31	25	+6
Jobs	30	21	+9
Fuel	19	8	+11
Electricity	12	8	+4

THE KURDS – The semi-autonomous Kurdish north continues as an exception in many cases. Spared the disruption to the south, Kurds are vastly more apt to say they have clean water, adequate medical care and sufficient jobs, and to rate local government positively.

Nine in 10 Kurds say their local security and crime protection are good, compared with, respectively, just 35 percent and 23 percent of Sunni Arabs. Electricity and fuel, though, are as big a problem in the Kurdish provinces as elsewhere.

There are attitudinal differences too. Suppressed by Saddam and long supported by the United States, the Kurds have far more favorable views of the invasion (87 percent support it, compared with 5 percent of Sunni Arabs) and the subsequent performance of U.S. forces in Iraq (63 percent positive, compared with 7 percent of Sunni Arabs), including the effectiveness of the surge.

Kurds, as noted, are far less wedded to the idea of maintaining Iraq as a single, centrally controlled state; envisioning a fully independent Kurdistan, 52 percent prefer breaking Iraq into separate independent states (it was very similar, 49 percent, in August, up from 30 percent last March). An additional 35 percent would like to see a federation of regional states, with just 10 percent for a single unified country run from Baghdad.



This poll was conducted after some Turkish incursions into Iraq in pursuit of Kurdish separatist forces of the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, but before the heaviest recent cross-border attacks. Sixty-one percent of Kurds called Turkish incursions unjustified (as did more Shiites, 77 percent, but many fewer Sunni Arabs, who are more closely attuned to Sunni-dominated Turkey).

A large majority of Sunnis, and a smaller majority of Shiites, said Iraq is not doing enough to control the PKK (80 and 58 percent, respectively); far fewer Kurds, 34 percent, agreed.

There's another division, on the future of the oil-rich city of Kirkuk; a referendum there is pending to decide whether it should become part of the Kurdish region. Big majorities of Sunni Arabs (95 percent) and Shiites (80 percent) oppose it; by contrast, every Kurdish respondent in this survey – 100 percent – supported bringing Kirkuk into the so-called Kurdish Autonomous Region.

There's also a difference in assessments of cross-ethnic relations, particularly between Kurds and Sunni Arabs. Fifty-five percent of Kurds say relations between Arabs and Kurds in Iraq are good; just 24 percent of Sunnis agree. And Sunnis stand out in their view that these relations are getting worse; 44 percent say so, while just 15 percent see improvement.

BASRA – Across the country, in the Shiite-dominated south, is another area of interest: Basra, where Iraqi forces assumed responsibility from the British in December. Although there have been recent protests about security in Basra, 68 percent there rate local security positively, as many as in the country overall.

The source of that security, though, is hard to divine: Basra residents are as apt to say local militia have a strong presence in their area (72 percent) as to say Iraqi government forces have a strong presence (an identical 72 percent). That tension may be reflected in another finding: Just 14 percent in Basra, the fewest anywhere, say they have the freedom to go where they want safely.

As Shiites, Iraqis in Basra tend to have a more favorable opinion of the central government – 62 percent confident – than do most Iraqis elsewhere. That level of confidence, however has slipped by 14 points in Basra since August.

WORST OFF – Three other locales are in contention as the worst-off in Iraq: Mosul, Diyala and Kirkuk. The Sunni insurgency al Qaeda in Iraq regrouped in Mosul, a mixed city 240 miles north of Baghdad, after being driven from Anbar when leaders there switched allegiance last year. Diyala province until recently was held by al Qaeda. And Kirkuk has been gripped by ethnic strife linked to the struggle for control of its oil.

Today just 13 percent in Mosul rate their local security positively, as do only 21 percent in Diyala and 34 percent in Kirkuk, compared with 67 percent in the rest of Iraq. A remarkable 70 percent in Diyala and 52 percent in Mosul say security there in fact has gotten worse in the last six months, compared with 12 percent elsewhere. Fifty-two percent in Kirkuk, 36 percent in Mosul and 38 percent in Diyala report a car bomb or suicide attack in their area in the past six months – compared with 25 percent elsewhere

	Mosul	Diyala	Kirkuk	Rest of Iraq
Local security good	13%	21%	34%	67%
Security has worsened	52	70	24	12
Attack in last 6 months	36	38	52	25
Live w/out persecution	14	21	29	42
Country doing well	30	26	33	45
Expect better for Iraq	31	25	31	48

People in all three locales are more likely than other Iraqis to cite the inability to live where they wish without persecution, and Mosul is far more glum economically; just 28 percent there rate their economic situation positively, compared with 57 percent in Iraq overall. Residents in these three locales are more negative on the country's progress and prospects, and less apt to expect better lives for their children.

Even in Mosul, Diyala and Kirkuk, conditions across many measures have improved compared to six months ago. But the situation there remains deeply troubled – a stark reminder of challenges still facing Iraq.

METHODOLOGY – This poll for ABC News, the BBC, ARD and NHK was conducted Feb. 12-20, 2008, through in-person interviews with a random national sample of 2,228 Iraqi adults, including oversamples in Anbar province, Basra city, Mosul, Kirkuk and the Sadr City section of Baghdad. The results have a 2.5-point error margin. Field work by D3 Systems of Vienna, Va., and KA Research Ltd. of Istanbul.

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Full results follow (\*= less than 0.5 percent).

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

		Good			Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	55	13	41	45	29	16	*
8/24/07	39	8	31	61	34	26	*
3/5/07	39	8	31	61	32	28	0
11/22/05*	71	22	49	29	18	11	1
6/14/04	55	12	43	45	29	16	*
2/28/04	70	13	57	29	14	15	1

<sup>\*05</sup> and previous, Oxford Research International, on all questions

Sunni							
2/20/08	33	7	27	67	38	28	*
8/24/07	12	2	11	88	36	51	0
3/5/07	7	1	6	93	38	55	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	62	14	48	38	27	11	*
8/24/07	54	9	46	45	31	14	*
3/5/07	53	9	44	47	31	16	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	73	24	49	27	20	7	*
8/24/07	49	16	33	50	36	14	1
3/5/07	68	22	46	32	24	7	0

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

	Better				Worse		No	
	NET	Much	Somewhat	Same	NET	Somewhat	Much	opinion
2/20/08	45	11	34	35	19	13	5	1
8/24/07	29	6	23	32	39	23	16	1
3/5/07	35	12	23	32	32	25	7	1
11/22/05	64	35	29	14	13	7	5	10
2/28/04	71	37	34	9	7	3	3	13
Sunni								
2/20/08	29	4	25	34	36	23	13	0
8/24/07	10	1	9	24	66	38	28	0
3/5/07	4	1	3	35	61	44	17	*
Shiite								
2/20/08	51	14	37	38	10	9	1	1
8/24/07	39	9	31	38	22	14	8	*
3/5/07	51	18	33	30	18	16	2	*
Kurdish								
2/20/08	58	16	42	26	11	8	3	4
8/24/07	38	10	28	27	31	19	12	4
3/5/07	55	19	36	30	12	11	2	3

3. What is the single biggest problem you are facing in your life these days?

Summary Table - NET Responses

		Political/						No
	Security	Military	Economic	Social	Personal	Other	None	op.
2/20/08	25	11	26	36	2	0	*	0
8/24/07	41	15	16	26	1	0	*	0
3/5/07	48	13	17	22	1	0	*	*
11/22/05	18	NA	15	16	7	4	31	9
2/28/04	25	2	21	18	4	2	18	8
Sunni								
2/20/08	39	16	18	27	*	0	0	0
8/24/07	46	22	8	22	1	0	0	0
3/5/07	57	19	9	15	0	0	0	0
Shiite								
2/20/08	22	11	27	37	2	0	0	0
8/24/07	45	13	14	27	1	0	0	0
3/5/07	50	10	20	19	1	0	0	*

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persecution intolerand Common crime			4 4	4 3	3 4	NA NA	1 NA	
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government Country brea	:/bad leader aking apart	s	4 3	6 4	4 3	NA NA	1 NA	
Economic (NE		ral)	26 4	16 3	17 4	15 3	21 NA	
No jobs/unem		У	10 2	6 1	6 *	11 NA	12 NA	
High prices/ Lack of good problems v	ls and servi		6	4	5	2	9	
ration car	rds		3	2	2	NA	NA	
Social (NET) Social probl		1)	36 3	26 2	22 2	16 NA	18 NA	
Can't trust social dis Quality of living sta	sintegration life/poor		5	1	2	NA	NA	
poor livir		mic)	1	1	3	4	4	
Poor electri	city supply		11	9	6	2	4	
Lack of wate Poor public	,	n	2	2	1	NA	NA	
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Problems wit	th school/ al opportuni	ties	1	*	*	2	2	
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Personal pro Health probl	_	ral)	1 1	1 *	*	NA NA	2 1	
Family probl	ems		*	*	*	NA	1	

Better 39	Worse 28	Same 31	No opinion 1
33 42	42 37	25 21	*
12	52	36	0
7	72	22	0
6	71	22	*
50	17	32	1
55	19	26	*
66	17	17	*
59	15	25	1
26	46	27	1
50	22	27	*
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5. 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? Are they very good, quite good, quite bad, or very bad?

