



Views of US Plans in Iraq

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Kenya

Kenya is one of only three countries where majorities do not favor a withdrawal of US-led forces from Iraq within the next year. It is also one of the few that believe the United States does plan to get out of Iraq once it is stabilized. Only 46 percent believe the United States should leave within a year, including 27 percent who say it should do so immediately and 19 percent who say it should do so gradually. About the same number (45%) say US-led forces should instead stay until Iraq is stable. A majority of Kenyans (54%) also say the US will remove its troops once Iraq has stabilized, while about one-third (32%) say the US plans to stay there permanently.

Nigeria

A majority of Nigerians agree with most other publics that US-led forces should leave Iraq within a year. But unlike most of the other publics polled, Nigerians also think the United States plans to leave Iraq once it is stabilized. A modest majority (55%) of Nigerians say the United States should pull its troops out within a year, including 34 percent who say it should do so immediately and 21 percent who think it should leave gradually. Another 34 percent feel that the forces should remain until security improves. Asked whether they believe the United States plans to have permanent military bases in Iraq, nearly half of Nigerians (48%) believe that the US will remove its forces once Iraq has stabilized, while 34 percent think it plans to keep military bases there.

For more information on this poll, please see the Questionnaire/Methodology:
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