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According to a survey released by Gallup International in London this weekend, majority opinion in only three countries namely UK, Canada and Australia favoured supporting America against Iraq. In all of the remaining 32 countries of the world where the survey was conducted, the majority was opposed to supporting America if it waged a war in Iraq.

The survey asked the question; “If military action goes ahead against Iraq, do you think your country should or should not support this action?”. According to this survey only 10% of the population in Pakistan was in favour of supporting America in case of war in Iraq, 64% were opposed whereas 26% did not give a view.

The Gallup International survey shows that Australians are most supportive of America on the Iraq issue, as 53% favoured that their country should support America in case of a war in Iraq. The comparable figure in UK and Canada was 44%. But in all other countries majorities were opposed to siding with USA against Iraq. In Germany 71% were opposed while the ratio of opponents in other important European countries was the following: France 61%, Ireland 69%, Spain 73%, Holland 52%. The opposition to America was also quite prominent in Russia and East European countries. In Russia 79% were opposed whereas in Yugoslavia 73% and Bulgaria 62% opposed American policy.

In North America and Africa opposition was around 70% whereas in each of Hong Kong and Malaysia it was 78%.

According to this survey public opinion in India was particularly notable, 62% of Indian opposed and 35% favoured aligning with America. In India the level of support for aligning with America was nearly twice as high as in other Asian, African and South American countries where the survey was conducted. This survey was carried out in the last week of January. The details of the report can also be seen on the website of Gallup International: www.gallup-international.com and at www.gallup.com.pk

