

Iraq Poll February 2009

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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?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very Good	21	13	8	8	22	13
Quite Good	44	41	31	31	49	57
Quite Bad	19	29	34	32	18	14
Very Bad	16	16	26	28	11	15
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	-	1	1

Breakdown by community Feb09 (Mar08 result in brackets):

	Kurds	Shia	Sunni
	%	%	%
Very Good	32(24)	25(14)	8(7)
Quite Good	41(49)	46(48)	42(27)
Quite Bad	23(20)	16(27)	23(38)
Very Bad	4(7)	13(11)	28(28)
Refused/don't know	-	-	-

Q2. *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?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Much Better	22	11	6	12	35	37
Somewhat Better	34	34	23	23	29	34
About the Same	24	35	32	32	14	9
Somewhat Worse	14	13	23	25	7	3
Much Worse	3	5	16	7	5	3
Refused/don't know	3	1	1	1	10	13

Q3. What is the single biggest problem facing your life these days?

	Feb09	Mar2008
	%	%
Lack of security/safety (general)	3	6
War/civil war/unrest	3	3
Sectarian violence	2	4
Terrorist attacks	5	4
Ethnic or religious tensions/ Persecution/ Discrimination/Intolerance	1	4
Common crime/street crime	5	4
Economic problems (general)	5	4
No jobs/unemployment	9	10
Low pay/inconsistent pay	4	2
High prices/rising prices	9	6
Lack of goods and services/problems with Food Ration Cards	5	3
Social problems (general)	3	3
Can't trust people/social disintegration	4	5
Quality of life/Poor living standards/poor living conditions (not economic)	4	1
Poor electricity supply	5	11
Lack of water/sanitation	3	2
Poor public services/ rubble on streets	4	2
Poor medical services	3	2
Problems with school/educational opportunities	2	1
Housing problems/housing availability/rent too high/house too small	4	3
Fuel shortages	1	5
Personal problems (general)	3	1
Health problems	3	1
Family problems	3	-
U.S. occupation/presence	2	5
Political instability/weak government/bad leaders	3	4
Country breaking apart	1	3
None	-	-
Don't know	-	-

Q4 *Do you think your children will have a better life than you, worse, or about the same?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%	%
Better	44	39	33	42
Worse	26	28	42	37
About the Same	29	31	25	21
Refused/don't know	2	1	-	-

Q5 *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?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Very Good	20	7	3	4	14
Quite Good	38	36	19	31	30
Quite Bad	25	36	40	35	23
Very Bad	15	20	38	31	30
Refused/don't know		1	-	-	3

Q6 *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?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Much Better	30	14	4	14	41
Somewhat Better	30	32	19	26	28
About the Same	26	33	35	26	11
Somewhat Worse	10	13	25	21	6
Much Worse	2	7	17	13	5
Refused/don't know	2	2	-	-	9

Q7 *Not personally, but in terms of Iraq, what in your opinion is the single biggest problem facing Iraq as a whole?*

	Feb09	Mar08
	%	%
Lack of security/safety (general)	8	13
War/civil war/unrest	6	6
Sectarian violence	4	7
Terrorist attacks	7	12
Ethnic or religious tensions/ Persecution/ Discrimination/Intolerance	6	6
Common crime/street crime	4	5
Economic problems (general)	6	5
No jobs/unemployment	4	2
Low pay/inconsistent pay	1	-
High prices/rising prices	6	1
Lack of goods and services/problems with Food Ration Cards	3	1
Social problems (general)	1	1
Can't trust people/social disintegration	1	2
Quality of life/Poor living standards/poor living conditions (not economic)	1	-
Poor electricity supply	3	4
Lack of water/sanitation	3	1
Poor public services/ rubble on streets	1	2
Poor medical services	3	1
Problems with school/educational opportunities	1	-
Housing problems/housing availability/rent too high/house too small	2	1
Fuel shortages	-	3
Political instability/weak government/bad leaders	6	5
No independence for Kurdistan	1	1
Corruption/bribery	5	4
U.S. occupation/presence	7	6
Iranian influence	3	3
Syrian influence	1	2
Saudi Arabian influence	1	1
Presence of Al-Qaeda/foreign jihadis	3	5
None	-	-
Don't know	-	-

Q8. 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?

