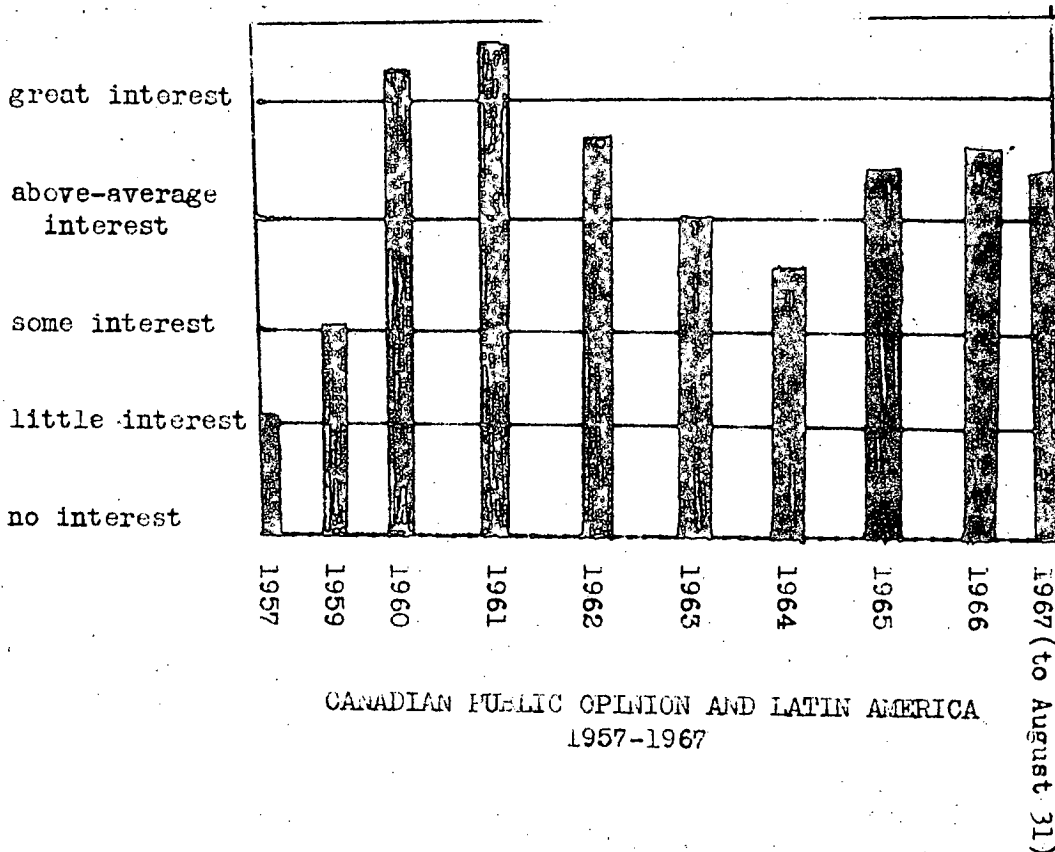


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Since the end of World War II Canadian interest in Latin America has fluctuated:



In 1947, a Gallup poll reported that 70% of the people knew nothing about the Pan American Union, but 1948 saw a flurry of interest sparked by apparent United States willingness to have Canada join the Inter-American system. But Canadians did not respond to the overtures because, as one scholar suggested, ^{of} the too close ties with the United States during the war and an "intense desire for the success of the United Nations."¹