



Gallup International Iraq Poll 2003 shows:

The population in 41 countries think military action is likely to be launched against Iraq in the next few months. But half of this population is not in favour of military action under any circumstances.

Between 80 and 90% of the citizens in the 41 countries think that military action is likely to be launched against Iraq in the next few months. Approximately four out of ten interviewees in the Gallup International Iraq Poll 2003, held among 30,000 citizens of 41 different countries, consider military action against Iraq in the coming few months *very likely*. More than half of the Americans interviewed (52%) think a war is very likely in the near future and 49% of the Germans share the same opinion. However, inhabitants of African countries, such as Cameroon and Nigeria, think that there is only a slight chance that war will take place.

The survey results show that approximately half of the citizens in the world are not in favour of military action against Iraq under any circumstances. The Argentines feel strongest (83%) against military action. A large percentage of the Spanish and the French feel the same way (74% and 60% respectively). A marked one out of five Americans (21%) is in favour of military action under no circumstances. In general, a war against Iraq declared unilaterally by the US and its allies does not receive much public support. Only the Americans seem to be mildly interested in this approach to events (33%). If sanctioned by the United Nations approximately one third of the citizens interviewed are in favour of military actions. Especially Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands feel that UN backing is a necessary condition.

If military action is taken, 73% of Americans feel that their country should support this action. Apart from the USA only in Australia the majority of the population (53%) think that their country should support possible military action. The Swiss and the Argentines feel strongest opposed to supporting military action by their country.

Support military action against Iraq		Should not support military action against Iraq	
United States	73	Switzerland	90
Australia	53	Argentina	89
Romania	45	Bosnia & Herzgovina	84
United Kingdom	44	Uruguay	84
Denmark	42	Nigeria	81

(Ends)

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