

The Reid Report also investigated Canadian perceptions of the threat of nuclear war and superpower relations. Thirty-seven per cent of respondents believed the risk of nuclear war had increased in recent years; 14 per cent believed they lived in a safer world and 46 per cent felt there had been no change in the risk of a nuclear war.

Asked as to whether they perceived an accidental/error or a deliberately caused nuclear war as the more likely scenario, 53 per cent chose accidental/error and 36 per cent chose deliberate intent. Respondents were then asked to choose which superpower they perceived as being more likely to start a nuclear war with the following results:

<u>Respondents Choosing Accidental</u>	<u>Respondents Choosing Deliberate</u>
Soviet Union	30%
United States	25%
Both	11%
Neither	9%
Other	13%
Unsure	12%

In a follow-up question to the Reykjavik summit, Reid asked:

Last month, US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev met in Iceland to discuss peace and disarmament. Which of these two leaders do you personally think has done the most towards ensuring lasting peace between the two countries?

Thirty-four per cent of respondents believed Reagan had done the most, 25 per cent Gorbachev, 9 per cent chose both, 17 per cent neither, and 15 per cent did not know.

On the subject of East-West relations the DEA poll found that almost half of the respondents felt there had been no change in the last year while 48 per