

Year of Iraq turmoil swings U.S. support

President George W. Bush is trying to shore up wavering support for the Iraq war by appealing to Americans to stay the course. Since the U.S. handover of sovereignty a year ago, deadly suicide bombings and attacks by insurgents have undermined public faith in the President's policy

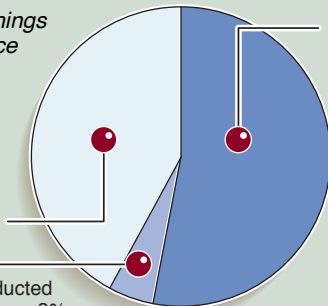
Thinking about how things have gone in Iraq since the U.S. went to war there in March 2003, do you think the United States...

Made the right decision 42%

Not sure 5%

Made a mistake 53%

Poll of 1,000 adults conducted Jun 20-22. Margin of error: $\pm 3\%$



▶ U.S. military deaths since handover, Jun 28, 2004	890
▶ U.S. military deaths since start of war, Mar 20, 2003	1,741
▶ Non-U.S. coalition troop fatalities since handover	74
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▶ Estimated number of insurgents	16,000
▶ Car bombings since handover	485
▶ Deaths from car bombs in past year	2,226
▶ Wounded in car bombs in past year	5,574
▶ Iraqi civilians killed, Mar 2004-Jun 2005	12,000



▶ Non-Iraqis taken hostage, Mar 2004-Jun 2005	200
▶ Americans taken hostage, Mar 2004-Jun 2005	14
▶ Assassinations of Iraqi officials, Apr 27-Jun 28, 2005	53
▶ Unemployment rate, Jun 2004	30-40%
▶ Unemployment rate, May 2005	27-40%
▶ Average hours of electricity per day, Jun 2004	10
▶ Average hours of electricity per day, Jun 2005	9.4