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Absolutely Right	19	21	12	22	19	20
Somewhat Right	23	28	25	25	28	29
Somewhat Wrong	28	23	28	19	17	13
Absolutely Wrong	28	27	35	34	33	26
Refused/don't know	2	-	-	-	4	13

Q9. 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

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	46	20	15	17	31	20
Quite good	39	42	28	30	30	29
Quite bad	14	27	24	21	17	21
Very bad	1	12	32	32	21	29
Refused/don't know		-		-	1	1

The availability of jobs

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	7	7	4	3	11	7
Quite good	27	22	17	17	27	19
Quite bad	32	35	37	44	23	23
Very bad	34	35	43	35	34	46
Refused/don't know	-	1	-	-	5	6

The supply of electricity

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	7	1	2	2	11	8
Quite good	30	11	6	11	35	27
Quite bad	32	43	35	37	30	28
Very bad	30	45	58	51	24	37
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	-	1	1

The availability of clean water

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	13	8	9	9	19	20
Quite good	25	23	16	22	39	31
Quite bad	29	37	35	35	27	22
Very bad	32	31	40	34	15	26
Refused/don't know	-	1	-	-	-	1

The availability of medical care

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	14	10	9	8	27	17
Quite good	26	27	23	23	35	34
Quite bad	28	32	37	35	23	24
Very bad	32	30	30	34	13	22
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	-	2	3

Local schools

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	18	15	15	12	43	37
Quite good	46	48	36	31	31	35
Quite bad	28	29	30	35	17	15
Very bad	7	8	19	21	7	11
Refused/don't know	-	1	-	-	1	3

Local government

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	16	11	11	12	21	18
Quite good	43	35	28	31	30	32
Quite bad	25	33	32	31	24	20
Very bad	15	21	29	26	18	18
Refused/don't know		1	-	-	7	12

The availability of basic things you need for your household

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	18	19	9	8	22	18
Quite good	44	46	30	30	38	38
Quite bad	25	27	34	39	23	24
Very bad	14	8	27	23	15	17
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	-	2	2

Your family's protection from crime

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	24	19	13	14	33	21
Quite good	54	35	22	26	33	31
Quite bad	17	28	28	32	19	20
Very bad	4	18	37	28	14	23
Refused/don't know		-		-	1	4

Your family's economic situation

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	19	15	7	7	22
Quite good	41	42	30	29	48
Quite bad	23	27	37	41	20
Very bad	17	16	26	23	10
Refused/don't know		-	-	-	1

The availability of fuel for cooking or driving

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very good	26	2	1	1
Quite good	41	17	8	11
Quite bad	24	40	33	40
Very bad	8	41	59	48
Refused/don't know		-	-	-

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

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very good	28	21	8	8
Quite good	46	23	17	16
Quite bad	19	29	32	40
Very bad	6	27	42	35
Refused/don't know	1	-	-	-

Your freedom to live where you wish without persecution

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very good	12	16	8	8
Quite good	31	24	15	15
Quite bad	36	32	32	39
Very bad	20	28	45	38
Refused/don't know	1	-	-	-

Q10 For each group I name, please tell me how much that group is doing to provide services in your community?

National government of Iraq

	Feb09
	%
A great deal	16
Some	37
A little	30
Nothing at all	17
Refused/don't know	-

Provincial government

	Feb09
	%
A great deal	15
Some	39
A little	34
Nothing at all	11
Refused/don't know	1

Awakening Councils, Sons of Iraq, Concerned Local Citizens

	Feb09
	%
A great deal	9
Some	18
A little	24
Nothing at all	45
Refused/don't know	4

Militia groups not aligned with the government

	Feb09
	%
A great deal	5
Some	11
A little	17
Nothing at all	64
Refused/don't know	4

Your mosque or huisainiya or other religious-based associations

	Feb09
	%
A great deal	6
Some	24
A little	30
Nothing at all	38
Refused/don't know	2

