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Subject: Voters support Obama approach in Iraq over NeoCon Republicans

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Americans strongly prefer President Obama's approach to handling the situation in Iraq over that of NeoCon Republicans like John McCain, and that voters across party lines continue to be strongly opposed to sending combat troops to Iraq.

Key findings from the survey include:

-Only 20% of Americans think that the renewed fighting in Iraq is due to the United States withdrawing troops from the country before the job was done, whereas 67% think it's more rooted in centuries of internal conflict that was exacerbated by the US invasion during the Bush administration.

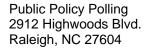
-Only 16% of Americans would support sending combat troops to help deal with the crisis in Iraq, compared to 74% who are opposed. There's a bipartisan consensus on that issue with with Republicans (28/57), Democrats (10/86), and independents (9/86) all strongly opposed to sending combat troops.

-Asked specifically whose vision they agreed with more about having US troops in Iraq between Obama (no troops under any circumstances) and John McCain (troops should have remained in Iraq after 2011), voters side with Obama by a 54/28 spread. In addition to Democrats strongly siding with Obama's perspective, independents (53/28) and Republicans (49/30) do as well.

-What a majority of Americans do support doing in Iraq is providing intelligence to the Iraqi government (56/30) and a major diplomatic initiative aimed at mobilizing the international community to stabilize the situation there (52/30). Both of those courses of action have support across party lines.

Voters continue to repudiate the way NeoCons handled the situation in Iraq, and considerably prefer the approach President Obama has taken there.

PPP surveyed 790 registered voters on June 14th and 15th on behalf of Americans United for Change. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%



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National Survey Results

Q1	Which of the following statements better describes how you feel about the situation in Iraq? Here's the first statement: 'the renewed fighting in Iraq results from a dysfunctional Iraqi government, and is rooted in centuries of sectarian conflict that intensified enormously because of the invasion of Iraq to find weapons of mass destruction, that proved to be nonexistent. The United States should help stabilize the situation there by providing arms, supplies, and intelligence, but we should not send ground troops to fight in another Iraqi civil war.' Here's the second statement: 'The renewed fighting in Iraq is a direct result of the fact that the United States withdrew our troops from Iraq before the job was done. The United States should provide whatever support is necessary to the Iraqi government including	Q4 Q5	In order to deal with the crisis in Iraq, do you support or oppose a major diplomatic initiative aimed at mobilizing the international community to stabilize the situation there? Support
	ground troops if that becomes necessary.' U.S. should provide supplies and intel, but no ground troops	Q6	President Obama
Q2	Not sure	Q7	Woman
Q3	Not sure	Q8	Republican





Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are 65 or older, press 4.

18 to 29	10%
30 to 45	24%
46 to 65	45%
Older than 65	21%





		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other	
How Should US Deal w/Iraq?					
U.S. should provide supplies and intel, but no ground troops	67%	79%	52%	72%	
U.S. should provide whatever help is necessary, including ground troops	20%	13%	32%	15%	
Not sure	12%	9%	16%	13%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other	
Support/Oppose Sending Troops					
Support	16%	10%	28%	9%	
Oppose	74%	82%	57%	86%	
Not sure	10%	8%	16%	6%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other	
Support/Oppose Providing Intel					
Support	56%	59%	55%	55%	
Oppose	30%	24%	36%	31%	
Not sure	14%	17%	10%	14%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other	
Support/Oppose Diplomatic Initiative					
Support	52%	55%	48%	55%	
Oppose	30%	28%	35%	25%	
Not sure	18%	17%	17%	20%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other	
Agree More w/ Obama or McCain on Sending Troops					
President Obama	54%	60%	49%	53%	
Sen. McCain	28%	25%	30%	28%	
Not sure	18%	14%	22%	18%	