		Good-			Bad	No	
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	43	7	36	55	36	20	1
8/24/07	22	3	19	78	40	38	*
3/5/07	35	4	31	65	35	31	*
11/22/05	44	14	30	52	23	30	3
Sunni							
2/20/08	16	2	14	83	40	43	1
8/24/07	2	*	2	98	38	60	0
3/5/07	5	1	4	95	40	55	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	61	9	52	39	34	5	*
8/24/07	39	6	33	61	42	20	0
3/5/07	50	4	46	50	32	18	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	45	12	33	53	32	21	2
8/24/07	17	2	15	83	36	47	0
3/5/07	57	11	46	43	30	13	*

6. 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?

	Better					Worse		No
	NET	Much	Somewhat	Same	NET	Somewhat	Much	opinion
2/20/08	46	14	32	33	20	13	7	2
8/24/07	23	4	19	35	42	25	17	*
3/5/07	40	14	26	26	34	21	13	*
11/22/05	69	41	28	11	11	6	5	9
Sunni								
2/20/08	17	4	13	32	48	30	19	3
8/24/07	4	*	3	27	70	35	35	0
3/5/07 Shiite	5	1	4	27	67	37	30	*

2/20/08	59	19	39	36	5	4	1	*
8/24/07	38	7	32	43	18	14	4	*
3/5/07	61	23	38	22	16	13	3	0
Kurdish								
2/20/08	62	16	45	22	14	9	5	3
8/24/07	19	1	18	27	53	33	20	1
3/5/07	53	14	39	33	13	10	3	1

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

Summary Table - NET Responses

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# Detailed responses:

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	2/20/08	8/24/07	3/5/07
Security (NET)	50	56	53
Lack of security/safety (general)	13	23	22
War/civil war/unrest	6	6	7
Sectarian violence	7	6	7
Terrorist attacks	12	13	9
Ethnic or religious tensions/			
persecution/discrimination/			
intolerance	6	4	3
Common crime/street crime	5	4	3
Political/military (NET)	26	28	26
Political instability/weak			
government/bad leaders	5	6	4
No independence for Kurdistan	1	1	*
Corruption/bribery	4	5	4
U.S. occupation/presence	6	8	9
Iranian influence	3	4	3
Syrian influence	2	1	1
Saudi Arabian influence	1	1	*
Presence of Al-Qaeda/foreign jihadis	5	2	5
Economic (NET)	9	6	9
Economic problems (general)	5	1	3
No jobs/unemployment	2	2	3
Low pay/inconsistent pay	*	*	*
High prices/rising prices	1	1	2
Lack of goods and services/	_	_	·
problems with food ration cards	1	*	1

14	11	12
1	1	1
2	*	1
*	1	1
4	4	3
*	1	*
2	*	1
1	*	2
*	*	*
1	*	1
3	3	3
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8. From today's perspective and all things considered, was it absolutely right, somewhat right, somewhat wrong or absolutely wrong that U.S.-led coalition forces invaded Iraq in spring 2003?

		Right			Wrong				
	NET	Absolutely	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Absolutely	opinion		
2/20/08	49	21	28	50	23	27	*		
8/24/07	37	12	25	63	28	35	*		
3/5/07	48	22	25	52	19	34	*		
11/22/05	46	19	28	50	17	33	4		
6/14/04	38	12	26	56	24	32	6		
2/28/04	48	20	29	39	13	26	13		
Sunni									
2/20/08	5	1	4	95	32	63	*		
8/24/07	4	2	2	96	27	70	0		
3/5/07	2	1	1	98	20	78	*		
Shiite									
2/20/08	65	27	38	35	21	13	*		
8/24/07	49	14	34	51	31	21	*		
3/5/07	70	34	36	29	20	10	*		
Kurdish									
2/20/08	87	43	44	13	11	3	0		
8/24/07	71	26	45	28	21	8	*		
3/5/07	83	36	47	17	9	8	*		

9. I would like to ask you about today's conditions in the village/neighborhood where you live. Would you rate the following as very good, quite good, quite bad or very bad?

## a. The security situation

		Good			Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	62	20	42	38	27	12	0
8/24/07	43	15	28	57	24	32	0
3/5/07	46	17	30	54	21	32	0
11/22/05	61	31	30	38	17	21	1
2/28/04	49	20	29	50	21	29	1
Sunni							
2/20/08	35	1	34	65	36	29	0
8/24/07	21	2	19	79	27	52	0
3/5/07	7	1	6	93	23	70	0
Shiite							

2/20/08	70	18	52	30	26	4	0
8/24/07	46	14	32	54	26	29	0
3/5/07	61	17	45	39	24	14	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	91	66	25	9	8	1	0
8/24/07	84	48	36	16	13	3	0
3/5/07	89	52	37	11	6	5	0

# b. The availability of jobs

		Good	b		Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	30	7	22	70	35	35	1
8/24/07	21	4	17	79	37	43	*
3/5/07	20	3	17	80	44	35	0
11/22/05	38	11	27	58	23	34	5
2/28/04	26	7	19	69	23	46	6
Sunni							
2/20/08	22	1	21	78	38	40	*
8/24/07	1	0	1	99	37	62	0
3/5/07	4	0	4	96	50	46	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	25	7	18	75	37	38	0
8/24/07	26	1	24	74	40	35	*
3/5/07	20	*	20	80	45	35	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	60	21	39	38	25	13	1
8/24/07	46	17	29	54	30	24	0
3/5/07	57	19	38	43	29	14	0

# c. The supply of electricity

		Good	E		Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	12	1	11	88	43	45	0
8/24/07	8	2	6	92	35	58	0
3/5/07	12	2	11	88	37	51	0
11/22/05	45	11	35	54	30	24	1
2/28/04	35	8	27	64	28	37	1
Sunni							
2/20/08	17	1	16	83	41	42	0
8/24/07	2	*	2	98	38	60	0
3/5/07	3	*	3	97	30	66	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	7	*	7	93	46	47	0
8/24/07	8	1	6	92	35	57	0
3/5/07	16	1	15	84	41	42	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	15	2	13	85	41	43	0
8/24/07	17	7	10	83	27	56	0
3/5/07	17	5	13	83	38	45	0

# d. The availability of clean water

	Good					No	
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	31	8	23	68	37	31	1
8/24/07	25	9	16	75	35	40	0
3/5/07	30	9	22	70	35	34	*
11/22/05	58	19	39	42	27	15	*
2/28/04	50	20	31	48	22	26	1

Sunni							
2/20/08	20	4	16	79	41	38	1
8/24/07	11	3	8	89	39	51	0
3/5/07	14	2	12	86	39	47	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	26	4	22	74	39	36	0
8/24/07	22	5	17	78	36	42	0
3/5/07	28	6	22	72	38	33	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	68	30	38	30	24	6	2
8/24/07	57	26	31	43	27	16	0
3/5/07	68	27	41	32	19	13	0

