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IRAQ WAR - SUPPORT FOR GETTING OUT RISES DRAMATICALLY AMONG WOMEN IN PHOENIX AREA

Phoenix, Arizona, March 8, 2006. Forty-five percent of adults here favor withdrawal from Iraq immediately, or at the latest by year end... including 35 percent who favor immediate withdrawal. Thirty-nine percent support President Bush's position that the U.S. should keep troops there "as long as it takes" or at least until the Iraqi government is stable enough to run the affairs of the country without outside help.

The results of this survey are not hugely different from what was seen when the same question was asked of Arizonans in 2003, yet at the same time, the shift in sentiment is significant. In 2003, only 36 percent favored near term withdrawal, a number that has now grown to 45 percent, and is now the plurality view. In 2003, 50 percent favored staying the course in Iraq compared to only 39 percent today.

It is also clear in this study that women and men hold sharply divergent views on the subject with six of ten women (57%) now favoring near term or immediate withdrawal compared to only 35 men who share their view. It also appears that support for the war is eroding dramatically among adults under 35 years of age AND among retirees.

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 600 heads of household throughout the metropolitan Phoenix area conducted between February 15, 2006 and February 20, 2006, by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. The public is welcome to visit www.brcpolls.com to read this and other recent polls.

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STATISTICAL DATA

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*“With respect to the war in Iraq, how long do you believe U.S.
 Troops should be kept in Iraq?”*

ALL ADULTS IN MARICOPA

	2006	2003	POINT SHIFT
Withdraw immediately or by year end	45%	36%	+9
Withdraw within next 2 - 4 years	3	5	-2
Stay as long as it takes	37	45	-8
Stay until Iraq is stable	2	5	-3
Not sure	13	9	+4

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|          | NEAR TERM<br>WITHDRAWAL | STAY THE<br>COURSE |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL    | 45%                     | 39%                |
| Men      | 35                      | 48                 |
| Women    | 56                      | 30                 |
| Under 35 | 55                      | 27                 |
| 35 to 54 | 39                      | 47                 |
| 55 +     | 43                      | 43                 |
| Retirees | 45                      | 37                 |

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