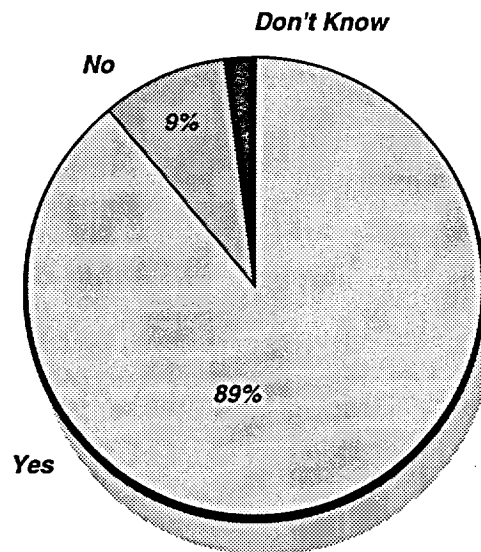


There is strong majority support (89%) for the continuance of a foreign aid program.

Figure 17

Should Canada Have an Aid Program?



This level of support is higher than the 70% support depicted in Figure 14. Two factors may account for this. First, the data illustrated in Figure 14 was obtained prior to the posing of two banks of questions highlighting the activities supported by ODA. These questions might have had a possible educative effect upon respondents. Figure 17 shows support for Canada's aid program after respondents had had the opportunity to assess international development assistance in the context of addressing specific human needs such as the provision of sound nutrition and health care.

Second, growth in support from Figure 14 to Figure 17 may also be attributed to the forced binary choice underlying Figure 17 (Should Canada have a foreign aid program? Yes/No) which is distinguished from the six-point scale used in Figure 14. It may be reasonable to infer from this data that when Canadians are forced to make a definitive decision on ODA, they overwhelmingly support the concept of a foreign aid program.