## e. The availability of medical care

		Good	i		Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	38	10	27	62	32	30	*
8/24/07	33	9	23	67	37	30	*
3/5/07	31	8	23	69	35	34	*
11/22/05	62	27	35	36	23	13	2
2/28/04	51	17	34	47	24	22	3
Sunni							
2/20/08	22	4	18	78	37	40	*
8/24/07	14	2	12	86	39	47	*
3/5/07	11	1	10	89	36	53	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	38	9	29	62	31	31	0
8/24/07	36	10	26	64	39	25	0
3/5/07	31	6	25	69	38	31	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	68	27	41	32	25	6	*
8/24/07	60	22	38	40	28	12	0
3/5/07	70	30	40	30	22	7	0

# f. Local schools

		Good	d			No	
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	63	15	48	36	29	8	1
8/24/07	51	15	36	49	30	19	*
3/5/07	43	12	31	57	35	21	*
11/22/05	74	43	31	25	17	7	1
2/28/04	72	37	35	26	15	11	3
Sunni							
2/20/08	57	9	48	42	30	12	*
8/24/07	27	6	21	73	38	35	0
3/5/07	19	4	15	81	49	32	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	63	13	50	37	30	6	*
8/24/07	59	14	45	41	29	12	*
3/5/07	48	14	34	52	33	19	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	77	37	39	22	20	1	2
8/24/07	76	35	41	24	17	7	0
3/5/07	79	27	52	21	16	5	0

## g. Local government

-----Bad----- No

	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion	
2/20/08	46	11	35	54	33	21	1	
8/24/07	39	11	28	61	32	29	0	
3/5/07	43	12	31	57	31	26	0	
11/22/05	51	21	30	42	24	18	7	
2/28/04	50	18	32	38	20	18	12	
Sunni								
2/20/08	23	2	21	77	40	37	*	
8/24/07	13	1	13	87	33	54	0	
3/5/07	9	1	8	91	41	51	0	
Shiite								
2/20/08	49	9	40	51	33	17	*	
8/24/07	47	10	37	53	33	20	0	
3/5/07	58	14	45	42	27	14	0	
Kurdish								
2/20/08	79	32	47	20	15	6	1	
8/24/07	66	32	35	34	24	9	0	
3/5/07	71	32	39	29	22	6	0	

h. The availability of basic things you need for your household

		Good	£		Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	65	19	46	35	27	8	*
8/24/07	39	9	30	61	34	27	0
3/5/07	38	8	30	62	39	23	0
11/22/05	60	22	38	39	23	15	2
2/28/04	56	18	38	41	24	17	2
_							
Sunni							
2/20/08	58	17	41	42	35	7	*
8/24/07	29	4	25	71	33	38	0
3/5/07	23	2	21	77	48	29	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	68	18	49	32	24	9	0
8/24/07	39	7	33	61	37	24	0
3/5/07	40	7	33	60	36	23	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	73	31	42	27	22	5	0
8/24/07	60	26	34	40	28	13	0
3/5/07	57	19	39	43	30	12	0

# i. Your family's protection from crime

		Good	d		Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	54	19	35	46	28	18	*
8/24/07	35	13	22	65	28	37	*
3/5/07	40	14	26	60	32	28	0
11/22/05	66	33	33	33	19	14	1
2/28/04	53	21	31	44	20	23	4
Sunni							
2/20/08	23	5	18	77	38	38	0
8/24/07	6	1	5	94	31	63	0
3/5/07	80	1	6	92	39	53	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	59	15	44	40	29	11	*
8/24/07	39	9	31	61	32	29	*
3/5/07	50	13	37	50	33	17	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	92	59	32	8	6	2	0

8/24/07	82	48	34	18	14	5	0
3/5/07	78	43	35	22	18	4	0

j. Your family's economic situation

		Good	1		Bad			
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion	
2/20/08	57	15	42	43	27	16	0	
8/24/07	37	7	30	63	37	26	*	
3/5/07	36	7	29	64	41	23	0	
11/22/05	70	22	48	30	20	10	1	
Sunni								
2/20/08	51	13	37	49	29	20	0	
8/24/07	25	2	22	75	41	34	0	
3/5/07	16	1	15	84	45	40	0	
Shiite								
2/20/08	59	14	44	41	25	16	0	
8/24/07	36	4	32	64	40	24	0	
3/5/07	40	4	36	60	43	17	0	
Kurdish								
2/20/08	68	24	43	32	25	8	0	
8/24/07	65	24	42	35	19	16	0	
3/5/07	66	27	39	34	28	6	0	

k. The availability of fuel for cooking or driving

		Good	d		Bad		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	19	2	17	81	40	41	*
8/24/07	8	1	8	92	33	59	*
3/5/07	12	1	11	88	40	48	0
Sunni							
2/20/08	18	*	18	82	40	42	*
8/24/07	2	0	2	98	29	69	0
3/5/07	2	*	2	98	36	61	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	20	3	17	80	40	40	0
8/24/07	10	1	8	90	37	53	*
3/5/07	19	2	17	81	45	36	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	13	1	11	87	41	47	0
8/24/07	17	2	15	83	27	56	0
3/5/07	12	0	12	88	32	56	0

1. Your freedom of movement - the ability to go where you wish safely

		Good	£		Bad-		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	44	21	23	56	29	27	*
8/24/07	26	8	17	74	32	42	*
3/5/07	25	8	16	75	40	35	0
Sunni							
2/20/08	21	7	14	79	39	39	0
8/24/07	2	*	2	97	34	64	*
3/5/07	5	*	4	95	46	49	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	51	25	26	49	24	24	*
8/24/07	28	6	22	72	34	37	0
3/5/07	28	9	19	72	39	33	0
Kurdish							

2/20/08	70	35	35	30	18	12	*
8/24/07	68	35	33	31	21	10	1
3/5/07	56	24	32	44	30	13	0

m. Your freedom to live where you wish without persecution

		Good	1		Bad	No	
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	39	16	24	60	32	28	1
8/24/07	23	8	15	77	32	45	*
3/5/07	23	8	15	77	39	38	*
Sunni							
2/20/08	19	6	13	80	40	40	1
8/24/07	2	*	2	98	33	65	0
3/5/07	5	*	4	95	42	54	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	46	17	29	54	29	25	*
8/24/07	25	7	19	74	35	39	*
3/5/07	26	9	17	74	40	33	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	60	33	27	39	20	19	1
8/24/07	59	25	33	41	20	20	1
3/5/07	58	22	35	42	27	15	*

10. In the past six months, has the [INSERT] become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?

a. The security situation in this neighborhood/village

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinior
2/20/08	46	17	36	1
8/24/07	24	31	45	*
Sunni				
2/20/08	26	37	37	*
8/24/07	7	56	37	0
Shiite				
2/20/08	59	8	33	0
8/24/07	30	21	48	*
Kurdish				
2/20/08	48	6	45	2
8/24/07	48	6	46	0

b. Your family's economic situation

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
2/20/08	31	24	45	1
Sunni	29	31	40	1
Shiite	31	21	48	*
Kurdish	40	23	36	1

c. The availability of jobs

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
2/20/08	18	35	46	1
Sunni	13	41	45	1
Shiite	17	34	49	*
Kurdish	35	31	34	1

11. What about the country as a whole - in the past six months, has the security situation in Iraq become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
2/20/08	36	26	37	*
8/24/07	11	61	28	*
Sunni				
2/20/08	10	49	41	*
8/24/07	1	79	20	0
Shiite				
2/20/08	49	18	33	*
8/24/07	21	42	38	*
Kurdish				
2/20/08	46	9	44	1
8/24/07	5	78	16	1

12a. (IF BETTER) Who do you feel deserves the most credit for this improved security?

	Iraq	Iraq	Muqtada	Al-	Iraq	US	Citi-	Pol.		No
	army	police	Al-Sadr	Sahawa	gov't	forces	zens	unity	Other	op.
2/20/08	13	18	5	8	26	4	4	4	18	*
Sunni	12	21	1	36	8	3	5	2	10	0
Shiite	15	17	7	6	30	*	5	2	17	*
Kurdish	5	23	0	2	21	16	1	3	28	1

12b. (IF BETTER) How confident are you that this improved security will continue in the future?

