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**QUESTIONS 1, 7, 12, 14-15, 24-27, 40, 46-47 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**QUESTIONS 2, 41-42, 48-50 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 8-11, 13, 16-23, 28-39, 43-45**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 ...

Q.51 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Iraq?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Mar 7-14, 2018	43	48	9
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	38	50	12
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	49	45	6
Mar 14-17, 2013	41	44	14
Nov 9-14, 2011	48	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	51	7
January, 2009	43	49	8
November, 2008	39	50	11
Late October, 2008	38	56	6
Mid-October, 2008	40	54	6
Mid-September, 2008	43	50	7
June, 2008	39	55	6
April, 2008	37	57	6
Late February, 2008	38	54	8
Late December, 2007	36	56	8
October, 2007	39	54	7
September, 2007	42	50	8
July, 2007	41	53	6
June, 2007	40	51	9
April, 2007	45	47	8
March, 2007	43	49	8
February, 2007	40	54	6
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9
Early January, 2007	40	53	7
December, 2006	42	51	7
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7
Late October, 2006	43	47	10
Early October, 2006	45	47	8
Early September, 2006	49	43	8
August, 2006	45	46	9
July, 2006	44	50	6
June, 2006	49	44	7
April, 2006	47	46	7
March, 2006	45	49	6
February, 2006	51	44	5
January, 2006	45	47	8
December, 2005	47	48	5
Late October, 2005	48	45	7
Early October, 2005	44	50	6
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7
July, 2005	49	44	7
June, 2005	47	45	8
February, 2005	47	47	6

**Q.51 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
January, 2005	51	44	5
December, 2004	49	44	7
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12
Early October, 2004	50	39	11
September, 2004	53	39	8
August, 2004	53	41	6
July, 2004	52	43	5
June, 2004	55	38	7
May, 2004	51	42	7
Late April, 2004	54	37	9
Early April, 2004	57	35	8
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6
Late February, 2004	60	32	8
Early February, 2004	56	39	5
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5
Early January, 2004	62	28	10
December, 2003	67	26	7
October, 2003	60	33	7
September, 2003	63	31	6
August, 2003	63	30	7
Early July, 2003	67	24	9
May, 2003	74	20	6
Mid-April, 2003 tracking	74	19	7
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	74	19	7
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	74	19	7
March-April, 2003 tracking	72	22	7
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	72	20	8
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	69	25	6
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	74	21	5
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	74	21	5
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	71	22	7
Late January, 1991	77	15	8

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 Overall, do you think the United States mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Iraq?

	(U)			
Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>	Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u> <sup>1</sup>	Mar 14-17 <u>2013</u>	Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	
39	37	46	56	Mostly succeeded
53	52	43	33	Mostly failed
7	11	11	10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?<sup>2</sup>*

	<u>Definitely/ Probably succeed</u>	<u>Definitely/ Probably fail</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	35	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	59	30	10

<sup>1</sup> In 2014 and earlier, question was worded: "Overall, do you think the United States has mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Iraq?"

<sup>2</sup> Trend for comparison only shows the net of answers "Definitely succeed" and "Probably succeed" and the net of answers "Definitely fail" and "Probably fail." See June 2010 [topline](#) for full trend.

**Q.52 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

	<u>Definitely/ Probably succeed</u>	<u>Definitely/ Probably fail</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 9-13, 2009	63	29	8
Jan, 2009	61	29	10
September, 2008	58	34	8
June, 2008	50	42	8
April, 2008	47	46	7
Late February, 2008	53	39	8
Late December, 2007	45	45	10
November, 2007	48	46	6
October, 2007	46	44	10
September, 2007	42	47	11
July, 2007	43	49	8
April, 2007	45	46	9
February, 2007	47	46	7
November, 2006	53	41	6
Mid-September, 2006	57	35	8
August, 2006	54	40	6

**QUESTIONS 53, 55, 59, 61, 63, 90 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 54, 56-58, 60, 62, 64-89, 91-93****QUESTIONS 94-95 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

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