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Day Two

Public Opinion and the War

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Most Americans supported President Bush's declaration of war
- The memory of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington
- public opinion changed as the war dragged on
- but now this claim had been proved false
- with some people supporting a continued combat force in Iraq

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- declaration deh | klah | **RAY** | shun
- protest **PROH** | test
- Nellenback **NEH** | len | bak
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- immediately ih | **MEE** | dee | it | lee



Decoding practice:

Label the vowels in these longer words. Write a V above each vowel. Then write the number of syllables in that word. Then try clapping the syllables. The first one is done for you.

protestor ^{V V V} 3

Obama ____

military ____

Rebecca ____

Nellenback ____

Americans ____

Washington ____

divided ____

elected ____



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Most Americans supported President Bush's declaration of war in March 2003. At that time, most Americans thought Iraq was hiding dangerous weapons. The memory of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington was fresh. People also believed the U.S. would be able to quickly win the war. 47

However, public opinion changed as the war dragged on. In 2004, a large anti-war protest took place in New York City. Hundreds of thousands of people attended. 62
 Protestor Rebecca Nellenback spoke to the *Chicago Tribune* about the New York protest. "This is very inspiring, and gives me some hope. I was really angry at my country. But right now I really love it." 87 103 111

In 2005, the CIA admitted that no weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) were found in Iraq. President Bush had claimed that Saddam Hussein had WMDs, but now this claim had been proved false. That year, for the first time, more than half of Americans were opposed to continuing the war. 125 139 154 161

By 2008, sixty percent of Americans believed the war had been a mistake. The public was still divided about the U.S. role, with some people supporting a continued combat force in Iraq. Others wanted U.S. troops out immediately. Still, some thought the U.S. should help Iraq become more stable before removing troops. 175 189 202 213

In November 2008, Barack Obama was elected president. In August 2010, he announced the end of America's combat role in Iraq. Some U.S. troops still remained in Iraq until 2012 to support Iraq's military. 225 239 247

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think the U.S. was right to leave Iraq in 2012?

- It was right to leave
- It was a mistake to leave

Check with your partner. What does your partner think?

- It was right to leave
- It was a mistake to leave