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MARCH WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews with ~1,001—National Adults, aged 18+, conducted March 10-12, 2006. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of sampling error is ±3 percentage points.

For results based on the ~518—national adults in the Form A half-sample and ~483—national adults in the Form B half-sample, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~908—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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9. All in all, do you think it was worth going to war in Iraq, or not?

BASED ON 483—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

| | Worth it | Not worth it | No opinion | | Worth it | Not worth it | No opinion |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 ^ | 37 | 60 | 3 | 2004 Apr 16-18 ^ | 52 | 46 | 2 |
| | | | | 2004 Apr 5-8 | 50 | 47 | 3 |
| 2006 Jan 6-8 ^ | 46 | 52 | 3 | 2004 Mar 26-28 | 56 | 41 | 3 |
| 2005 Nov 11-13 ^ | 38 | 60 | 2 | 2004 Mar 5-7 | 55 | 43 | 2 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 | 45 | 53 | 2 | 2004 Jan 29-Feb 1 | 49 | 49 | 2 |
| 2005 Aug 5-7 ^ | 44 | 54 | 2 | 2004 Jan 9-11 | 59 | 38 | 3 |
| 2005 Jul 7-10 | 44 | 53 | 3 | 2003 Dec 15-16 ^ † | 65 | 33 | 2 |
| 2005 Jun 29-30 | 46 | 52 | 2 | 2003 Dec 14 † ‡ ♣ | 62 | 33 | 5 |
| 2005 Jun 6-8 | 42 | 56 | 2 | 2003 Dec 5-7 † | 59 | 39 | 2 |
| 2005 Apr 29-May 1 ^ | 41 | 57 | 2 | 2003 Nov 14-16 † | 56 | 42 | 2 |
| 2005 Apr 1-2 | 45 | 53 | 2 | 2003 Nov 3-5 † | 54 | 44 | 2 |
| 2005 Feb 7-10 | 48 | 50 | 2 | 2003 Oct 24-26 † | 54 | 44 | 2 |
| 2005 Jan 3-5 | 46 | 52 | 2 | 2003 Oct 6-8 † | 55 | 44 | 1 |
| 2004 Oct 9-10 ^ | 44 | 54 | 2 | 2003 Sep 19-21 † | 50 | 48 | 2 |
| 2004 Sep 3-5 ^ | 49 | 48 | 3 | 2003 Sep 8-10 † | 58 | 40 | 2 |
| 2004 Aug 23-25 ^ | 51 | 46 | 3 | 2003 Aug 25-26 † | 63 | 35 | 2 |
| 2004 Aug 9-11 ^ | 49 | 48 | 3 | 2003 Jul 25-27 † | 63 | 34 | 3 |
| 2004 Jul 8-11 ^ | 47 | 50 | 3 | 2003 Jul 18-20 † | 63 | 35 | 2 |
| 2004 Jun 21-23 ^ | 46 | 51 | 3 | 2003 Jun 27-29 † | 56 | 42 | 2 |
| 2004 Jun 3-6 ^ | 46 | 52 | 2 | 2003 Apr 14-16 ‡ | 73 | 23 | 4 |
| 2004 May 21-23 | 45 | 52 | 3 | 2003 Apr 9 ‡ ♣ | 76 | 19 | 5 |
| 2004 May 7-9 ^ | 44 | 54 | 2 | 2003 Apr 7-8 ‡ | 67 | 30 | 3 |
| 2004 May 2-4 | 50 | 47 | 3 | 2003 Mar 24-25 ‡ | 68 | 29 | 3 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

† WORDING: All in all, do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?

‡ WORDING: All in all, do you think the current situation in Iraq is worth going to war over, or not?

♣ Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

13. Which comes closest to your view about the war with Iraq – [ROTATED: you are certain that the U.S. will win, you think it is likely that the U.S. will win, but you are not certain, you think it is unlikely that the U.S. will win, but you are not certain, (or) you are certain that the U.S. will NOT win]?

| | Certain <u>will win</u> | Likely but <u>not certain</u> | Unlikely but <u>not certain</u> | Certain will <u>not win</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 22 | 32 | 25 | 16 | 6 |
| 2003 Apr 5 ^ | 79 | 17 | 1 | -- | 3 |
| 2003 Mar 29-30 | 69 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

^ Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

14. Here are four different plans the U.S. could follow in dealing with the war in Iraq. Which ONE do you prefer – [ROTATED: withdraw all troops from Iraq immediately, withdraw all troops by March 2007 -- that is, in 12 months' time, withdraw troops, but take as many years to do this as are needed to turn control over to the Iraqis, (or) send more troops to Iraq]?