	Confident				Not Con:			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	No opinion	
2/20/08	82	32	50	17	15	2	*	
Sunni	82	21	60	17	10	7	1	
Shiite	83	33	50	17	17	*	0	
Kurdish	83	35	48	17	10	7	*	

12c. (IF WORSE) Who do you feel deserves the most blame for this worsened security?

	U.S. forces	Mili- tias	Al Qaeda	Neighbor countries	Politicians/ pol. groups	Iraqi gov't	Other
2/20/08	20	31	9	6	11	9	14
Sunni	20	39	3	7	13	9	9
Shiite	24	21	16	3	8	9	20
Kurdish	1	19	14	28	12	4	22

13. Which of the following structures do you believe Iraq should have in the future: one unified Iraq with central government in Baghdad, a group of regional states with their own regional government and a federal government in Baghdad, or dividing the country into separate independent states?

	Central	Regional	Separate	No
	government	government	states	opinion
2/20/08	66	23	9	1
8/24/07	62	28	9	0
3/5/07	58	28	14	1
11/22/05	70	18	9	3

2/28/04	79	14	4	3
Sunni				
2/20/08	95	3	2	1
8/24/07	97	3	*	1
3/5/07	97	2	1	0
Shiite				
2/20/08	67	31	1	1
8/24/07	56	42	2	0
3/5/07	41	40	19	0
Kurdish				
2/20/08	10	35	52	3
8/24/07	9	42	49	*
3/5/07	20	49	30	1

14. 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...

## a. The Iraqi Army

		Confident			Not confident			
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion	
2/20/08	65	28	37	35	24	11	0	
8/24/07	67	23	43	33	21	12	0	
3/5/07	61	24	37	39	25	14	0	
11/22/05	67	36	31	30	18	12	3	
2/28/04*	56	18	38	35	25	10	9	
11/15/03	39	13	25	45	29	16	17	
*If heard	of, 90	percent						
Sunni								
2/20/08	43	11	32	57	33	24	0	
8/24/07	34	7	27	66	34	32	0	
3/5/07	25	9	16	75	35	40	0	
Shiite								
2/20/08	75	35	40	25	20	5	0	
8/24/07	84	29	54	16	15	1	0	
3/5/07	80	31	49	20	20	*	0	
Kurdish								
2/20/08	78	40	37	22	19	4	0	
8/24/07	80	38	43	20	16	4	0	
3/5/07	80	33	47	20	19	2	0	

#### b. The police

		Confident			Not confident			
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion	
2/20/08	67	33	34	32	20	13	1	
8/24/07	69	33	36	31	17	15	0	
3/5/07	64	32	32	36	16	20	0	
11/22/05	68	38	31	30	18	12	2	
2/28/04	68	26	41	28	20	8	4	
11/15/03	45	18	28	45	30	15	10	
Sunni								
2/20/08	40	13	27	59	33	26	1	
8/24/07	37	9	28	63	26	37	0	
3/5/07	24	8	16	76	24	52	0	
Shiite								
2/20/08	81	43	37	19	12	7	*	
8/24/07	84	43	40	16	12	4	0	

3/5/07	87	47	40	13	10	3	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	79	43	36	20	15	4	2
8/24/07	86	47	39	14	11	3	0
3/5/07	82	43	39	18	15	2	0

# c. US occupation forces

		Confident		N	ot confide	nt	No
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion
2/20/08	20	4	16	79	33	46	1
8/24/07*	14	4	11	86	27	58	0
3/5/07	18	6	12	82	30	52	*
11/22/05	18	7	11	78	23	55	5
2/28/04	25	8	17	66	23	43	8
11/15/03	19	7	12	71	20	52	9
*8/24/07	and pre	evious "US and	l UK occ	upation	forces"		
Sunni							
2/20/08	3	*	3	96	26	70	1
8/24/07	1	*	1	99	19	79	0
3/5/07	3	0	3	97	18	80	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	18	1	17	82	38	44	*
8/24/07	9	1	8	91	32	59	0
3/5/07	12	3	9	88	42	46	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	55	19	37	44	31	13	1
8/24/07	53	18	34	47	30	17	0
3/5/07	67	26	41	33	24	9	*

# d. Local leaders in your community

		Confident-		]	Not confider	nt	No
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion
2/20/08	47	12	35	52	32	20	1
8/24/07	46	11	36	53	34	20	*
3/5/07	45	11	34	55	34	21	0
11/22/05	41	17	23	50	29	21	10
2/28/04*	50	17	34	38	22	16	12
11/15/03	44	19	26	38	21	17	18
*If heard	of, 65	percent					
Sunni							
2/20/08	22	2	20	78	44	33	1
8/24/07	20	1	19	80	41	39	0
3/5/07	12	2	10	88	42	46	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	55	14	41	45	29	17	*
8/24/07	56	11	46	43	33	10	*
3/5/07	57	9	48	43	34	8	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	76	29	47	23	17	7	*
8/24/07	72	30	42	28	19	9	*
3/5/07	80	35	44	20	17	4	0

# e. National government of Iraq

		Confident			Not confident		
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion
2/20/08	49	17	31	51	26	25	1
8/24/07	39	11	28	61	31	30	0

3/5/07 11/22/05	49 53	18 23	31 30	51 41	27 25	24 16	0 6
Sunni							
2/20/08	10	1	8	90	36	54	1
8/24/07	4	1	3	96	32	64	0
3/5/07	8	1	7	92	36	56	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	67	26	41	33	21	12	0
8/24/07	58	17	41	42	30	12	0
3/5/07	72	30	42	28	22	6	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	67	22	45	32	20	12	1
8/24/07	54	13	41	46	31	15	0
3/5/07	73	18	55	27	19	8	0

## f. The local militia in this area

		Confident		1	Not confider	No	
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion
2/20/08	22	7	15	70	24	47	8
8/24/07	24	11	13	68	26	43	8
3/5/07	36	16	20	64	26	38	*
Sunni							
2/20/08	5	*	4	93	17	76	3
8/24/07	2	*	1	93	27	66	6
3/5/07	12	*	12	88	29	59	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	28	8	20	69	30	39	3
8/24/07	32	12	20	67	30	36	1
3/5/07	51	24	27	49	27	22	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	38	16	22	31	12	19	31
8/24/07	41	28	13	24	13	11	35
3/5/07	47	27	20	52	18	34	1

# g. Local teachers

		Confident-		1	Not confider	nt	No
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion
2/20/08	78	24	54	20	17	3	2
8/24/07	74	26	48	26	22	4	*
3/5/07	71	19	52	29	26	3	*
Sunni							
2/20/08	74	21	52	25	22	3	1
8/24/07	63	19	44	37	31	6	0
3/5/07	62	8	54	38	35	3	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	83	25	59	16	14	2	*
8/24/07	79	26	52	21	19	2	*
3/5/07	73	18	55	27	25	2	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	76	32	44	18	17	1	6
8/24/07	80	37	44	19	13	6	1
3/5/07	85	42	43	15	12	3	*

# h. Awakening councils

	Confident			Not confident			No
	NET	Great deal	A lot	NET	Not much	None	opinion
2/20/08	56	16	40	36	27	9	7

Sunni	73	34	39	26	20	5	1
Shiite	60	10	49	40	32	7	1
Kurdish	19	1	17	40	19	21	41

15. 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?

