

## An Opinion Poll in Iraq

**This article** in the Weekly Standard (via the ever-trenchant **Emperor Misha**) is worth reading. Even though the survey it reports is unscientific, our own wild guess is that it is in the right ballpark in gauging Iraqi opinion.

It found support for the war much higher now (77 percent) than before it happened (62 percent said they had been opposed). And it showed respondents supportive of coalition troops' presence--65 percent said the troops should stay

If subsequent polls confirm these Iraqi opinions, will those who so loudly urged deference to the Baghdad Street take their own advice and give the liberation of Iraq their belated support?

(No, they won't.)

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## Firstly, it was not deference...

Firstly, it was not deference to the Baghdad Street, it was not about Iraqis, it was about our own freedom. We object to being coerced to pay for the war in Iraq, and it is completely naive to think that our "kinder, gentler" States were fighting this war to liberate the Iraqi people. The whole reason for this war was to increase the legitimacy of our own States, i.e., the States were doing this to gain power. Look at all the new tyrannical legislation there has been since 9-11. War is the excuse to grab power. Why do you think they have yet to find the WMDs?

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## What about our own opinion? T...

What about our own opinion? The opinion of the British and American tax payers and those who support them?

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## What about it?

Do most people in the West think we should have left Saddam in

place? I don't think so. Or if they do, no doubt the antiwar US Libertarian party (and maybe the antiwar Lib Dems in the UK) will romp home in the next round of elections!!

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