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Iraq Poll March 2008

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?*

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

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?*

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

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

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

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

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Better	39	33	42
Worse	28	42	37
About the Same	31	25	21
Refused/don't know	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? Would you say things are going very good, quite good, quite bad, or very bad?*

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very Good	7	3	4	14
Quite Good	36	19	31	30
Quite Bad	36	40	35	23
Very Bad	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?*

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

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

	%
Lack of security/safety (general)	13
War/civil war/unrest	6
Sectarian violence	7
Terrorist attacks	12
Ethnic or religious tensions/ Persecution/ Discrimination/Intolerance	6
Common crime/street crime	5
Economic problems (general)	5
No jobs/unemployment	2
Low pay/inconsistent pay	-
High prices/rising prices	1
Lack of goods and services/problems with Food Ration Cards	1
Social problems (general)	1
Can't trust people/social disintegration	2
Quality of life/Poor living standards/poor living conditions (not economic)	-
Poor electricity supply	4
Lack of water/sanitation	1
Poor public services/ rubble on streets	2
Poor medical services	1
Problems with school/educational opportunities	-
Housing problems/housing availability/rent too high/house too small	1
Fuel shortages	3
Political instability/weak government/bad leaders	5
No independence for Kurdistan	1
Corruption/bribery	4
U.S. occupation/presence	6
Iranian influence	3
Syrian influence	2
Saudi Arabian influence	1
Presence of Al-Qaeda/foreign jihadis	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?*

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

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

The availability of jobs

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

The supply of electricity

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

The availability of clean water

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

The availability of medical care

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

Local schools

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

Local government

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

The availability of basic things you need for your household

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	19	9	8	22	18
Quite good	46	30	30	38	38

Quite bad	27	34	39	23	24
Very bad	8	27	23	15	17
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	2	2

Your family's protection from crime

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

Your family's economic situation

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

The availability of fuel for cooking or driving

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

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

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

Your freedom to live where you wish without persecution

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Very good	16	8	8
Quite good	24	15	15

Quite bad	32	32	39
Very bad	28	45	38
Refused/don't know	-	-	-

Q10a *In the past six months has the security situation in this neighbourhood/ village become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?*

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

Q10b *In the past six months has your family's economic situation in this neighbourhood/ village become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?*

	Mar08
	%
Become better	31
Become worse	24
Stayed about the same	45
Refused/don't know	1

Q10c *In the past six months the availability of jobs in this neighbourhood/ village become better, become worse, or stayed about the same?*

	Mar08
	%
Become better	18
Become worse	35
Stayed about the same	46
Refused/don't know	1

Q11 *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?*

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

Q12a [ASK IF Security Situation has “become better” in Q11] Who do you feel deserves the most credit for this improved security?

	Mar08
	%
Iraqi Army	13
Iraqi Police	18
Muqtada Al-Sadr	5
Awakening Councils	8
Iraqi Government	26
Other	30
Don't know	-

Q12b.[ASK IF Security Situation has “become better” in Q11] How confident are you that this improved security will continue in the future?

	Mar08
	%
Very confident	32
Somewhat confident	50
Not so confident	15
Not all confident	2
Refused/don't know	-

Q12c [ASK IF Security Situation has “become worse” in Q11] Who do you feel deserves the most blame for this worsened security?

	Mar08
	%
US forces operations	20
Militias	13
Al Qaeda	9
Neighbouring countries	6
Politicians/political groups	11
Iraqi Government	9
Parties and their militias	18
Other	14

Q13 Which of the following structures do you believe Iraq should have in the future?

