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## **US victory in Iraq not possible: poll**

WASHINGTON: A majority of Americans believe victory in Iraq is no longer possible and are siding with Democrats who want a timeline for troop withdrawal from Iraq, a poll suggested Wednesday.

According to the US media poll, 56 percent said they agreed with Democrats who want to set a deadline for troop withdrawal, while 37 percent sided with Bush, who opposes such a move.

In addition, 55 percent said, "victory in Iraq is no longer possible," while 36 percent took the contrary view.

Just 22 percent said they believed the United States was headed in the right direction in general. The lowest point was 14 percent in July 2002, well before the March 2003 invasion of Iraq, the same poll found.