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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 15-30, 2019 with a random sample of **-2,291-** adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Turning to something different,

4. Looking back, do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

A. Iraq in 2003

	<u>Yes, a mistake</u>	<u>No, not a mistake</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Aug 15-30	50	45	5
2015 Jun 2-7	51	46	3
2014 Jun 20-21 †	57	39	3
2014 Feb 6-9	57	40	2
2013 Mar 7-10	53	42	5

For comparison: *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?*

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

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Q.4 (MISTAKE TO SEND TROOPS) CONTINUED

	<u>Yes, a mistake</u>	<u>No, Not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Yes, a mistake</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Sep 24-26	42	55	3	2004 May 7-9 ^	44	54	2
2004 Sep 3-5 ^	38	57	5	2004 Apr 16-18 ^	42	57	1
2004 Aug 23-25 ^	48	50	2	2004 Jan 12-15 ^	42	56	2
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	47	51	2	2003 Nov 3-5 ^	39	60	1
2004 Jul 19-21	50	47	3	2003 Oct 6-8 ^	40	59	1
2004 Jul 8-11 ^	54	45	1	2003 Jul 7-9 ^	27	72	1
2004 Jun 21-23 ^	54	44	2	2003 Mar 24-25 ^	23	75	2
2004 Jun 3-6 ^	41	58	1				

B. Afghanistan in 2001

	<u>Yes, a mistake</u>	<u>No, not a mistake</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Aug 15-30	43	52	5
2015 Jun 2-7	42	54	4
2014 Feb 6-9	49	48	3
2013 Mar 7-10	44	51	5

For comparison: *Thinking now about U.S. military action in Afghanistan that began in October 2001, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?*

	<u>Yes, a mistake</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	39	58	3
2011 Mar 25-27	42	53	5
2010 Nov 19-21	39	58	3
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	43	52	4
2010 Jul 8-11 ^	38	58	4
2009 Nov 20-22	36	60	3
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	37	61	2
2009 Jul 10-12 ^	36	61	3
2009 Jan 30-Feb 1	30	66	4
2008 Aug 21-23 ^	34	63	3
2008 Jul 25-27	28	68	4
2007 Aug 3-5	25	70	5
2004 Jul 19-21	25	72	3
2002 Jan 7-9	6	93	1
2001 Nov 8-11	9	89	2

^ Asked of a half sample

5. Do you think the war with – [RANDOM ORDER] -- has made the U.S. safer -- or less safe -- from terrorism?

A. Iraq

	<u>Safer</u>	<u>Less safe</u>	No change (vol.)	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Aug 15-30	39	51	7	4
2007 Sep 7-8	40	49	10	1
2006 Oct 20-22	37	52	9	2
2006 Sep 15-17	41	48	8	3
2005 Aug 5-7 ^	34	57	6	3
2005 Jul 7-10 ^	40	54	5	1
2005 Jun 29-30	44	39	13	4
2005 Jun 24-26 ^	43	46	8	3
2004 Oct 1-3	47	45	5	3
2004 Jun 21-23	37	55	6	2
2004 Mar 5-7	50	37	10	3
2003 Dec 15-16 ^	56	33	9	2
2003 Nov 14-16	48	43	7	2
2003 Oct 24-26	45	43	10	2
2003 Apr 22-23	58	33	8	1
2003 Apr 10 †	51	37	9	3

^ Based on a half sample.

† Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

B. Afghanistan

	<u>Safer</u>	<u>Less safe</u>	No change (vol.)	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Aug 15-30	43	46	7	4

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QN4A: Mistake sending troops to fight in - Iraq in 2003 BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	2291	1207	1084	1697	534	416	629	1214	1036	744	489	683	892	684	918	729	551
	Weighted n	2291	1134	1157	1525	721	619	774	867	757	663	857	603	962	677	861	770	559
Yes, made a mistake		1148	599	549	733	390	322	376	433	429	294	415	171	519	440	299	420	383
		50%	53%	47%	48%	54%	52%	49%	50%	57%	44%	48%	28%	54%	65%	35%	55%	68%
No, did not		1037	492	544	726	294	266	375	385	303	342	387	404	405	212	514	322	160
		45%	43%	47%	48%	41%	43%	48%	44%	40%	52%	45%	67%	42%	31%	60%	42%	29%
(DK)/(Refused)		107	42	64	66	37	31	23	49	25	27	55	29	39	26	47	27	16
		5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	3%	6%	3%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%	3%

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QN4B: Mistake sending troops to fight in - Afghanistan in 2001 BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	2291	1207	1084	1697	534	416	629	1214	1036	744	489	683	892	684	918	729	551
	Weighted n	2291	1134	1157	1525	721	619	774	867	757	663	857	603	962	677	861	770	559
Yes, made a mistake		986	483	503	610	356	288	313	365	320	278	379	151	461	356	291	336	319
		43%	43%	43%	40%	49%	47%	40%	42%	42%	42%	44%	25%	48%	53%	34%	44%	57%
No, did not		1192	609	583	844	326	301	428	455	407	351	429	421	450	300	524	397	226
		52%	54%	50%	55%	45%	49%	55%	52%	54%	53%	50%	70%	47%	44%	61%	52%	40%
(DK)/(Refused)		113	41	72	71	39	30	33	47	31	33	49	31	51	21	45	37	14
		5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%	3%

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QN5A: Iraq war made US safer from terrorism BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	2291	1207	1084	1697	534	416	629	1214	1036	744	489	683	892	684	918	729	551
	Weighted n	2291	1134	1157	1525	721	619	774	867	757	663	857	603	962	677	861	770	559
Safe		890	481	409	663	205	201	311	365	284	263	338	393	312	163	479	253	125
		39%	42%	35%	44%	28%	32%	40%	42%	38%	40%	39%	65%	32%	24%	56%	33%	22%
Less safe		1170	524	647	698	453	355	382	416	379	331	455	147	544	467	300	434	389
		51%	46%	56%	46%	63%	57%	49%	48%	50%	50%	53%	24%	56%	69%	35%	56%	70%
No Change (vol.)		150	82	68	112	38	48	54	47	73	47	30	40	74	33	44	56	38
		7%	7%	6%	7%	5%	8%	7%	5%	10%	7%	3%	7%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%
(DK)/(Refused)		81	47	34	52	25	15	26	39	22	22	35	24	32	14	37	26	7
		4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%

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		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
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	Weighted n	2291	1134	1157	1525	721	619	774	867	757	663	857	603	962	677	861	770	559
Safe		991	553	438	715	258	230	350	399	352	276	360	400	340	225	509	289	162
		43%	49%	38%	47%	36%	37%	45%	46%	46%	42%	42%	66%	35%	33%	59%	38%	29%
Less safe		1050	449	601	627	406	325	341	365	309	314	419	151	492	395	269	390	343
		46%	40%	52%	41%	56%	53%	44%	42%	41%	47%	49%	25%	51%	58%	31%	51%	61%
No Change (vol.)		170	90	79	134	32	49	57	64	77	49	44	32	87	46	44	66	47
		7%	8%	7%	9%	4%	8%	7%	7%	10%	7%	5%	5%	9%	7%	5%	9%	8%
(DK)/(Refused)		81	42	39	49	25	15	27	39	20	24	33	20	43	11	39	25	7
		4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	1%