		Good			Bad ·		No
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	43	13	30	56	30	26	1
8/24/07	35	6	28	65	27	38	*
3/5/07	46	10	36	53	27	26	*
11/22/05	61	22	39	32	17	16	7
Sunni							
2/20/08	10	2	8	90	35	54	*
8/24/07	3	1	3	97	20	77	0
3/5/07	6	1	5	94	32	62	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	55	18	38	44	30	15	*
8/24/07	53	9	44	47	29	18	0
3/5/07	68	15	53	32	25	6	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	71	19	52	26	17	10	2
8/24/07	45	9	36	53	33	20	2
3/5/07	71	16	55	29	22	7	1

 $16.\ \mathrm{Do}\ \mathrm{you}\ \mathrm{approve}\ \mathrm{or}\ \mathrm{disapprove}\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{way}\ \mathrm{Nouri}\ \mathrm{Kamel}\ \mathrm{al-Maliki}\ \mathrm{is}\ \mathrm{handling}\ \mathrm{his}\ \mathrm{job}\ \mathrm{as}\ \mathrm{prime}\ \mathrm{minister?}$ 

2/20/08 8/24/07 3/5/07	Approve 40 33 43	Disapprove 58 66 57	No opinion 2 1 *
Sunni			
2/20/08	8	92	1
8/24/07	2	98	0
3/5/07	3	96	*
Shiite			
2/20/08	52	47	1
8/24/07	54	45	1
3/5/07	67	33	0
Kurdish			
2/20/08	68	30	2
8/24/07	33	65	3
3/5/07	60	40	0

17. 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	Not willing	No opinion
2/20/08	50	48	2
8/24/07*	50	48	2
3/5/07	41	58	1

\*8/24/07 and previous "National Assembly of Iraq"

Sunni

2/20/08	30	69	1
8/24/07	24	76	0
3/5/07	9	90	*
Shiite			
2/20/08	56	42	2
8/24/07	66	32	1
3/5/07	57	42	1
Kurdish			
2/20/08	73	25	2
8/24/07	55	39	6
3/5/07	61	36	2

18. Do you think members of the Iraqi Council of Representatives are willing or not willing to make the necessary compromises on each of these other issues?

a. Sharing profits from Iraq's oil wealth across all regions of the country

	Willing	Not willing	No opinion
2/20/08	53	46	1
Sunni	30	69	1
Shiite	65	34	*
Kurdish	60	38	3

b. Promoting reconciliation between different ethnic and religious groups

	Willing	Not willing	No opinion
2/20/08	48	51	1
Sunni	30	69	1
Shiite	57	43	*
Kurdish	62	36	2

c. Preventing or reducing official corruption in our country

	Willing	Not willing	No opinion
2/20/08	46	53	1
Sunni	29	70	1
Shiite	55	45	*
Kurdish	52	47	1

19. 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?

	Good			Bad-	No		
	NET	Very	Quite	NET	Quite	Very	opinion
2/20/08	29	6	23	70	35	35	1
8/24/07	19	3	15	80	32	48	1
3/5/07	23	6	18	77	30	46	0
11/22/05	36	10	27	59	19	40	5
Sunni							
2/20/08	7	*	6	93	40	53	*
8/24/07	2	*	2	98	33	65	0
3/5/07	3	*	3	97	30	67	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	32	5	27	68	36	32	*
8/24/07	18	2	16	82	35	47	*
3/5/07	21	4	17	79	34	45	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	63	19	44	36	23	13	1
8/24/07	53	14	40	42	22	20	4

3/5/07 74 22 53 26 19 7 0

20. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the presence of coalition forces in Iraq?

		Suppor	t		Oppose		
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
2/20/08	26	7	19	73	31	41	1
8/24/07	21	5	16	79	26	53	*
3/5/07	22	6	16	78	32	46	*
11/22/05	32	13	19	65	21	44	3
2/28/04	39	13	26	51	20	31	10
Sunni							
2/20/08	5	*	5	95	36	59	*
8/24/07	2	*	1	98	25	73	0
3/5/07	3	*	3	97	29	68	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	23	2	21	77	33	44	*
8/24/07	16	2	15	84	30	54	0
3/5/07	17	2	15	83	39	44	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	77	34	42	21	15	6	2
8/24/07	70	21	48	29	20	9	1
3/5/07	75	28	47	25	21	4	*

21. As you may know, the United States has increased the number of its forces in Baghdad and surrounding provinces in the past year. For each item that I read, please tell me if you think this increase in US forces has made it better, made it worse, or had no effect.

Do you think this increase in US forces has made... [read category] better, worse, or had no effect?

#### a. Security in areas where these forces have been sent

2/20/08 8/24/07* *8/24/07	Better 36 18 "in the p	53 70	10 11	No opinion 1 *
Sunni				
	16	73	10	1
2/20/08			<del></del>	<del>-</del>
8/24/07	6	89	6	0
Shiite				
2/20/08	36	56	7	*
8/24/07	22	66	11	*
Kurdish				
2/20/08	74	10	15	2
8/24/07	33	43	23	1

b. Security in other areas of Iraq

	Better	Worse	Had no effect	No opinion
2/20/08	30	49	21	*
8/24/07	12	68	20	*
Sunni				
2/20/08	15	64	21	1
8/24/07	5	86	9	0
Shiite				

2/20/08	33	49	18	0
8/24/07	13	64	23	*
Kurdish				
2/20/08	52	23	25	1
8/24/07	22	48	28	2

c. Conditions for political dialogue in Iraq

2/20/08	Better 21	Worse 43	Had no effect 36	No opinion *
8/24/07	10	70	20	*
Sunni				
2/20/08	10	53	37	*
8/24/07	1	85	14	0
Shiite				
2/20/08	22	39	38	*
8/24/07	12	66	22	*
Kurdish				
2/20/08	38	33	28	0
8/24/07	20	55	24	1

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{d}}.$  The ability of the Iraqi government to carry out its work

2/20/08	Better 25	Worse 44	Had no effect 30	No opinion
8/24/07	12	65	22	*
Sunni				
2/20/08	9	57	33	*
8/24/07	2	79	19	0
Shiite				
2/20/08	29	43	28	*
8/24/07	16	63	21	0
Kurdish				
2/20/08	47	23	29	1
8/24/07	22	47	30	1

e. The pace of economic development in Iraq

2/20/08 8/24/07	Better 22 6	Worse 42 67	Had no effect 35 26	No opinion * *
0,21,0,	Ü	0,	20	
Sunni				
2/20/08	10	57	32	*
8/24/07	3	79	18	*
Shiite				
2/20/08	27	35	38	*
8/24/07	9	67	24	*
Kurdish				
2/20/08	31	37	31	*
8/24/07	5	49	45	1

22. How long do you think U.S. 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?

		-Remain	until			
Leave	Security	Gov't	Operate	Remain/leave	Never	No
now	restored	stronge	r independently	eventually	leave	op.

2/20/08 8/24/07 3/5/07	38 47 35	35 34 38	14 10 14	10 7 11	3 2 2	1 * 1	* * *
11/22/05* *In 2005,	26 "Remain	31 until the	19 Iraqi gove	16 rnment elected	in December	is in plac	4 :e"
Sunni							
2/20/08	61	33	4	2	*	0	*
8/24/07	72	27	*	1	0	0	*
3/5/07	55	41	3	1	*	0	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	33	37	17	11	1	*	*
8/24/07	44	38	10	6	1	*	*
3/5/07	28	39	18	13	2	*	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	10	33	23	19	12	2	*
8/24/07	8	36	28	18	8	2	1
3/5/07	11	28	28	24	7	2	*

23. Overall, do you think the presence of U.S. forces in Iraq is making security in our country better, worse, or having no effect on the security situation?

	Better	Worse	No effect	No opinion
2/20/08	27	61	11	1
8/24/07	18	72	9	*
3/5/07	21	69	10	*
Sunni				
2/20/08	12	79	8	*
8/24/07	2	95	3	0
3/5/07	2	94	4	0
Shiite				
2/20/08	28	63	9	*
8/24/07	17	73	10	0
3/5/07	19	71	10	*
Kurdish				
2/20/08	54	26	18	2
8/24/07	53	28	17	2
3/5/07	67	15	18	0

24. Groups called Awakening Councils have been organized in some areas of the country with the support of the Americans in an effort to restore security. In these areas where they have been created, do you think these Awakening Councils have made security better, worse, or had no effect on the security situation?