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005	2004
	%	%	%	%	%
One unified Iraq with a central government in Baghdad,	66	62	58	70	79
A group of regional states with their own regional governments and a federal government in Baghdad	23	28	28	18	14

A country divided into separate independent states	9	9	14	9	4
Refused/don't know	1	1	-	3	3

Q14. 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

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

The Police

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

US occupation forces

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

Local leaders in your community

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

National government of Iraq

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005
	%	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	17	11	18	23
Quite a lot of confidence	31	28	31	30

Not very much confidence	26	31	27	25
None at all	25	30	24	16
Refused/don't know	1	-	-	6

The local militia in this area

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

Local teachers

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Great deal of confidence	24	26	19
Quite a lot of confidence	54	48	52
Not very much confidence	17	22	26
None at all	3	4	3
Refused/don't know	2	-	-

Awakening Councils

	Mar08
	%
Great deal of confidence	16
Quite a lot of confidence	40
Not very much confidence	27
None at all	9
Refused/don't know	7

Q15 *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?*

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005
	%	%	%	%
Very Good Job	13	6	10	22
Quite a Good Job	30	28	36	39
Quite a Bad Job	30	27	27	17
Very Bad Job	26	38	26	16
Refused/don't know	1	-	-	7

Q16. *Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nouri Kamel al-Maliki is handling his job as prime minister?*

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

Q17. Overall, do you think the members of the Iraqi Council of Representatives are willing or not willing to make necessary compromises to bring peace and security to the country?

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Willing	50	50	41
Not Willing	48	48	58
Refused/don't know	2	2	1

Q18 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?

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

	Mar08
	%
Willing	53
Not Willing	46
Refused/don't know	1

b. Promoting reconciliation between different ethnic and religious groups

	Mar08
	%
Willing	48
Not Willing	51
Refused/don't know	1

c. Preventing or reducing official corruption in our country

	Mar08
	%
Willing	46
Not Willing	53
Refused/don't know	1

Q19 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?

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005
	%	%	%	%
A Very Good Job	6	3	6	10
Quite a Good Job	23	15	18	27
Quite a Bad Job	35	32	30	19
A Very Bad Job	35	48	46	40
Refused/don't know	1	1	-	5

Q20 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the presence of Coalition forces in Iraq?

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	7	5	6	13	13
Somewhat Support	19	16	16	19	26
Somewhat Oppose	31	26	32	21	20
Strongly Oppose	41	53	46	44	31
Refused/don't know	1	-	-	3	10

Q21 As you may know, the United States has increased the number of its forces in Baghdad and surrounding provinces in the past six months. For each item I name, please tell me if you think this increase of U.S. forces has made it better, made it worse, or had no effect.

Security in the areas where these forces have been sent

	Mar08	<i>Aug2007</i>
	%	%
Better	36	18
Worse	53	70
Had No Effect	10	11
Refused/don't know	1	-

Security in other areas of Iraq

	Mar08	<i>Aug2007</i>
	%	%
Better	30	12
Worse	49	68
Had No Effect	21	20
Refused/don't know	-	-

Conditions for political dialogue in Iraq

	Mar08	<i>Aug2007</i>
	%	%
Better	21	10
Worse	43	70
Had No Effect	36	20
Refused/don't know	-	-

The ability of the Iraq government to carry out its work

	Mar08	<i>Aug2007</i>
	%	%
Better	25	12

Worse	44	65
Had No Effect	30	22
Refused/don't know	-	-

The pace of economic development in Iraq

	Mar08	<i>Aug2007</i>
	%	%
Better	22	6
Worse	42	67
Had No Effect	35	26
Refused/don't know	-	-

Q22 *How long do you think US and other Coalition forces should remain in Iraq? Should they leave now, remain until security is restored, remain until the Iraqi government is stronger, remain until Iraqi security forces can operate independently, remain longer but leave eventually, or never leave?*

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>	2005
	%	%	%	%
Leave now	38	47	35	26
Remain until security is restored	35	34	38	31
Remain until the Iraqi government is stronger	14	10	14	19?
Remain until the Iraqi security forces can operate independently	10	7	11	16
Remain longer but leave eventually	3	2	2	3
Never leave	1	-	1	1
Refused/don't know	-	-	-	4

Q23 *Overall, do you think the presence of US forces in Iraq is making security in our country better, worse, or having no effect on the security situation?*

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Better	27	18	21
Worse	61	72	69
No Effect	11	9	10
Refused/don't know	1	-	-

Q24 *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?*

	Mar08
	%
Better	51

Worse	16
No Effect	31
Refused/don't know	2

Q25 Do you think the Awakening Councils should be incorporated into mainstream Iraqi security forces, or remain separate?

