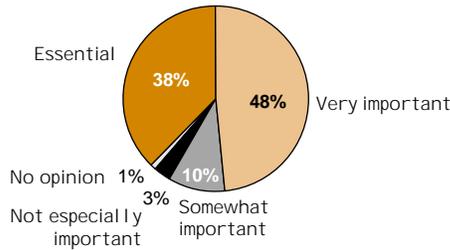


# In the News

## War and Press

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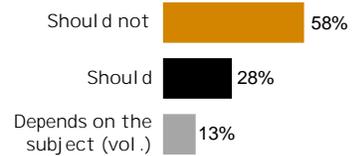
How important to you is the right of a free press in this country—would you say it's essential, very important, somewhat important, or not especially important?



Source: Survey by ABC News, January 8-12, 2003.

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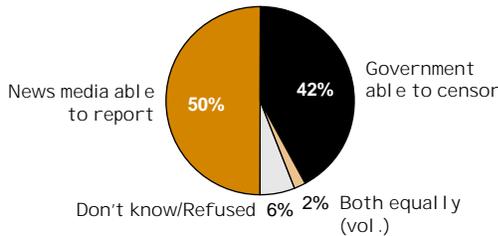
In general, do you think the government should or should not have the right to control what information the news media can report?



Source: Survey by ABC News, January 8-12, 2003.

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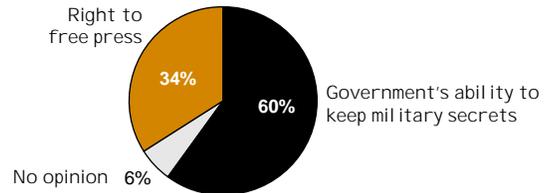
Which is more important to you—that the government be able to censor news stories it feels threaten national security, or that the news media be able to report stories they feel are in the national interest?



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center, February 12-18, 2003.

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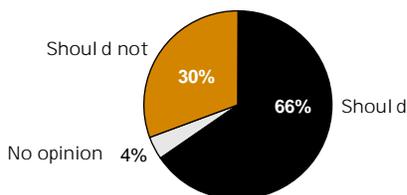
If you had to pick, which of these would you say is more important—the right to a free press in this country or the government's ability to keep military secrets in wartime?



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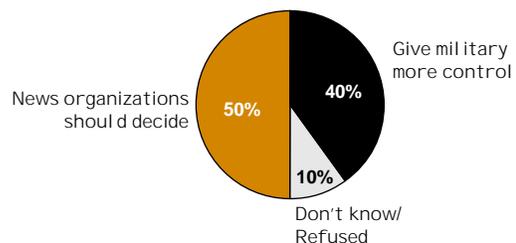
Again, specifically in time of war, do you think the government should or should not have the right to prohibit the news media from reporting sensitive military information?



Source: Survey by ABC News, January 8-12, 2003.

### Question:

Do you think the military should exert more control over how news organizations report about the war, or do you think that most decisions about how to report about the war should be left to news organizations themselves?

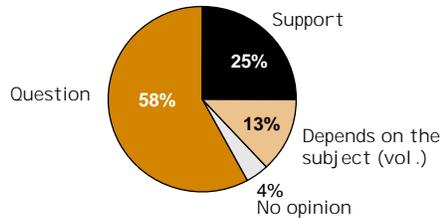


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# Report or Support?

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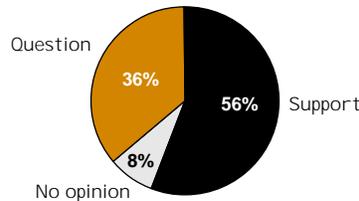
In general, do you think the news media have more of an obligation to support what the government does, or more of an obligation to question what the government does?



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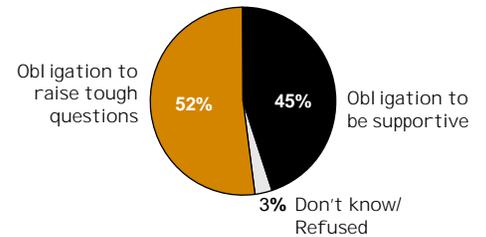
Specifically in a time of war, do you think the news media have more of an obligation to support how the government carries out the war, or more of an obligation to question how the government carries out the war?



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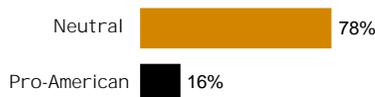
Which statement comes closer to your view—in times of war or crisis the news media has an obligation to be supportive of America, [or] in times of war or crisis the news media has an obligation to raise tough questions about the challenges facing the nation?



Source: Survey by Gallup/Harwood Institute, January 4-20, 2002.

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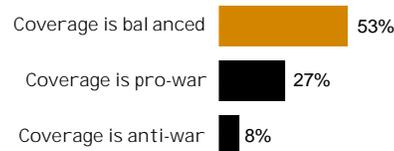
In your opinion, which is better—that news coverage of a war be pro-American, or that news coverage of a war be neutral?



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center, February 12-18, 2003.

## Question:

Do you think news coverage of the war in Iraq has generally been more pro-war, more anti-war, or has it generally been balanced?

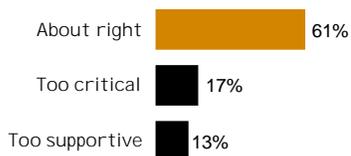


Note: Asked of registered voters.

Source: Survey by Opinion Dynamics/Fox News, March 25-26, 2003.

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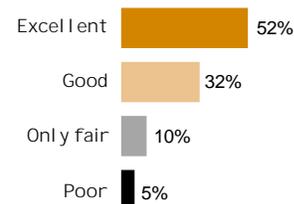
In covering the possibility of war with Iraq, do you think the news media have been too supportive of the Bush administration, too critical of the Bush administration, or about right?



Source: Survey by ABC News, January 8-12, 2003.

## Question:

In general, how would you rate the job the news organizations in this country have done in covering the situation in the Mideast concerning the war with Iraq? Would you say it has been excellent, good, only fair or poor?



Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, March 23-23, 2003.