Foreign aid organisations

	Feb09
	%
A great deal	9
Some	11
A little	25
Nothing at all	53
Refused/don't know	2

Joint Security Stations

	Feb09
	%
A great deal	9
Some	24
A little	27
Nothing at all	38
Refused/don't know	2

Q11a *In the past six months has the security situation in this neighbourhood/ village become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>
	%	%	%
Become better	50	46	24
Become worse	3	17	31
Stayed about the same	47	36	45
Refused/don't know	-	1	-

Q11b *In the past six months has your family's economic situation in this neighbourhood/ village become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Become better	33	31
Become worse	23	24
Stayed about the same	44	45
Refused/don't know	-	1

Q11c *In the past six months the availability of jobs in this neighbourhood/ village become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Become better	14	18
Become worse	35	35
Stayed about the same	50	46
Refused/don't know	-	1

Q12 *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?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>
	%	%	%
Become better	52	36	11
Become worse	8	26	61
Stayed about the same	39	37	28
Refused/don't know	-	-	-

Q13.[ASK IF Security Situation has “become better” in Q12] *How confident are you that this improved security will continue in the future?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Very confident	30	32
Somewhat confident	44	50
Not so confident	19	15
Not all confident	4	2
Refused/don't know	2	-

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

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
One unified Iraq with a central government in Baghdad,	70	66	62	58	70	79
A group of regional states with their own regional governments and a federal government in Baghdad	20	23	28	28	18	14
A country divided into separate independent states	7	9	9	14	9	4
Refused/don't know	3	1	1	-	3	3

Q15. *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 best for Iraq now?*

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%
Strong leader: government headed by one man for life	14	34	26	28
Islamic state: where politicians rule according to religious principles	19	22	14	21
Democracy: government with a chance for the leader to be replaced from time to time	64	43	57	49
Refused/don't know	3	-	3	4

Breakdown by community Feb09 (Feb07 result in brackets):

	Kurds	Shia	Sunni
	%	%	%
Strong leader: government headed by one man for life	12(25)	9(19)	20(58)
Islamic state: where politicians rule according to religious principles	15(10)	26(40)	11(4)
Democracy: government with a chance for the leader to be replaced from time to time	71(66)	62(41)	65(38)
Refused/don't know	2	3	4

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

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	37	28	23	24	36	18	13
Quite a lot of confidence	36	37	43	37	31	38	25
Not very much confidence	24	24	21	25	18	25	29
None at all	3	11	12	14	12	10	16
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	-	3	9	17

The Police

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	36	33	33	32	38	26	18
Quite a lot of confidence	38	34	36	32	31	41	28
Not very much confidence	20	20	17	16	18	20	30
None at all	5	13	15	20	12	8	15
Refused/don't know	-	1	-	-	2	4	10

US occupation forces

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	12	4	4	6	7	8	7
Quite a lot of confidence	14	16	11	12	11	17	12
Not very much confidence	28	33	27	30	23	23	20
None at all	45	46	58	52	55	43	52
Refused/don't know	1	1	-	-	5	8	9

Local leaders in your community

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004	2003
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	10	12	11	11	17	17	19
Quite a lot of confidence	34	35	36	34	23	34	26
Not very much confidence	33	32	34	34	29	22	21
None at all	23	20	20	21	21	16	17
Refused/don't know	1	1	-	-	10	12	18

National government of Iraq

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	26	17	11	18	23
Quite a lot of confidence	35	31	28	31	30
Not very much confidence	26	26	31	27	25
None at all	13	25	30	24	16
Refused/don't know	1	1	-	-	6

The local militia in this area

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	4	7	11	16
Quite a lot of confidence	14	15	13	20
Not very much confidence	25	24	26	26
None at all	56	47	43	38
Refused/don't know	1	8	8	-

Awakening Councils

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Great deal of confidence	15	16
Quite a lot of confidence	28	40
Not very much confidence	28	27
None at all	25	9
Refused/don't know	4	7

Judges and the court system

	Feb09
	%
Great deal of confidence	28
Quite a lot of confidence	40
Not very much confidence	24
None at all	8
Refused/don't know	1

Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nouri Kamel al-Maliki is handling his job as prime minister?