	Better	Worse	No effect	No opinion
2/20/08	51	16	31	2
Sunni	64	10	25	1
Shiite	49	20	31	1
Kurdish	31	17	45	6

		Remain	No
	Incorporated	separate	opinion
2/20/08	59	38	3
Sunni	58	42	*
Shiite	59	39	2

Kurdish 64 27 9

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

#### a. Attacks on coalition forces

	Acceptable	Not acceptable	No opinion
2/20/08	42	57	1
8/24/07	57	43	*
3/5/07	51	49	*
2/28/04	17	78	5
Sunni			
2/20/08	62	37	1
8/24/07	93	7	*
3/5/07	94	6	0
Shiite		· ·	· ·
2/20/08	43	57	*
8/24/07	50	50	0
3/5/07	35	65	*
Kurdish			
2/20/08	2	96	3
8/24/07	5	94	1
3/5/07	7	93	0

#### b. Attacks on Iraqi government forces

	Acceptable	Not acceptable	No opinion
2/20/08	4	95	1
8/24/07	7	93	*
3/5/07	12	88	0
Sunni			
2/20/08	6	94	*
8/24/07	18	82	0
3/5/07	34	66	0
Shiite			
2/20/08	4	95	*
8/24/07	2	98	*
3/5/07	1	99	0
Kurdish			
2/20/08	*	99	1
8/24/07	2	97	1
3/5/07	1	99	0

## c. Attacks on leaders or members of the Awakening Councils

	Acceptable	Not acceptable	No opinion
2/20/08	5	94	1
Sunni	4	95	1
Shiite	6	93	1
Kurdish	2	95	4

27. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood? Do you feel very safe, not very safe or not safe at all?

	Very safe	Not very safe	Not safe at all	No opinion
2/20/08	37	53	10	*
8/24/07	26	47	28	*
3/5/07	26	41	33	*

3
3
*
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0
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*
*
1
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0

28/29. For each item I read, please tell me if it has or has not occurred nearby here? (IF HAS OCCURRED) Has it happened in the past one or two months, within the last six months, within the past year, or longer ago?

## a. Car bombs, suicide attacks

		Has c	ccurred	nearby			
			Occurre	d within		Has	No
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion
2/20/08	40	10	17	9	4	60	*
8/24/07	42	12	14	10	5	58	*
3/5/07	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	68	*
Sunni							
2/20/08	52	18	19	12	2	48	*
8/24/07	61	22	20	11	7	39	0
3/5/07	48	NA	NA	NA	NA	52	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	37	8	16	9	5	62	*
8/24/07	36	8	11	11	6	64	*
3/5/07	27	NA	NA	NA	NA	73	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	22	2	12	5	3	78	0
8/24/07	14	2	11	1	*	86	*
3/5/07	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	93	0

#### b. Snipers, crossfire

Has occurred nearby							
			Occurre	d within	ı	Has	No
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion
2/20/08	34	9	15	9	2	66	*
8/24/07	30	9	11	6	4	70	*
3/5/07	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	70	*
Sunni							
2/20/08	46	13	20	11	1	54	*
8/24/07	45	14	17	8	6	54	*
3/5/07	40	NA	NA	NA	NA	60	0
Shiite							
2/20/08	36	9	16	10	2	63	*
8/24/07	27	9	9	6	3	72	*
3/5/07	33	NA	NA	NA	NA	67	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	5	0	2	1	1	95	0
8/24/07	5	*	3	1	*	95	0

3/5/07 1 NA NA NA NA 99 \*

#### c. Fighting among sectarian factions

		Has c	ccurred	nearby			
			Occurre	d within		Has	No
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion
2/20/08	35	8	14	10	3	64	1
8/24/07	27	6	10	7	5	72	1
3/5/07	25	NA	NA	NA	NA	75	*
Sunni							
	4.0	1.0	1.0		0		*
2/20/08	42	12	18	11	2	57	
8/24/07	35	7	12	9	7	65	0
3/5/07	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	68	*
Shiite							
2/20/08	41	9	15	12	5	58	1
8/24/07	30	6	11	7	5	70	*
3/5/07	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	72	*
Kurdish							
2/20/08	5	1	1	2	1	95	*
8/24/07	2	*	1	*	1	95	2
3/5/07	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	98	0

## d. Kidnappings for ransom

Has occurred nearby									
			Occurre	d within		Has	No		
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion		
2/20/08	45	12	13	15	4	54	1		
8/24/07	40	14	13	9	5	59	1		
3/5/07	40	NA	NA	NA	NA	60	*		
Sunni									
2/20/08	50	14	21	14	1	50	*		
8/24/07	52	18	19	11	4	48	*		
3/5/07	50	NA	NA	NA	NA	50	*		
Shiite									
2/20/08	53	15	12	19	7	46	1		
8/24/07	42	14	12	10	6	57	1		
3/5/07	42	NA	NA	NA	NA	58	0		
Kurdish									
2/20/08	10	1	3	4	2	89	1		
8/24/07	6	2	2	1	1	93	1		
3/5/07	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	90	0		

#### e. Fighting between Iraqi government and anti-government forces

Has occurred nearby								
			Occurre	d within		Has	No	
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion	
2/20/08	37	7	15	11	4	62	1	
8/24/07	34	8	11	8	7	66	*	
3/5/07	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	66	*	
Sunni								
2/20/08	43	9	20	12	2	56	1	
8/24/07	33	9	11	8	6	67	*	
3/5/07	44	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	*	
Shiite								
2/20/08	44	8	16	14	6	55	1	
8/24/07	44	9	15	11	10	55	1	
3/5/07	36	NA	NA	NA	NA	64	0	

Kurdish							
2/20/08	3	1	2	1	0	97	0
8/24/07	5	1	3	1	*	95	0
3/5/07	1	NΔ	NΔ	NΔ	NΑ	99	Ο

f. Unnecessary violence against citizens by US or coalition forces

Has occurred nearby									
			Occurre	d within	1	Has	No		
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion		
2/20/08	42	10	18	10	4	57	1		
8/24/07	41	13	13	8	8	57	2		
3/5/07	44	NA	NA	NA	NA	55	*		
Sunni									
2/20/08	57	16	28	10	3	42	1		
8/24/07	63	22	21	11	9	37	*		
3/5/07	60	NA	NA	NA	NA	39	1		
Shiite									
2/20/08	44	9	17	12	6	55	1		
8/24/07	38	10	10	8	9	59	4		
3/5/07	46	NA	NA	NA	NA	54	0		
Kurdish									
2/20/08	9	2	1	3	3	91	0		
8/24/07	7	2	1	1	2	93	0		
3/5/07	8	NA	NA	NA	NA	92	0		

g. Unnecessary violence against citizens by the Iraqi police

Has occurred nearby									
			Occurre	d within		Has	No		
	NET	1-2  mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion		
2/20/08	20	4	8	6	1	79	1		
8/24/07	21	4	6	7	4	79	*		
3/5/07	24	NA	NA	NA	NA	76	*		
Sunni									
2/20/08	39	11	17	10	1	61	*		
8/24/07	33	7	8	12	7	67	0		
3/5/07	55	NA	NA	NA	NA	44	*		
Shiite									
2/20/08	14	2	5	5	1	85	1		
8/24/07	18	3	6	5	4	82	0		
3/5/07	8	NA	NA	NA	NA	92	0		
Kurdish									
2/20/08	5	0	2	1	2	95	0		
8/24/07	3	*	1	*	1	97	0		
3/5/07	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	99	0		

 $h.\ \mbox{Unnecessary violence}$  against citizens by the Iraqi  $\mbox{Army}$ 

	Has occurred nearby									
				Has	No					
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion			
2/20/08	20	5	7	7	2	79	1			
8/24/07	19	4	5	5	5	81	0			
3/5/07	24	NA	NA	NA	NA	76	*			
Sunni										
2/20/08	37	12	14	10	2	62	*			
8/24/07	30	7	9	7	7	70	0			
3/5/07	56	NA	NA	NA	NA	43	1			
Shiite										

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2/20/08	16	3	5	./	2	82	2
8/24/07	17	3	3	5	5	83	0
3/5/07	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	93	0
Kurdish							
2/20/08	2	*	1	*	*	98	0
8/24/07	1	1	*	0	0	99	0
3/5/07	*	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	0

i. Unnecessary violence against citizens by local militia forces

Has occurred nearby								
			Occurre	d within		Has	No	
	NET	1-2 mon	6 mon	1 year	Longer	not	opinion	
2/20/08	36	7	11	13	4	63	1	
8/24/07	30	8	7	8	8	70	*	
3/5/07	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	69	*	
Sunni								
2/20/08	48	6	19	20	2	51	1	
8/24/07	38	7	9	12	11	62	0	
3/5/07	55	NA	NA	NA	NA	45	*	
Shiite								
2/20/08	36	10	9	13	4	63	1	
8/24/07	33	11	7	7	8	67	*	
3/5/07	22	NA	NA	NA	NA	78	0	
Kurdish								
2/20/08	14	1	2	3	8	86	0	
8/24/07	2	0	1	1	1	98	0	
3/5/07	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	98	0	

30. How would you describe the strength of the Iraqi government forces in this area? Very strong, somewhat strong, not so strong, not strong at all?