| | <u>Withdraw immediately</u> | <u>Withdraw in 12 months' time</u> | <u>Withdraw, take as many years as needed</u> | <u>Send more troops</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 19 | 35 | 39 | 4 | 3 |
| 2005 Nov 11-13 | 19 | 33 | 38 | 7 | 3 |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: The Vietnam War-- Here are four different plans the U.S. could follow in dealing with the war in Vietnam. Which ONE do you prefer? Plan A: Withdraw all troops from Vietnam immediately; Plan B: Withdraw all troops by July, 1971 -- that is, in 12 months time; Plan C: Withdraw troops but take as many years to do this as are needed to turn the war over to the South Vietnamese; or Plan D: Send more troops to Vietnam and step up the fighting?

| | <u>Withdraw immediately</u> | <u>Withdraw in 12 months' time</u> | <u>Withdraw, take as many years as needed</u> | <u>Send more troops</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1970 Jul 31-Aug 2 | 23 | 25 | 33 | 10 | 9 |

15. Which do you think is more likely to happen in Iraq – [ROTATED: the situation will turn into chaos and civil war, (or) the Iraqi people will be able to establish a stable government]?

| | <u>Chaos/civil war</u> | <u>Establish stable government</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 55 | 40 | 5 |

16. How long do you think the United States troops will have to remain in Iraq--for less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, or will U.S. troops have to stay in Iraq for longer than five years?

| | <u>Less than a year</u> | <u>One-two years</u> | <u>Two-five years</u> | <u>Longer than five years</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 9 | 23 | 37 | 26 | 5 |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: CBS News Poll

| | <u>Less than a year</u> | <u>One-two years</u> | <u>Two-five years</u> | <u>Longer than five years</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2004 Mar 30-Apr 1 | 8 | 22 | 35 | 26 | 9 |
| 2003 Dec 14-15 | 15 | 34 | 31 | 12 | 8 |
| 2003 Jul 8-9 | 13 | 31 | 31 | 18 | 7 |
| 2003 Apr 26-27 | 7 | 33 | 28 | 27 | 5 |

17. Do you think the United States' action in Iraq is morally justified, or not?

| | <u>Yes, is</u> | <u>No, is not</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 47 | 50 | 2 |
| 2003 Mar 29-30 | 73 | 24 | 3 |

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *Los Angeles Times Poll: Do you think the United States action in the Mideast is morally justified, or not?*

| | <u>Yes, is</u> | <u>No, is not</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1991 Feb 15-17 | 74 | 19 | 7 |
| 1991 Jan 17-18 | 75 | 17 | 8 |

Q.18-19 SPLIT SAMPLED

18. Do you think Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11th terrorist attacks, or not?

BASED ON -518—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

| | <u>Yes, was involved</u> | <u>No, was not</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 ^ | 39 | 54 | 7 |
| 2004 Oct 1-3 ^ | 42 | 53 | 5 |
| 2004 Jun 21-23 ^ | 44 | 51 | 5 |
| 2003 Dec 15-16 ^ | 53 | 42 | 5 |
| 2003 Sep 19-21 | 43 | 50 | 7 |
| 2003 Mar 14-15 ^ | 51 | 41 | 8 |
| 2002 Aug 19-21 ^ | 53 | 34 | 13 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

19. Do you consider the war in Iraq to be part of the war on terrorism which began on September 11, 2001, or do you consider it to be an entirely separate military action?

BASED ON -483—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

| | <u>Part of war on terrorism</u> | <u>Separate military action</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 ^ | 44 | 53 | 3 |
| 2005 Dec 16-18 | 43 | 55 | 2 |
| 2005 Jun 24-26 ^ | 47 | 50 | 3 |
| 2004 Oct 1-3 | 50 | 47 | 3 |
| 2004 Jul 19-21 ^ | 51 | 47 | 2 |
| 2004 Mar 26-28 | 50 | 48 | 2 |
| 2003 Aug 25-26 | 57 | 41 | 2 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *If the United States goes to war with Iraq, would you consider that to be part of the war on terrorism which began on September 11th, or would you consider it to be an entirely separate military action?*

| | <u>Part of war on terrorism</u> | <u>Separate military action</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2003 Jan 23-25 | 50 | 48 | 2 |
| 2002 Sep 20-22 | 55 | 42 | 3 |

21. Which of the following statements best describes your view of whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction or programs to develop them just before the war began – [ROTATED: you are certain that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, you think that Iraq had these weapons but you have some doubt, you think that Iraq might have had these weapons but you have a lot of doubt, (or) you are certain that Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction]?

BASED ON –483—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

| | Certain had <u>weapons</u> | Think had weapons, <u>some doubt</u> | Might have had weapons, a lot of <u>doubt</u> | Certain did not have <u>weapons</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 ^ | 29 | 28 | 22 | 19 | 2 |
| 2003 Jan 10-12 † | 41 | 45 | 10 | 1 | 3 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

† WORDING: Which of the following statements best describes your view of whether Iraq has weapons of mass destruction or programs to develop them – [ROTATED: you are certain that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, you think that Iraq has these weapons but you have some doubt, you think that Iraq might have these weapons but you have a lot of doubt, (or) you are certain that Iraq does not have weapons of mass destruction]?