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%	%
Approve	55	40	33	43
Disapprove	43	58	66	57
Refused/don't know	2	2	1	-

Q18. Do you think Maliki is concentrating too much power in his office, taking too little power, or does he hold the right amount of power?

	Feb09
	%
Too much power	41
Too little power	25
Right amount of power	31
Refused/don't know	3

Q19 Do you think members of the Iraqi Council of Representatives are willing or not willing to make necessary compromises on each of these other issues?

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

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Willing	47	53
Not Willing	51	46
Refused/don't know	2	1

Promoting reconciliation between different ethnic and religious groups

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Willing	46	48
Not Willing	53	51
Refused/don't know	1	1

Preventing or reducing official corruption in our country

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Willing	38	46
Not Willing	61	53
Refused/don't know	1	1

Q20. Who do you think currently controls things in our country; is it the Iraqi government, the United States, somebody else, or no one?

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%
Iraqi government	32	34	44
United States	53	59	24
Somebody else	9	4	17
No one controls things	3	3	6
Refused/don't know	3	-	9

Q21 *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?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
A very good job	11	6	3	6	10
Quite a good job	19	23	15	18	27
Quite a bad job	30	35	32	30	19
A very bad job	39	35	48	46	40
Refused/don't know	1	1	1	-	5

Breakdown by community Feb09 (Mar08 result in brackets):

	Kurds	Shia	Sunni
	%	%	%
A very good job	23(19)	12(5)	3(-)
Quite a good job	39(44)	20(27)	5(6)
Quite a bad job	22(23)	33(36)	28 (40)
A very bad job	14(13)	34(32)	62(53)
Refused/don't know	2	1	2

Q22 *Thinking about the Iraqi security forces, for the most part do you feel that they are loyal chiefly to individual factions within Iraq, or do you feel that they are loyal to all of the Iraqi nation as a whole?*

	Feb09
	%
Loyal to individual factions	30
Loyal to Iraq as a whole	67
Refused/don't know	2

Q23a. *Do you think the Iraqi security forces are ready now to take up security without the US and other coalition forces here, or are they not ready yet?*

	Feb09
	%
Ready	59
Not ready	40
Refused/don't know	1

Q23b (IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED “NOT READY”) How long from now do you think they will be ready to take up security?

	Feb09
	%
In the next year	24
In the next two years	38
Longer than that	26
Never	8
Refused/don't know	4

Q24. An agreement between the Iraqi and U.S. governments says all U.S. troops are to be withdrawn by 2011. Do you think U.S. forces should leave sooner than that, stay longer than that, or is this timetable about right?

	Feb09
	%
Leave sooner than 2011	46
Stay longer than 2011	16
The timetable for withdrawal is right	35
Refused/don't know	2

Q25. How concerned are you that security may worsen after the U.S. and other coalition forces have withdrawn?

	Feb09
	%
Very concerned	7
Somewhat concerned	35
Not so concerned	36
Not concerned at all	21
Refused/don't know	1

Q26 How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood? Do you feel very safe, not very safe, or not safe at all?

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>	<i>Aug2007</i>	<i>Feb2007</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very Safe	59	37	26	26	63	40
Not Very Safe	35	53	47	41	30	40
Not Safe At All	6	10	28	33	6	18
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	-	1	3

Q27 For each item I read, please tell me if it has or has not occurred nearby here?

	Have Occurred nearby here %	Have <u>not</u> occurred nearby here %	Refuse/ don't know %
Car bombs, suicide attacks			
February 09	18	82	
<i>March 08</i>	35	64	1
<i>September 07</i>	42	58	
<i>February 07</i>	32	68	
Snipers, crossfire			
February 09	21	79	
<i>March 08</i>	34	66	
<i>September 07</i>	30	70	
<i>February 07</i>	30	70	-
Fighting among sectarian factions			
February 09	18	82	
<i>March 08</i>	35	64	
<i>September 07</i>	27	72	1
<i>February 07</i>	25	75	-
Kidnappings for ransom			
February 09	32	68	
<i>March 08</i>	45	54	
<i>September 07</i>	40	59	1
<i>February 07</i>	40	60	-
Fighting between Iraqi government and anti-government forces			
February 09	20	79	1
<i>March 08</i>	37	62	1
<i>September 07</i>	34	66	-
<i>February 07</i>	34	66	-
Unnecessary violence against citizens by US or coalition forces			
February 09	25	74	1
<i>March 08</i>	42	57	1
<i>September 07</i>	41	57	2
<i>February 07</i>	44	55	-
Unnecessary violence against citizens by the Iraqi police			
February 09	17	83	1
<i>March 08</i>	20	79	1
<i>September 07</i>	21	79	-
<i>February 07</i>	24	76	-

