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VIEWPOINT
Unionist support for Accord at lowest level

POLL RESULTS: Survey statistics highlight low faith in process

For all the parties and players in Northern Ireland to embrace the agreement, mutual confidence in its institutional and political processes must be maintained. While there is still a majority for the Good Friday Agreement, in polls, Unionist support for the institutions of the Agreement has fallen sharply since 1999.

One of the main aims of the agreement was to reconcile the unionist and nationalist parties through the new institutions. One of the main planks of the agreement was the establishment of political confidence. However, surveys indicate a sharp decline in support for the institutions of the Agreement among Unionists.

The survey by the Pew Research Center, which sampled 1,000 people in February 2003, found that just 13% of Unionists believe that the institutions of the Agreement should be used to resolve problems.

The survey also found that 70% of Unionists believe the Agreement has failed to bring about the kind of change that was promised.

The survey results suggest that the institutions of the Agreement are not being perceived as a means of building mutual confidence and trust among the parties. Unionists are now more likely to see the institutions as a means of furthering the interests of the Democratic Unionists Party (DUP) rather than as a tool for resolving differences.

In conclusion, it is clear that the institutions of the Agreement are not being embraced by Unionists as a means of promoting mutual confidence and trust. This lack of confidence could undermine the Agreement's prospects for success.

WriteBack
Sending a message of support to Saddam

It was very encouraging to see so many people willing to express their opinions with regard to the situation in Iraq. It seems that the majority of people are in favor of supporting a democratic government in Iraq.

The majority of respondents in the survey showed a strong desire for political change in Iraq, with 70% of respondents expressing a desire for democracy.

MAY OF those who seek to make a difference in Iraq use their influence to stand up for those whose present, L. Reid (Perry County, Iowa) expressed his support for the Iraq war.

"I am proud of our United States military and our president," Reid said. "Our country needs strong leadership at this time."

He added that the United States had a duty to protect freedom around the world.

Another respondent, a former Marine, stated that the American military was "clearly the most effective in the world today."

Stick to the facts on political points

Will protesters tell the truth in US?

The American people are looking for the truth, and the protesters who have gathered in Washington, D.C. are striving to provide it.

The protesters, who are calling for the withdrawal of American forces from Iraq, have been met with resistance from the American government.

But the protesters have been persistent, and their dedication to the cause has been inspiring.

One of the protesters, a young woman from Texas, said: "I came to Washington to make my voice heard. I want the truth about what is happening in Iraq."