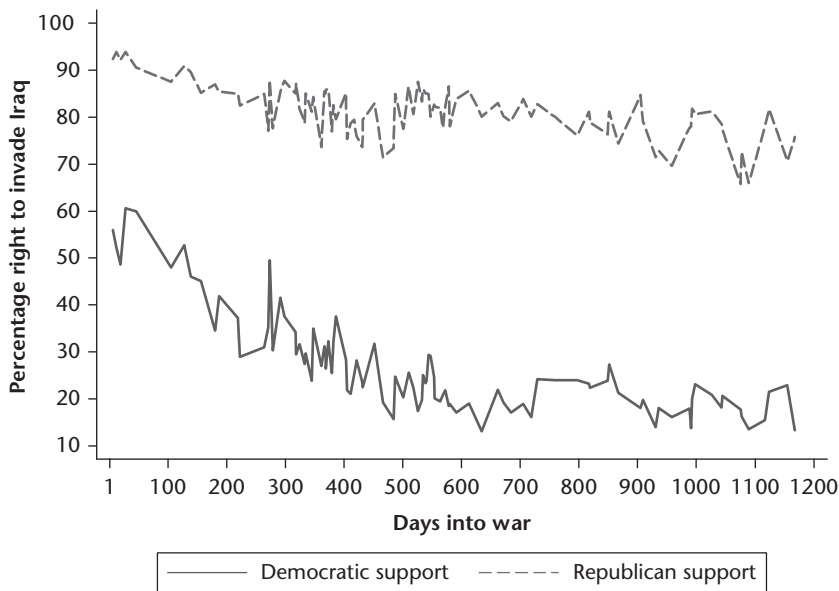


**Figure 15-3** Public Support for the U.S. Invasion of Iraq



Source: Compiled by authors.

*Notes:* This figure presents the percentage of Democrats and Republicans believing that the United States did “the right thing” in invading Iraq, March 2003–May 2006.

Least squares regressions reported. Robust standard errors reported in parentheses. All significance tests are two-tailed: \*  $p < .10$ ; \*\*  $p < .05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < .01$ . Democratic and GOP appeals represent the total number of speeches (weighted by word count in 10,000s) supporting or opposing the president during the three months before the poll. Bush speeches also represent the number of speeches (weighted by word count in 10,000s) in the last quarter. Unreported fixed effects for the various polling outfits are jointly significant.