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## **SURVEY: ARIZONANS CAUTIOUS ABOUT WAR**

Arizonans are cautious about joining the nation's rush to war in Iraq, according to results of a recent *Grand Canyon State Poll* telephone survey. Although support for diplomatic efforts, such as continuing with United Nations weapons inspections, is equal to support for military action, more people prefer resolving the conflict with diplomatic efforts rather than with unilateral military action. In addition, one-quarter of Arizonans say they have heard too little about the views of Americans who oppose taking military action in Iraq, while a third say they have heard too much about these views. Despite the preference of many for diplomacy, if President Bush decides that it is necessary to use military force in Iraq, Arizonans will stand behind their president. If President Bush makes the case that military action is necessary, most Arizonans will support a decision to go to war for the purposes of disarming Iraq and ending Saddam Hussein's rule.

The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted by the Social Research Laboratory at Northern Arizona University. Calling took place between March 6 and March 11, 2003. Four hundred randomly selected Arizonans participated in the survey and results are accurate within a +/- 5 percent margin of error, at a 95 percent confidence level.

## **DIPLOMACY IS A VIABLE OPTION**

More Arizonans prefer resolving the Iraq situation with diplomatic efforts such as continuing with UN weapons inspections (45%) than prefer unilateral military action (39%). Eight percent of Arizonans want the Iraq situation to be resolved with military action only if it is

supported by allies of the United States. Women prefer diplomacy over unilateral military action (50% versus 30%) while men tend to prefer unilateral military action over diplomacy (47% versus 40%). The continuing crisis in Iraq is also dividing Arizonans along partisan lines. Democrats strongly support diplomacy (61% versus 30% for Republicans), while Republicans prefer unilateral military action (56% versus 17% for Democrats).

Anti-war protests have been taking place world-wide during the last few weeks. Twenty-six percent of Arizonans say they have heard too little about the views of Americans opposing military action in Iraq. On the other side, 32 percent say they have heard too much about these views and 36 percent of Arizonans say they have heard about the right amount.

### **ARIZONANS WILL SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT**

Even though a majority of Arizonans prefer a course of action in Iraq other than unilateral military action, the state will support President Bush if he should decide that military action in Iraq is necessary. Seventy-two percent of Arizonans would support military action if the President decides it is necessary to disarm Iraq and three-quarters of Arizonans (76%) would support military action if President Bush argues it is necessary to end Saddam Hussein's rule.

Fred Solop, director of the *Grand Canyon State Poll*, commented, "Most Arizonans prefer to see the United States resolve the Iraq situation with something other than unilateral military action. But, the power of the 'rally around the flag' effect is significant. If the President decides to go to war, opinion will shift. Arizonans will come together and support military action."



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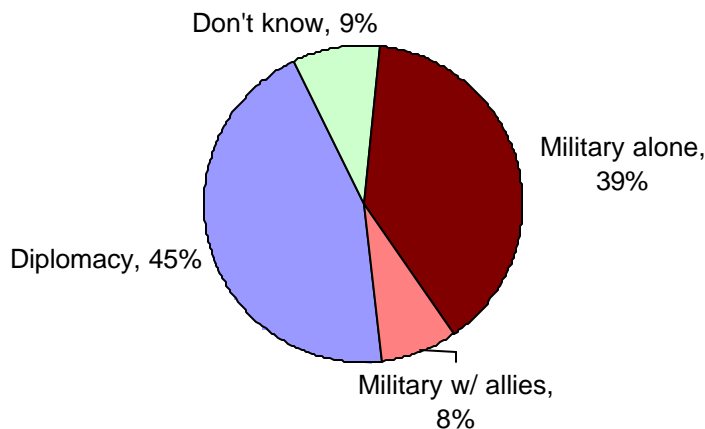
## **GRAND CANYON STATE POLL BACKGROUND MEMO**

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The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted between March 6 and March 11, 2003. A random sample of 400 adult residents of Arizona was asked questions regarding the possible military action in Iraq. Survey question results are subject to a sampling error of +/- 5 percent at a 95 percent confidence level. Sampling error is the probable difference in results between interviewing everyone in the population versus a scientific sample taken from the population. Sampling error does not take into account additional sources of error inherent in any study of public opinion. The data referred to in this release are presented below.

Which of the following actions by the U.S. do you **MOST** favor: diplomatic efforts, such as continuing with UN weapons inspections, or military action? [Note: If respondents says 'military action' ask, "Should we attack Iraq **ONLY** if our major allies agree to join us, or attack Iraq **EVEN** if allies do not want to join us?]

	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Count</b>
Diplomatic efforts	45%	(176)
Military action <b>ONLY</b> with allied support	8%	(31)
Military action <b>EVEN</b> without allied support	39%	(153)
No preference/Don't know	9%	(35)
<b>Total</b>	<b>101%</b>	



	<b>Military Action</b>				<b>N</b>
	<b>Diplomacy</b>	<b>Only w/ allies</b>	<b>Unilateral</b>	<b>DK</b>	
Total	45%	8%	39%	9%	(395)
Female	50%	11%	30%	10%	(196)
Male	40%	6%	47%	8%	(199)
Republican	30%	10%	56%	5%	(135)
Democrat	61%	9%	17%	14%	(82)
Independent	52%	6%	34%	8%	(124)
Conservative	32%	9%	54%	5%	(107)
In-between	47%	8%	35%	10%	(205)
Liberal	61%	6%	26%	7%	(69)
Ages 18 – 39	42%	9%	37%	13%	(82)
Ages 40 – 59	44%	8%	42%	6%	(165)
Ages 60 +	46%	8%	37%	9%	(140)

Have you heard too much, too little, or the right amount about the views of Americans who oppose taking military action in Iraq?

	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Count</b>
Too much	32%	(128)
Too little	26%	(102)
Right amount	36%	(144)
Don't know/refused	7%	(26)
<b>Total</b>	<b>101%</b>	

If President Bush decides that it is necessary to use military force in Iraq, would you support or oppose taking military action to disarm Iraq?

	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Count</b>
Support	72%	(287)
Oppose	21%	(85)
Depends	5%	(20)
Don't know/refused	2%	(8)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

If President Bush decides that it is necessary to use military force in Iraq, would you support or oppose taking military action to end Saddam Hussein's rule?

	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Count</b>
Support	75%	(299)
Oppose	18%	(74)
Depends	4%	(16)
Don't know/refused	3%	(12)
<b>Total</b>	<b>101%</b>	