Q.22-23 SPLIT SAMPLED

22. Has the U.S. involvement in the war against Iraq had a positive or negative effect on you personally, or hasn't it had much effect on you?

BASED ON -518—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

| | Positive <u>effect</u> | Negative <u>effect</u> | Not much <u>effect</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 14 | 39 | 45 | 1 |
| 2004 Jan 2-5 | 24 | 25 | 51 | * |
| 2003 Oct 24-26 ^ | 20 | 25 | 55 | * |
| 2003 Apr 22-23 | 37 | 16 | 45 | 2 |

^ Rotated with question that asks about effect of Iraq war on United States.

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *Los Angeles Times Poll: Has the U.S. involvement in the war against Iraq had a positive, a negative effect on you personally or hasn't it had much effect on you?*

| | Positive <u>effect</u> | Negative <u>effect</u> | Not much <u>effect</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1991 Mar 9-11 | 55 | 11 | 31 | 3 |

23. Do you think that U.S. involvement in the war against Iraq has had a positive effect on life in the United States generally, a negative effect on life in the United States, or hasn't it had much effect on life in the United States generally?

BASED ON -483—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

| | Positive <u>effect</u> | Negative <u>effect</u> | Not much <u>effect</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 21 | 58 | 18 | 3 |
| 2004 Jan 2-5 | 39 | 35 | 25 | 1 |
| 2003 Oct 24-26 ^ | 32 | 33 | 33 | 2 |
| 2003 Apr 22-23 | 52 | 18 | 29 | 1 |

^ Rotated with question that asks about effect of Iraq war on personal life.

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *Los Angeles Times Poll: Do you think that U.S. involvement in the war against Iraq has had a positive effect on life in the United States generally, a negative effect on life in the United States, or hasn't it had much effect on life in the United States generally?*

| | Positive <u>effect</u> | Negative <u>effect</u> | Not much <u>effect</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1991 Jun 28-30 | 70 | 8 | 18 | 4 |
| 1991 Mar 9-11 | 78 | 7 | 10 | 5 |

Q.24-25 SPLIT SAMPLED

24. In your opinion, is Iraq – [ROTATED: much better off, somewhat better off, somewhat worse off, (or) much worse off] -- than before the U.S. and British invasion?

BASED ON –518—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

| | Much better off | Some-what better off | Some-what worse off | Much worse off | Same (vol.) | No opinion |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 ^ | 19 | 48 | 18 | 12 | 1 | 2 |
| 2004 May 21-23 | 27 | 45 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 3 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

25. In your opinion, in the long run, will Iraq be – [ROTATED: much better off, somewhat better off, somewhat worse off, (or) much worse off] -- than before the U.S. and British invasion?

BASED ON –483—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

| | Much better off | Some-what better off | Some-what worse off | Much worse off | Same (vol.) | No opinion |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 ^ | 30 | 38 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 3 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

26. Since the war in Iraq began in 2003, have you, personally, done any of the following, or not? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

**2006 Mar 10-12
(sorted by “yes”)**

| | Yes | No | No opinion |
|--|-----|----|------------|
| Prayed for those affected by the war | 87 | 13 | * |
| Displayed a yellow ribbon on your car or property to show support for the troops | 51 | 49 | -- |
| Cried because of something related to the war | 50 | 50 | * |
| Sent letters, e-mails or care packages to any U.S. troops in Iraq | 43 | 57 | -- |
| Voted for or against a political candidate mainly because of your views on the war | 36 | 64 | 1 |
| Attended a funeral or memorial service for Americans who died in Iraq | 17 | 83 | * |
| Publicly opposed the war by participating in a demonstration or writing to a public official | 13 | 87 | * |
| Publicly supported the war by participating in a demonstration or writing to a public official | 11 | 89 | * |

27. Do you, personally, have any close friends, family members, or co-workers who have served in Iraq in the U.S. military since the war began, or not?

| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 58 | 42 | * |

28. Were any of them wounded or killed while serving in Iraq?

BASED ON -570—ADULTS WHO KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS SERVED IN IRAQ

| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 2006 Mar 10-12 | 21 | 77 | 2 |

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.27-28): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

| | <u>2006 Mar 10-12</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| Know someone who served in Iraq | 58 |
| <i>(Person was wounded or killed)</i> | <i>(12)</i> |
| <i>(Person not wounded or killed)</i> | <i>(46)</i> |
| Do not know someone who served in Iraq | 42 |
| No opinion | * |