	Mar08
	%
Incorporated into mainstream security forces	59
Remain separate	38
Refused/don't know	3

Q26 Thinking about the political action of other people, do you find each of these items to be acceptable or not acceptable?

		Acceptable	Not acceptable	Refuse/ don't know
		%	%	%
	March 2008	42	57	1
Attacks on	<i>Aug 2007</i>	57	43	-
Coalition forces	<i>Feb 2007</i>	51	49	-
2004 survey		17	78	5
	March 2008	4	95	1
Attacks on Iraqi	<i>Aug 2007</i>	7	93	-
government forces	<i>Feb 2007</i>	12	88	-
Attacks on Awakening Councils	March 2008	5	94	1

Q27 How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood? Do you feel very safe, not very safe, or not safe at all?

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

Q28 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			
<i>September 07</i>	42	58	
<i>February 07</i>	32	68	-
Snipers, crossfire			
<i>September 07</i>	30	70	
<i>February 07</i>	30	70	-
Fighting among sectarian factions			
	27	72	1
	25	75	-
Kidnappings for ransom			
	40	59	1
	40	60	-
Fighting between Iraqi government and anti-government forces			
	34	66	-
	34	66	-
Unnecessary violence against citizens by US or coalition forces			
	41	57	2
	44	55	-
Unnecessary violence against citizens by the Iraqi police			
	21	79	-
	24	76	-
Unnecessary violence against citizens by the Iraqi Army			
	19	81	-
	24	76	-
Unnecessary violence against citizens by local militia forces			
	30	70	-
	31	69	-

Q30 How would you describe the strength of the Iraqi government forces in this area?

	Mar08
	%
Very strong	20
Somewhat strong	38
Not so strong	30
Not strong at all	11
Refused/don't know	1

Q31 *How would you describe the strength of the local militia forces in this area?*

	Mar08
	%
Very strong	25
Somewhat strong	30
Not so strong	25
Not strong at all	18
Refused/don't know	2

Q32 *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?*

	Mar08
	%
Better	28
Worse	38
About the same	31
Refused/don't know	3

Q33 *If the American forces left the country entirely, do you think the security situation in Iraq overall would become better, become worse, or remain the same?*

	Mar08
	%
Better	46
Worse	29
About the same	23
Refused/don't know	2

Q34 *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:*

Providing training and weapons to the Iraqi army

	Mar08
	%
Should	76
Should not	23
Refused/don't know	1

Providing financial aid for reconstruction within Iraq

	Mar08
	%
Should	73
Should not	26

Refused/don't know -

Assisting in the security of Iraq in terms of Iran

Mar08

	%
Should	68
Should not	31
Refused/don't know	-

Assisting in the security of Iraq in terms of Turkey

Mar08

	%
Should	66
Should not	34
Refused/don't know	-

Participating in security operations against al Qaeda or foreign jihadis in Iraq

Mar08

	%
Should	80
Should not	19
Refused/don't know	1

Q35 *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?*

Mar08

	%
Better	33
Worse	27
Not make much difference	39
Refused/don't know	1

Q36 *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?*

Mar08

	%
Yes, Sunnis should participate in future elections	89
No, Sunnis should NOT participate in future elections	9
Refused/don't know	1

Q37 *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?*

	Mar08
	%
Yes, should	69
No, should not	29
Refused/don't know	1

Q38 *Do you think the Turkish incursions into Iraq against the PKK are justified or not justified?*

	Mar08
	%
Justified	38
Unjustified	61
Refused/don't know	1

Q39 *Do you think the Iraqi national government is or is not doing enough to control the activities of the PKK?*

	Mar08
	%
Is doing enough	25
Not doing enough	61
Iraqi government should not control PKK activities	13
Refused/don't know	1

Q40 *On another issue, do you think Kirkuk should or should not become part of the Kurdish Autonomous Region?*

	Mar08
	%
Should	27
Should not	72
Refused/don't know	1

Q41. *There are areas of Iraq where in the past Sunnis and Shiites lived together in the same mahallah. In some of these areas people are now separating—Sunnis moving to live among Sunnis only, Shiites moving to live among Shiites only. Has this separating of people been happening in this mahallah, or not? Would you say:*

