

As can be seen, the eleven issues varied considerably in their importance as desired policy areas for Canada:

- o Issues related to war and peace rank at or near the top in terms of percent of Canadians saying they should be of the highest priority for Canada: International peace -- 54% of Canadians, Arms control -- 44%. This is consistent with the high level of personal concern Canadians have regarding these issues.

Interestingly, "East-West relations" ranks considerably lower down in the list (23% say it should be of the highest priority). This suggests that "East-West relations", as a statement of an issue, is not synonymous for most Canadians with the basic war and peace issues. This in turn suggests that for many Canadians, improved East-West relations are probably more a means to an end, rather than an end in and of itself.

- o The other issues near the top of the list are sovereignty (Canada's independence and control over its own affairs -- 50%) and acid rain (45%), both of which represent issues that are "close to home" for Canadians.

"Canada - U.S. relations", as a broad priority, ranks somewhat behind (39%) these two more specific issues, each of which includes relations with the U.S. as a component.

- o "South Africa and apartheid" ranks near the bottom among this set of eleven issues (19% feel it should be of highest priority), although it has been the recent focus of considerable media and government attention.

It is interesting that "Human rights violations in other countries" ranks substantially ahead of "South Africa and apartheid" as a priority for Canadians. This suggests that for a number of Canadians, South Africa and apartheid is not the epitome of what they are concerned about in the area of human rights violations.