



## **Views of US Plans in Iraq**

### **LATIN AMERICA BACKGROUNDER**

#### **Brazil**

A large majority of Brazilians agree with most other Latin Americans that US-led forces should leave Iraq according to a one-year timeline. But they are somewhat less likely to share the view that the US plans permanent bases in Iraq. Seventy percent say that the US-led forces should withdraw immediately (54%) or gradually according to a one-year timeline (16%). Only 22 percent believe the troops should stay until Iraq is more stable. Brazilians lean toward the belief that the United States plans to have permanent military bases in Iraq, but by a relatively small 47 percent to 41 percent margin.

#### **Chile**

Chileans believe the United States should withdraw troops within a year, though their support for immediate withdrawal is more modest than among other Latin Americans. A majority believes that the United States plans to have forces in Iraq permanently. While 72 percent supports the withdrawal of US-led forces, only 44 percent think withdrawal should be immediate and 28 percent feel it should be carried out gradually over 12 months. Just 16 percent believe the troops should stay until security improves. Fifty-four percent say the United States plans to have permanent bases in Iraq, while about one-quarter (27%) think it will remove its forces once Iraq has stabilized.

#### **Mexico**

The percentage of Mexicans who favor the immediate withdrawal of US troops from Iraq is the highest not only in Latin America but also among all 22 countries surveyed. Mexico, moreover, has the largest majority saying the United States plans to keep permanent bases in Iraq. More than three out of four (78%) believe US-led forces should leave Iraq in the near future, including 68 percent who say they should pull out immediately. Only 16 percent believe foreign troops should stay until security improves. Three out of four (75%) also think that the United States plans to have permanent military bases in Iraq while less than one in five (17%) feel that its forces will leave once Iraq is stabilized.

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