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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 5-8, 2010 with a random sample of –1,013—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –508—national adults in Form A and –505—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –499—adults employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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25. In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to Iraq, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq, or not?

	Yes, a mistake	No, Not	No opinion		Yes, a mistake	No, not	No opinion
2010 Aug 5-8	55	41	3	2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	55	43	2
				2006 Feb 9-12 ^	55	42	3
2010 Jul 8-11 ^	54	44	2	2006 Jan 20-22	51	46	3
2009 Jul 10-12 ^	58	39	3	2006 Jan 6-8 ^	50	47	3
2009 Mar 14-15 ^†	53	42	5	2005 Dec 16-18	52	46	2
2009 Jan 9-11	56	43	2	2005 Nov 11-13 ^	54	45	1
2008 Oct 31-Nov 2 ^†	58	39	2	2005 Oct 28-30	54	45	1
2008 Sep 5-7 ^	58	41	1	2005 Oct 21-23	49	49	2
2008 Aug 21-23 ^	60	38	2	2005 Sep 16-18	59	39	2
2008 July 25-27	56	40	4	2005 Sep 8-11	53	46	1
2008 Jun 15-19	60	37	3	2005 Aug 28-30	53	46	1
2008 Apr 18-20	63	36	1	2005 Aug 5-7 ^	54	44	2
2008 Feb 21-24	59	39	2	2005 Jul 22-24	46	53	1
2008 Feb 8-10	60	38	2	2005 Jun 24-26	53	46	1
2008 Jan 30-Feb 2	57	41	2	2005 Apr 29-May 1 ^	49	48	3
2007 Nov 30-Dec 2	57	41	2	2005 Mar 18-20 ^	46	51	3
2007 Nov 2-4	58	39	3	2005 Feb 25-27	47	51	2
2007 Oct 12-14	60	37	2	2005 Feb 4-6	45	55	*
2007 Sep 14-16	58	41	1	2005 Jan 14-16	52	47	1
2007 Sep 7-8	54	44	2	2005 Jan 7-9	50	48	2
2007 Aug 3-5	57	42	2	2004 Nov 19-21	47	51	2
2007 Jul 6-8	62	36	2	2004 Oct 29-31 ^	44	52	4
2007 Jun 1-3	56	40	4	2004 Oct 22-24	47	51	2
2007 May 4-6	58	40	2	2004 Oct 14-16	47	52	1
2007 Apr 13-15	57	41	2	2004 Oct 9-10 ^	46	53	1
2007 Mar 23-25	56	43	2	2004 Oct 1-3	48	51	1
2007 Mar 2-4	59	39	2	2004 Sep 24-26	42	55	3
2007 Feb 9-11	56	42	2	2004 Sep 3-5 ^	38	57	5
2007 Jan 12-14	58	41	2	2004 Aug 23-25 ^	48	50	2
2007 Jan 5-7	57	41	2	2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	47	51	2
2006 Dec 8-10 ^	53	45	2	2004 Jul 19-21	50	47	3
2006 Nov 2-5	55	40	5	2004 Jul 8-11 ^	54	45	1
2006 Oct 20-22	58	40	2	2004 Jun 21-23 ^	54	44	2
2006 Oct 6-8	56	40	4	2004 Jun 3-6 ^	41	58	1
2006 Sep 15-17	49	49	2	2004 May 7-9 ^	44	54	2
2006 Jul 28-30	54	45	2	2004 Apr 16-18 ^	42	57	1
2006 Jul 21-23	56	41	2	2004 Jan 12-15 ^	42	56	2
2006 Jun 23-25	55	43	1	2003 Nov 3-5 ^	39	60	1
2006 Jun 9-11	51	46	2	2003 Oct 6-8 ^	40	59	1
2006 Apr 7-9	57	42	1	2003 Jul 7-9 ^	27	72	1
2006 Mar 10-12 ^	57	42	1	2003 Mar 24-25 ^	23	75	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† USA Today/Gallup Poll asked on Gallup Daily tracking survey

26. In your opinion, is Iraq – [ROTATED: much better off, somewhat better off, somewhat worse off, (or) much worse off] -- than before the U.S. and British invasion?

	Much better <u>off</u>	Some- what <u>better off</u>	Some- what <u>worse off</u>	Much worse <u>off</u>	Same (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
2010 Aug 5-8	15	49	18	12	2	4
2006 Mar 10-12 ^	19	48	18	12	1	2
2004 May 21-23	27	45	16	8	1	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

27. In the long run, how do you think history will judge the U.S. invasion and subsequent involvement in Iraq – as [ROTATED: a total success for the United States, mostly successful, mostly a failure, (or) as a total failure for the United States]?

	Total <u>success</u>	Mostly <u>successful</u>	Mostly a <u>failure</u>	Total <u>failure</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2010 Aug 5-8	3	39	39	14	5
2008 Feb 21-24	4	38	36	18	4

**For comparison (Sept. 2006):** *Just your best guess, how do you think history will judge the war in Iraq – [ROTATED: as a complete success, as more of a success than a failure, as more of a failure than a success, (or) as a complete failure]?*

	Complete <u>success</u>	More of a success <u>than failure</u>	More of a failure than <u>success</u>	Complete <u>failure</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2006 Sep 15-17	6	37	32	19	5

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28. *(Asked of a half sample)* Next, as you may know, the U.S. is planning to reduce the number of troops it has in Iraq to 50,000 by the end of this month and turn responsibility for maintaining security in Iraq over to the Iraqis. Just your best guess, do you think Iraqi security forces will or will not be able to limit insurgent attacks and generally maintain peace and security in Iraq?

**BASED ON –508—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A**

	Yes, able to <u>maintain security</u>	No, not able to	No <u>opinion</u>
2010 Aug 5-8	34	61	5

29. *(Asked of a half sample)* Next, as you may know, the U.S. is planning to withdraw all of its troops from Iraq by the end of 2011. Do you think the U.S. should – [ROTATED: stick to that timetable for withdrawing all its troops from Iraq regardless of what is going on in Iraq at the time, (or should the U.S.) keep its troops in Iraq beyond 2011 if Iraqi security forces are unable to contain insurgent attacks and maintain order in Iraq, (or should the U.S.)?]

**BASED ON -505—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

	Stick to timetable for withdrawing troops <u>regardless</u>	Keep troops beyond 2011 if Iraqis cannot <u>maintain order</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Aug 5-8	53	43	4