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**Trends in the Iraqi Political Values toward Secular Politics and National Identity:**  
*Findings from December 2004, April 2006, October 2006, March 2007, and July 2007 Values Surveys*

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The surveys were carried out by IIACSS.
The distribution of the samples by religion and ethnicity

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<td>Shi'is</td>
<td>57%</td>
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<td>Sunnis</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Muslims</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Kurds</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>2,255</td>
<td>2,635</td>
<td>7,730</td>
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%Iraqis expressing “very good” to have a government that implements only the shari’a by ethnicity in 2004-07 period

Sunni | Shi‘i | Kurd | Muslim | Total
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Dec-04 | Apr-06 | Oct-06 | Mar-07 | Jul-07
30 | 34 | 30 | 39 | 31
13 | 27 | 13 | 18 | 15
9 | 28 | 9 | 5 | 17
15 | 27 | 18 | 16 | 15
34 | 22 | 34 | 18 | 22
0 | 22 | 0 | 22 | 0

Legend: [Dec-04] [Apr-06] [Oct-06] [Mar-07] [Jul-07]
%Iraqis expressing “very good” to have a government that makes laws according to the people’s wishes by ethnicity in 2004-07 period
%“strongly agreeing” that Iraq would be a better place if religion and politics were separated
%Describing selves as “Iraqis, above all” (as opposed to “Muslims, Arabs, or Kurds, above all”)

![Bar chart showing percentage of people identifying as Iraqis, Muslims, Arabs, or Kurds from Dec-04 to Jul-07.](chart.png)
Attitudes toward the shari’a, laws according to the people’s wishes, and secular politics among Iraqis by education in July, 2007 Survey

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<td>22</td>
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<td>%expressing &quot;very important&quot; that &quot;a good government makes law according to the people's wishes&quot;</td>
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<td>%&quot;strongly agreeing&quot; that &quot;Iraq would be a better place, if religion and politics were separated&quot;</td>
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National versus religious or ethnic identity by education among Iraqis in July, 2007 Survey

Above all, I am an Iraqi
Above all, I am a Muslim
Above all, I am an Arab
Above all, I am a Kurd
%Expressing very proud to be Iraqis by ethnicity and sect in July, 2007 Survey

- Sunni Arab: 84
- Shi'i Arab: 86
- Kurd: 62
- Muslim: 72
- Other: 88
- Total: 81