**Unnecessary violence
against citizens by the
Iraqi Army**

February 09	18	81	-
March 08	20	79	1
September 07	19	81	-
February 07	24	76	-

**Unnecessary violence
against citizens by local
militia forces**

February 09	18	81	1
March 08	36	63	1
September 07	30	70	-
February 07	31	69	-

**Assassination or attempted
killings of political figures**

February 09	22	78	-
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Q29 *As you may know, there has been a change in administration in America in which President Bush has left office and President Barack Obama has taken 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?*

	Feb09
	%
Better	35
Worse	19
Not make much difference	38
Depends	5
Refused/don't know	3

Q30 *What best describes your view of Muntadar al-Zaidi, the journalist who threw his shoes at the American President Bush in December? Would you say al-Zaidi is a hero because he expressed the views of many Iraqis or would you say he is a criminal because he assaulted a visiting foreign leader and therefore shamed the Iraqi president?*

	Feb09
	%
al-Zaidi is a hero	62
al-Zaidi is a criminal	24
Both equally	10
Refused/don't know	4

Q31 *Do you think religious groups in our society are taking too much of a role in politics, too little, or about the right amount?*

	Feb09
	%
Too much	44
Too little	29
The right amount	26
Refused/don't know	2

Q32 *Regardless of the type of system of government you prefer, how confident are you that a system of freely voting for leaders can work successfully in Iraq?*

	Feb09
	%
Very confident	28
Somewhat confident	38
Not so confident	25
Not confident at all	7
Refused/don't know	2

Q33a *Did the recent provincial elections held at the end of last month increase or decrease your confidence that freely voting for leaders can work in Iraq, or did these elections make no difference in your opinion on this?*

	Feb09
	%
Increased confidence	43
Decreased confidence	18
Made no difference	37
Refused/don't know	2

Q33b *Do you think the recent provincial elections were or were not free and fair elections with an honest vote count?*

	Feb09
	%
Were free and fair with an honest vote count	47
Were not free and fair with an honest vote count	37
Depends on which province/location	14
Refused/don't know	3

Q34 Do you think the provincial elections held at the end of last month will make..... in Iraq better, worse or have no real effect?

political situation overall

	Feb09
	%
Better	56
Worse	12
No real effect	29
Refused/don't know	3

Co-operation among sectarian factions

	Feb09
	%
Better	40
Worse	27
No real effect	31
Refused/don't know	1

security situation

	Feb09
	%
Better	48
Worse	22
No real effect	28
Refused/don't know	1

provision of public services

	Feb09
	%
Better	44
Worse	26
No real effect	28
Refused/don't know	2

creation of economic opportunity

	Feb09
	%
Better	45
Worse	22
No real effect	31
Refused/don't know	1

equal rights for women

	Feb09
	%
Better	27
Worse	26
No real effect	44
Refused/don't know	3

Q 35 *As you may know, more Sunnis participated in this election after boycotting the last provincial election in January 2005 – do you take that as a positive factor or negative factor in Iraq's political situation, or will it have no real effect?*

	Feb09
	%
Positive	67
Negative	10
No real effect	20
Refused/don't know	3

Q36 *What do you think is more likely in Iraq's future – reconciliation and cooperation between Sunni and Shiite factions, or separation and division between these two groups?*

	Feb09
	%
Reconciliation and cooperation	79
Separation and division	17
Refused/don't know	3

Q37 *What do you think is more likely in Iraq's future – reconciliation and co-operation between Arab and Kurdish factions, or separation and division between these two groups?*

