

APPENDIX

INTRODUCTION

The material contained in this appendix was prepared by the author for the purpose of providing a background for the national public opinion surveys conducted between 1971 and 1982. All the public opinion surveys were conducted by the author or by a research assistant. The surveys were conducted in the following order: 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, and 1982. The surveys were conducted in the following order: 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, and 1982. The surveys were conducted in the following order: 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, and 1982.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Asked by Diefenbaker in 1957 to name "the three or four problems which you feel are the most important facing this world, that is, the one which concerns you personally the most," the following were the most frequently mentioned problems:

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war, arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1957). The following were the most frequently mentioned problems in 1971: arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1971). The following were the most frequently mentioned problems in 1973: arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1973). The following were the most frequently mentioned problems in 1975: arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1975). The following were the most frequently mentioned problems in 1977: arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1977). The following were the most frequently mentioned problems in 1979: arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1979). The following were the most frequently mentioned problems in 1981: arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1981). The following were the most frequently mentioned problems in 1982: arms race, unemployment, inflation, world hunger, famine, pollution, etc. (1982).

The 1957-82 polls also showed continued public concern over the threat of a nuclear confrontation. The degree of public worry about nuclear weapons and war has generally increased in recent years. Table I portrays Canadian expectations from 1972-1982 as to whether the chances of nuclear war are greater or less than they had been 10 years earlier. The proportion answering "greater" doubled between 1971 and 1973, and then doubled again between 1975 and 1982. There is a decline after 1982 but in 1985 a majority of Canadians still said that war is closer than a decade ago.