



Views of US Plans in Iraq

NORTH AMERICA BACKGROUNDER

Canada

Canadian opinion is in line with most other global publics: a majority believes that US-led forces should withdraw from Iraq within a year. They also tend to believe that US forces will eventually leave Iraq once it is stabilized. Two-thirds (67%) feel that the United States should withdraw its forces either immediately (32%) or within a one-year timetable (35%), just one-quarter (23%) say the troops should stay until security improves. The dominant view among Canadians (46%) is that the United States does not plan to have forces in Iraq permanently, while 41 percent believe that it does.

USA

Americans, like most publics around the world, believe that US-led forces should withdraw from Iraq within a year. They are divided, however, about whether the United States plans to keep permanent military bases in Iraq. Sixty-one percent believe the United States should pull out within a year (37%) or immediately (24%)—one-third (32%) feels the forces should remain until security improves. Asked whether they think the United States plans to have permanent military bases in Iraq, Americans are divided, with 42 percent saying they believe permanent bases are planned while 43 percent say all forces will be removed once Iraq is stabilized.

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