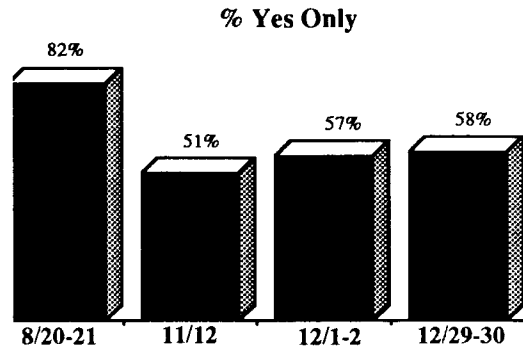


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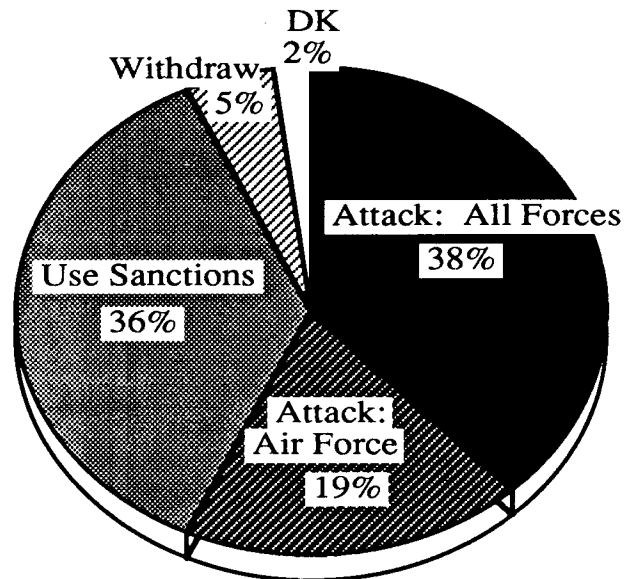
U.S. OPINION ON THE GULF CRISIS

Editor's Note: Public Perspective has been charting the course of American opinion on the Gulf crisis in each of its issues since the August 2 invasion. The data below are from the latest poll available before this issue went to press—one done Dec. 29-30 for USA Today by the Gordon S. Black Corporation. It shows continuing public backing for a strong US military response. A special comprehensive report, bringing together the key August-December findings, is available to our readers. Call Marianne Simonoff at 203-486-4608 to get a copy.

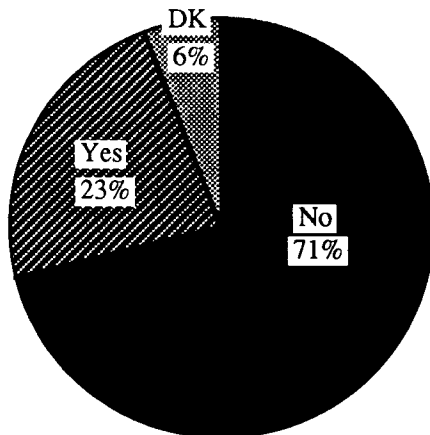
Question: Do you approve of the way George Bush is handling the Iraq situation?



Question: If Iraq doesn't withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15, which of the following options do you support the most...withdrawing US forces from Saudi Arabia...attacking Iraq through the air...attacking Iraq using combined power of the airforce, naval bombardments, including ground troops...giving the sanctions time to work?



Question: Do you think economic sanctions alone can force Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait?



Question: If war breaks out, should we fight the war until Hussein agrees to withdraw from Kuwait or should we continue fighting to remove Hussein from power?