		Strong			Not Str	ong	No
	Net	Very	Somewhat	Net	Not so	Not at all	opinion
2/20/08	58	20	38	40	30	11	1
Sunni	45	8	38	54	36	18	1
Shiite	75	28	47	25	23	2	*
Kurdish	31	16	15	65	40	26	3

31. How would you describe the strength of the local militia forces in this area? Very strong, somewhat strong, not so strong, not strong at all?

		Strong			Not Str	ong	No
	Net	Very	Somewhat	Net	Not so	Not at all	opinion
2/20/08	55	25	30	43	25	18	2
Sunni	32	9	23	64	38	26	4
Shiite	66	30	36	33	23	11	*
Kurdish	59	35	24	40	8	31	2

32. As you may know, British forces have mainly left Basra province in recent months. Since the British left, do you think the security in Basra has become better, become worse, or remained the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
2/20/08	28	38	31	3
Sunni	16	46	36	3
Shiite	36	36	26	1
Kurdish	28	25	39	9

33. If the American forces left the country entirely, do you think the security situation overall would become better, become worse, or remain the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
2/20/08	46	29	23	2
Sunni	47	28	25	1
Shiite	54	24	21	*
Kurdish	25	46	24	5

- 34. For each item I name, please tell me if you think the United States should or should not have a future role in that area?
- a. Providing training and weapons to the Iraqi army

	Should	Should not	No opinior
2/20/08	76	23	1
Sunni	67	33	*
Shiite	75	24	*
Kurdish	96	2	2

b. Providing financial aid for reconstruction within Iraq

	Should	Should not	No opinion
2/20/08	73	26	*
Sunni	59	40	*
Shiite	75	25	0
Kurdish	92	7	1

c. Assisting in the security of Iraq in terms of Iran

	Should	Should not	No opinio
2/20/08	68	31	*
Sunni	88	12	*
Shiite	48	51	*
Kurdish	95	5	*

d. Assisting in the security of Iraq in terms of Turkey

	Should	Should not	No opinion
2/20/08	66	34	*
Sunni	44	56	*
Shiite	69	31	*
Kurdish	97	3	*

e. Participating in security operations against al Qaeda or foreign Jihadis in Iraq?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
2/20/08	80	19	1
Sunni	66	33	1
Shiite	83	17	*
Kurdish	98	1	1

35. As you may know, there will be a change of administration in America next year in which President Bush will leave office and a new president will take his place. Do you think this change in the American government will make things better for Iraq, make things worse for Iraq, or will not make much difference?

	Better	Worse	No difference	No opinion
2/20/08	33	27	39	1

Sunni	33	35	31	1
Shiite	32	2.2	45	*
Kurdish	41	22	33	4

36. As you may know, many Sunnis did not take part in the last elections. With the changes that have occurred since then, do you think now is the time for Sunnis to get involved in the political process by participating in future elections, or not?

	Yes, Sunnis	No, Sunnis	No
	should	should not	opinion
2/20/08	89	9	1
Sunni	95	5	*
Shiite	87	12	1
Kurdish	87	9	5

37. Thinking about former mid-level or low-level Baathists in the country, do you think they should or should not be allowed to take government jobs?

	Yes, allowed	No, not allowed	No opinion
2/20/08	69	29	2
Sunni	94	5	1
Shiite	63	35	1
Kurdish	45	50	5

#### Compare to:

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

	Yes, allow	No gov't	No
	gov't. jobs	jobs	opinion
3/5/07	56	44	*
Sunni	96	4	0
Shiite	35	65	0
Kurdish	31	69	0

38. Do you think the Turkish incursions into Iraq against the PKK are justified or not justified?

	Justified	Not justified	No opinion
2/20/08	38	61	1
Sunni	66	33	1
Shiite	22	77	1
Kurdish	37	61	2

39. Do you think the Iraqi national government is or is not doing enough to control the activities of the PKK?

	Is doing	Is not	Iraqi gov't should not	No
	enough	doing enough	control PKK activities (vol.)	opinion
2/20/08	25	61	13	1
Sunni	11	80	9	*
Shiite	35	58	7	1
Kurdish	17	34	46	3

40. On another issue, do you think Kirkuk should or should not become part of the Kurdish Autonomous Region?

	Yes, Kirkuk	No, Kirkuk	No
	should	should not	opinion
2/20/08	27	72	1
Sunni	4	95	*
Shiite	19	80	1
Kurdish	100	*	0

41/42. 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? (IF YES) Has this movement of people been mainly forcible, or mainly voluntary?

		-Yes, has ha	appened			
		Mainly	Mainly	No, remains	No, never	No
	NET	forcible	voluntary	mixed	was mixed	opinion
2/20/08	17	14	2	34	49	*
8/24/07	17	11	5	29	54	0
3/5/07	14	12	3	38	47	*
Sunni						
2/20/08	22	19	3	29	49	*
8/24/07	28	19	9	23	48	0
3/5/07	21	17	4	40	39	*
Shiite						
2/20/08	19	17	2	42	39	*
8/24/07	14	10	4	36	49	0
3/5/07	13	11	2	44	43	0
Kurdish						
2/20/08	1	*	*	12	87	*
8/24/07	*	*	0	14	86	0
3/5/07	2	1	2	14	83	1

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

	Good thing	Bad thing	No opinion
2/20/08	7	92	1
8/24/07	2	98	*
3/5/07	6	94	*
Sunni			
2/20/08	2	98	0
8/24/07	2	98	0
3/5/07	1	99	0
Shiite			
2/20/08	7	93	*
8/24/07	2	98	*
3/5/07	4	95	*
Kurdish			
2/20/08	19	76	5
8/24/07	5	95	0
3/5/07	22	78	*

44. As you may know, many Iraqis have left the country during the recent violence. Do you think now is the right time for them to return, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/20/08	45	54	1
Sunni	30	69	*

Shiite	51	48	1
Kurdish	55	42	3

45. There are situations in which people who left Iraq have returned to find others occupying their homes. In these cases, whose rights do you think should prevail – the rights of the former residents or the rights of the current residents?

	Rights of	Rights of	No
	former residents	current residents	opinion
2/20/08	88	11	1
Sunni	95	5	0
Shiite	81	18	*
Kurdish	93	3	4

46. How would you describe the current state of relations between Shiite and Sunni Arabs in Iraq? Excellent, good, not so good or poor?

		Excellent/Good			Not good/Poor		No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
2/20/08	48	9	38	51	33	19	1
Sunni	37	4	34	62	36	26	*
Shiite	58	11	47	41	28	13	1
Kurdish	39	13	26	59	38	21	2

47. Would you say relations between Shiite and Sunni Arabs in Iraq are getting better, getting worse, or remaining about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
2/20/08	39	26	34	1
Sunni	29	32	38	1
Shiite	47	21	31	*
Kurdish	34	29	33	3

48. How would you describe the current state of relations between the Arabs and Kurds in Iraq? Excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	:	Excellent/Goo	od		Not good/Poor		No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
2/20/08	42	11	31	58	33	24	1
Sunni	24	3	21	76	40	35	*
Shiite	49	13	36	50	30	20	*
Kurdish	55	18	37	44	27	17	1

49. Would you say relations between Arabs and Kurds in Iraq are getting better, getting worse, or remaining about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
2/20/08	27	33	39	1
Sunni	15	44	40	1
Shiite	32	27	40	*
Kurdish	37	28	32	4

50/50a. Do you yourself have any close personal friends who are not of your own religious doctrine? (IF YES) Do you feel it is safe or not safe for you to associate publicly with such people?