	Feb09
	%
Reconciliation and cooperation	53
Separation and division	43
Refused/don't know	4

Q38a *Thinking now only about Basra, do you think the Iraqi security forces are ready now to take up security without British forces there, or are they not ready yet?*

	Feb09
	%
Ready	57
Not ready	38
Refused/don't know	5

Q38b (IF ANSWERED NOT READY) *How long from now do you think they will be ready to take up security – in the next year, in the next two years, longer than that, or never?*

	Feb09
	%
In the next year	21
In the next two years	54
Longer than that	21
Never	3
Refused/don't know	1

Q39 *How concerned are you that security in Basra may worsen after the British forces have completely withdrawn from that area – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?*

	Feb09
	%
Very concerned	12
Somewhat concerned	28
Not so concerned	37
Not concerned at all	20
Refused/don't know	2

Q40 *Do you think the British military presence in the south of Iraq since 2003 has been generally positive for Iraq or generally negative?*

	Feb09
	%
Generally positive	36
Generally negative	42
Some of both	19
Refused/don't know	3

Q41 Specifically, do you think the British military presence in the South has been a help or hindrance in.....

establishing long-term security

	Feb09
	%
Help	47
Hindrance	49
Refused/don't know	4

rebuilding civil structures in the South such as local government and police

	Feb09
	%
Help	51
Hindrance	47
Refused/don't know	3

rebuilding infrastructure in the South such as schools, hospitals, water treatment plants and the like

	Feb09
	%
Help	42
Hindrance	55
Refused/don't know	4

Q42 Do you think Kirkuk should or should not become part of the Kurdish Autonomous Region?

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Should	20	27
Should not	78	72
Refused/don't know	1	1

Q43 How likely do you think it is that the Kurdish provinces will try to formally separate from Iraq and rule themselves independently – do you think this is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely?

	Feb09
	%
Very likely	31
Somewhat likely	27
Somewhat unlikely	23
Very unlikely	17
Refused/don't know	2

Q44 *Is the separation of the Kurdish provinces from Iraq something you would support strongly, support somewhat, oppose somewhat or oppose strongly?*

	Feb09
	%
Support strongly	11
Support somewhat	12
Oppose somewhat	27
Oppose strongly	48
Refused/don't know	1

Q45 *Overall, please say if you think each of these countries is playing a positive, neutral, or negative role in Iraq now?*

Russia

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%
Positive	18	15
Neutral	57	72
Negative	22	13
Refused/don't know	3	-

Saudia Arabia

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%
Positive	21	20
Neutral	45	28
Negative	32	52
Refused/don't know	2	-

Iran

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%
Positive	12	17
Neutral	19	16
Negative	68	67
Refused/don't know	1	-

Syria

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%
Positive	23	7
Neutral	38	30
Negative	38	63
Refused/don't know	2	-

Turkey

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%
Positive	35	10
Neutral	34	44
Negative	30	46
Refused/don't know	2	-

United States

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%
Positive	18	12
Neutral	17	11
Negative	64	77
Refused/don't know	2	-

United Kingdom

	Feb09	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%
Positive	22	11
Neutral	18	14
Negative	59	75
Refused/don't know	1	-

Q46 *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?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Yes, right time to return	57	45
No, not right time to return	40	54
Refused/don't know	3	1

Q47 *How would you describe the current state of relations between Shiite and Sunni Arabs in Iraq?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Excellent	27	9
Good	33	38
Not so good	21	33
Poor	18	19
Refused/don't know	1	1

Q48 *How would you describe the current state of relations between Arabs and Kurds in Iraq?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Excellent	20	11
Good	24	31

Not so good	29	33
Poor	26	24
Refused/don't know	1	1

Q49a *Do you yourself have any close personal friends who are not of your own religious doctrine?*

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Yes	41	49
No	59	51
Refused/don't know	1	-

Q49b *Do you feel it is safe or not safe for you to associate publicly with such people?*
[Asked only of those answering “Yes” in Q49aa]

	Feb09	<i>Mar08</i>
	%	%
Safe	73	80
Not safe	20	18
Refused/don't know	7	2