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Yes, it has happened	17	17	14
No, this mahallah (neighbourhood) has been mixed and remains so	34	29	38
No, this mahallah (neighbourhood) has never been mixed	49	54	47
Refused/don't know	-	-	-

Q42 *Has this movement of people been mainly forcible, or mainly voluntary?*
 [Asked only of those answering “Yes” in Q41]

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Mainly Forcible	86	68	81
Mainly voluntary	14	32	19
Refused/don't know	-	-	-

Q43 *Do you think the separation of people on sectarian lines is a good thing or a bad thing for Iraq?*

	Mar08	<i>Aug07</i>	<i>Feb07</i>
	%	%	%
Good thing	7	2	6
Bad thing	92	98	94
Refused/don't know	1	-	-

Q44 *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?*

	Mar08
	%
Yes, right time to return	45
No, not right time to return	54
Refused/don't know	1

Q45 *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?*

	Mar08
	%
Rights of former residents	88
Rights of current residents	11
Refused/don't know	1

Q46 *How would you describe the current state of relations between Shiite and Sunni Arabs in Iraq?*

	Mar08
	%
Excellent	9
Good	38
Not so good	33
Poor	19
Refused/don't know	1

Q47 *Would you say relations between Shiite and Sunni Arabs in Iraq are getting better, getting worse, or remaining about the same?*

	Mar08
	%
Getting better	39
Getting worse	26
Remaining about the same	34
Refused/don't know	1

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

	Mar08
	%
Excellent	11
Good	31
Not so good	33
Poor	24
Refused/don't know	1

Q49 *Would you say relations between Arabs and Kurds in Iraq are getting better, getting worse, or remaining about the same?*

	Mar08
	%
Getting better	27
Getting worse	33
Remaining about the same	39
Refused/don't know	1

Q50a *Do you yourself have any close personal friends who are not of your own religious doctrine?*

	Mar08
	%
Yes	49
No	51
Refused/don't know	-

Q50b *Do you feel it is safe or not safe for you to associate publicly with such people?*
[Asked only of those answering "Yes" in Q50a]

	Mar08
	%
Safe	80
Not safe	18
Refused/don't know	2

Q51 *Would you accept or refuse to have a grown child of yours marry a person of another religious doctrine?*

	Mar08
	%
Accept	39
Refuse	59
Refused/don't know	2

Q52 *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?*

	Mar08
	%
Move to a different area	22
Satisfied living in this location	78
Refused/don't know	1

Q53 *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?*

	Mar08
	%
Move to another country	36
Satisfied living in Iraq	64
Refused/don't know	-

Q54 *Do you have current plans to leave the country, or no such plans at this time?*

[Asked only of those answering “Move to another country in Q53]

	Mar08
	%
Yes, have plans to leave	49
No such plans at this time	50
Refused/don't know	1

Methodology:

461 sampling points were distributed proportionate to population size in each of Iraq's 18 provinces, then in all 102 districts within the provinces, then by simple random sampling among Iraq's nearly 11,000 villages or neighbourhoods, with urban/rural stratification at each stage.

Maps or grids were used to select random starting points within each sampling point, with household selection by random route/random interval and within-household selection by the “next-birthday” method. An average of five interviews were conducted per sampling point. Seven of the 461 sampling points were inaccessible for security reasons and were substituted with randomly selected replacements.

Interviews were conducted by 116 trained Iraqi interviewers with 31 supervisors. Fifty-seven percent of interviews were supervised or reviewed by supervisors – 34 percent by direct

observation, 7 percent by revisits and 16 percent by phone. All questionnaires were subject to further quality-control checks.

In addition to the national sample, oversamples were drawn in Anbar province, Sadr City, Basra city, Kirkuk city and Mosul to allow for more reliable analysis in those areas. Population data came from 2005 estimates by the Iraq Ministry of Planning. The sample was weighted by sex, age, education, urban/rural status and population of province.

The survey had a contact rate of 92 percent and a cooperation rate of 65 percent for a net response rate of 60 percent. Including an estimated design effect of 1.52, the results have a margin of sampling error of 2.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.