	Yes				
	NET	Safe	Not safe	No opinion	No
2/20/08	49	39	9	1	51
Sunni	52	42	9	1	48
Shiite	49	40	8	*	51
Kurdish	36	30	4	2	64

51. Would you accept or refuse to have a grown child of yours marry a person of another religious doctrine?

	Accept	Refuse	No opinion
2/20/08	39	59	2
Sunni	48	51	*
Shiite	39	60	1
Kurdish	29	66	5

52. 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?

	Would move	Satisfied here	No opinion
2/20/08	22	78	1
3/5/07	19	81	*
Sunni			
2/20/08	24	75	1
3/5/07	23	77	0
Shiite			
2/20/08	20	80	0
3/5/07	18	82	0
Kurdish			
2/20/08	22	75	2
3/5/07	11	89	*

53/54. 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? (IF YES, WOULD MOVE TO DIFFERENT COUNTRY) Do you have current plans to leave the country, or no such plans at this time?

		Leave	e Iraq			
		Have	No	No	Satisfied	No
	NET	plans	plans	opin.	living in Iraq	opinion
2/20/08	36	17	18	*	64	*
3/5/07	30	12	17	*	70	*
Sunni						
2/20/08	36	18	18	*	64	*
3/5/07	34	17	17	*	65	1
Shiite						
2/20/08	31	17	14	0	69	*
3/5/07	27	11	16	0	73	0
Kurdish						
2/20/08	39	12	26	1	61	0
3/5/07	29	8	21	0	71	*

#### 55. Selected demographics:

Monthly income:

0-100K 100-200K\* 200-300K 300-400K 400-800K 800K+

2/20/08	1	6	20	29	38	6
8/24/07	1	8	29	31	17	11
3/5/07	1	12	25	33	27	2
*100,001-20	00,000	dinars, same	for following	g figures.		
Sunni						
2/20/08	*	4	19	28	44	4
8/24/07	0	8	39	36	16	2
3/5/07	2	13	35	32	17	2
Shiite						
2/20/08	1	8	22	30	35	4
8/24/07	2	11	31	33	18	5
3/5/07	1	6	27	34	24	8
Kurdish						
2/20/08	2	6	13	30	32	13
8/24/07	0	3	12	21	14	31
3/5/07	0	1	18	32	31	7

Average Median 2/20/08 479,363 425,000 8/24/07 397,361 350,000 3/5/07 393,731 350,000

Trend for comparison in U.S. dollars:
 (not inflation-adjusted)

	Up to	\$51-	\$101-	\$151-	\$201-	\$301-			
	\$50	100	150	200	300	500	\$501+	Average	Median
2/20/08	0	1	1	5	29	40	24	\$403	\$345
8/24/07	*	1	3	9	38	40	9	\$321	\$283
3/5/07	*	1	13	11	45	22	8	\$322	\$286
11/22/05	2	9	22	11	33	16	8	\$263	\$204
2/28/04	19	22	27	8	16	7	3	\$164	\$150
Sunni									
2/20/08	0	*	1	3	28	44	23	\$393	\$365
8/24/07	0	1	4	10	38	40	23 7	\$303	\$283
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3/5/07	*	1	13	12	46	20	9	\$320	\$286
Shiite									
2/20/08	0	1	1	6	31	39	23	\$379	\$325
8/24/07	0	1	3	9	37	40	10	\$328	\$299
3/5/07	*	1	11	11	47	24	6	\$324	\$286
Kurdish									
2/20/08	0	3	3	4	29	39	22	\$401	\$325
8/24/07	1	1	1	4	40	39	14	\$349	\$323
3/5/07	0	0	26	11	29	23	11	\$319	\$286

# Employment:

2/20/08 8/24/07 3/5/07 11/22/05	Full- time 20 25 23 14	Part time 16 16 16 2	Self- employed NA NA NA 18	Not employed 11 9 10 5	Home- maker 34 31 35 38	Stu- dent 14 14 13 18	Unable NA NA NA	Retired/ Disabled 4 4 4 4
2/28/04	11	3	21	7	37	17	1	3
Sunni 2/20/08 8/24/07 3/5/07	19 24 23	18 16 16	NA NA NA	10 8 13	36 34 32	13 15 13	NA NA NA	3 4 3

Shiite								
2/20/08	20	16	NA	13	33	15	NA	3
8/24/07	26	16	NA	12	30	11	NA	4
3/5/07	22	16	NA	8	38	12	NA	4
Kurdish								
2/20/08	21	16	NA	8	33	14	NA	8
8/24/07	27	17	NA	5	28	18	NA	5
3/5/07	27	14	NA	6	32	16	NA	5

## Doctrine:

	Sunni Arab	Shiite Arab	Kurdish	Other
2/20/08	30	51	15	4
8/24/07	33	48	16	3
3/5/07	35	47	15	3

How often do you attend mosque?

		Several			Several	Yearly		
	Daily	times/wk	Weekly	Monthly	times/yr	or less	Never	No opin.
2/20/08	4	9	15	9	6	5	52	*
8/24/07	2	8	17	10	6	4	52	0
3/5/07	5	9	17	10	7	4	49	0
Common d								
Sunni								
2/20/08	5	12	17	6	4	4	53	0
8/24/07	1	8	19	9	6	3	55	0
3/5/07	3	8	13	12	10	6	48	0
Shiite								
2/20/08	2	7	12	11	8	6	53	*
8/24/07	2	7	16	12	7	6	51	0
3/5/07	2	11	19	9	5	3	52	0
Kurdish								
2/20/08	8	12	19	8	4	2	47	0
8/24/07	5	8	17	10	4	3	53	0
3/5/07	13	7	23	4	3	2	48	0

# Household items:

	2/20/08	8/24/07	3/5/07	11/22/05	2/28/04
Air conditioner	54	60	55	58	44
Car	63	54	56	55	43
Refrigerator	91	96	96	90	81
Telephone (fixed line)	39	46	45	38	30
Mobile telephone	91	91	89	62	6
Washing machine	67	68	59	54	44
Television	100	100	99	99	NA
Satellite dish	98	97	96	86	32*
Radio	90	89	92	77	NA
Computer	41	39	37	17	NA
Internet access	17	14	15	9	NA
Shortwave radio	66	62	67	NA	NA
Car radio	56	52	53	NA	NA
*11/15/03					

		Sunni	
	2/20/08	8/24/07	3/5/07
Air conditioner	54	61	52
Car	66	59	50
Refrigerator	93	99	93

Telephone (fixed line Mobile telephone Washing machine Television Satellite dish Radio Computer Internet access Shortwave radio Car radio	93 63 100 100 94 46 16 81 63	49 97 64 100 99 92 47 14 69	52 84 53 100 97 93 33 13 68 47
Air conditioner Car Refrigerator Telephone (fixed line Mobile telephone Washing machine Television Satellite dish Radio Computer Internet access Shortwave radio Car radio	2/20/08 54 61 87	Shiite 8/24/07 61 47 93 43 85 70 100 98 86 38 14 53 43	3/5/07 62 61 99 43 95 63 100 100 94 44 17 77 60
Air conditioner Car Refrigerator Telephone (fixed line Mobile telephone Washing machine Television Satellite dish Radio Computer Internet access Shortwave radio Car radio	2/20/08 43 68 97	- Kurdish 8/24/07 55 68 96 48 95 73 100 89 88 30 18 69 68	3/5/07 46 63 97 43 90 67 94 83 90 32 15 46

Hours of electricity from power lines per day:

2/20/08 8/24/07 3/5/07	Less than four 5 1 9	5 to 8 20 29 18	9 to 12 34 31 25	More than 12 21 17 12	No electricity from power lines 19 22 34	No opinion 1 * 2
Sunni						
2/20/08	4	17	34	25	20	*
8/24/07	1	17	38	22	22	0
3/5/07	8	17	24	7	45	0
Shiite						
2/20/08	3	21	35	24	16	1
8/24/07	1	26	33	15	24	1
3/5/07	4	18	29	19	26	4
Kurdish						
2/20/08	18	17	26	6	28	6
8/24/07	3	60	10	12	14	1

3/5/07 29 16 16 4 33 2

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