

# I PPR and LabourList - Fixing Politics Survey

What would you highlight as Labour's biggest mistake in power over the last 12 years?		
		Response Count
		51
<i>answered question</i>		<b>51</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

Response Text		
1	The invasion of Iraq, for the purpose of WMD discovery. This argument may seem pedantic, but if the war had been publicised as about regime change, I would have supported it. If it had been in response to Hussein's brutal regime and egregious human rights abuses, I would have supported it. It's vital that you not only get public support, but that you inform the public properly of your reasons, motives and justifications. I wholeheartedly support armed intervention to prevent severe human rights abuse, but the only way that that doctrine can gain moral purchase is to do so in its name, not under the somewhat spurious guise of weapons of mass destruction.	Sep 10, 2009 7:32 PM
2	Not achieving any of the societal changes that would have underpinned further reform. For instance developement of more civic society, for instance developing a real popular public discourse around collectivism against individualism, a contributing society as supposed to a consuming society, etc.	Sep 10, 2009 7:48 PM
3	The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	Sep 10, 2009 8:00 PM
4	Iraq	Sep 10, 2009 8:06 PM
5	The failure to radically change the political consensus in the way that Thatcher and Attlee did; the failure to challenge the Thatcherite tenet that it's perfectly acceptable to be greedy.	Sep 10, 2009 8:07 PM
6	Iraq.	Sep 10, 2009 8:07 PM
7	The Iraq war was not a mistake, but it has proved extremely harmful - it has been more difficult than anyone imagined, and opposition to it seems to hit Labour - though it was supported by the Tories. I think the Brown v Blair rumours should have been stopped in their tracks properly, and also feel that Gordon Brown is an excellent chancellor and politician but lacks the 'show off' factor to make him a great leader - he rarely turns on the style - I feel he should have stood down after the Euro elections and it was a mistake to hang on. Now he's there I feel it would probably not make much difference to the election to move him now.	Sep 10, 2009 8:10 PM
8	War in Iraq.	Sep 10, 2009 8:17 PM
9	The war in Iraq.	Sep 10, 2009 8:33 PM
10	Iraq - though it's a bit obvious.	Sep 10, 2009 8:48 PM
11	Getting into bed with the financial services industry	Sep 10, 2009 9:39 PM
12	Iraq.	Sep 11, 2009 1:20 AM
13	Not being brave enough to articulate what it really believes in under tabloid pressure	Sep 11, 2009 7:18 AM
14	Not getting value for money out of the billions poured into the NHS	Sep 11, 2009 7:58 AM

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15	All Labour's mistakes, from an over-emphasis on the "special relationship" leading us to disastrous war, to the lack of regulation in the financial sector, have come from timidity, and their insistence on overlearning the lessons of 1992, when they were and are no longer relevant.	Sep 11, 2009 8:07 AM
16	Gordon Brown or Iraq	Sep 11, 2009 8:20 AM
17	Iraq	Sep 11, 2009 8:32 AM
18	Introducing a 'Customer/consumer' rhetoric into Public Services; especially education.	Sep 11, 2009 9:05 AM
19	Bypassing the UN to pursue an illegal war in Iraq	Sep 11, 2009 10:30 AM
20	10p tax/ Iraq war	Sep 11, 2009 11:15 AM
21	Being too timid on many issues - the need for tax rises, immigration.	Sep 11, 2009 11:50 AM
22	Iraq	Sep 11, 2009 12:31 PM
23	not building enough council housing & not ensuring local councils reduced deprivation & child poverty in every part of the country	Sep 11, 2009 2:32 PM
24	Not building social housing and been dazzled by the financial sector	Sep 11, 2009 6:11 PM
25	The war in Iraq	Sep 12, 2009 11:18 AM
26	Iraq.	Sep 12, 2009 7:56 PM
27	To think that gloss was any substitute for policy	Sep 13, 2009 10:32 AM
28	The Iraq War; since Brown's election, indecisiveness, dithering (e.g. about holding an election in the autumn after he took the leadership)	Sep 13, 2009 10:59 AM
29	Electing Gordon Brown leader	Sep 13, 2009 6:54 PM
30	Taking the core working class vote for granted by abolishing the 10p tax rate.	Sep 13, 2009 10:15 PM
31	Reluctance to tax those who were benefitting from the booming economy sufficiently.	Sep 16, 2009 10:18 PM
32	The unjustified and illegal war in Iraq	Sep 20, 2009 10:24 AM
33	Not explaining itself	Sep 20, 2009 11:48 AM
34	Iraq	Sep 20, 2009 2:57 PM
35	Iraq and Afghanistan	Sep 20, 2009 3:28 PM
36	Invading Iraq	Sep 20, 2009 5:00 PM
37	not tackling transport and housing earlier.	Sep 20, 2009 8:42 PM
38	Iraq.	Sep 20, 2009 11:45 PM
39	Not to win its public service reforms with arguments based on Labour values leading to the alienation of the Labour Party and frontline workers - its achievements have no champions and its reforms will be easily undone.	Sep 21, 2009 5:54 AM
40	Gordon Brown as PM	Sep 21, 2009 7:44 AM
41	The abolition of the 10p tax rate	Sep 21, 2009 8:31 AM
42	IRAQ	Sep 21, 2009 9:47 AM
43	Not taxing enough, too much govt debt.	Sep 21, 2009 10:00 AM
44	War on Terror. ID cards. Centralisation and authoritarianism.	Sep 21, 2009 10:16 AM
45	The Iraq War	Sep 21, 2009 1:10 PM
46	The war in Iraq	Sep 21, 2009 1:11 PM
47	Iraq	Sep 21, 2009 1:25 PM
48	Iraq War	Sep 21, 2009 1:28 PM
49	Not capitalising on the Brown "bounce" when Gordon took over.	Sep 21, 2009 1:29 PM
50	Not holding a referendum on the Euro.	Sep 21, 2009 2:45 PM
51	further de-regulation of financial markets	Sep 21, 2009 3:52 PM