

## PERSPECTIVES ON MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS

### Personal Sympathies

- Most Canadians are overtly neutral on Middle East affairs, claiming that sympathies lie with neither Israelis nor Arabs with respect to Middle Eastern conflicts.
- However, the data also reveals that by a ratio of 2 to 1, those who are not neutral claim to have sympathies more in favour of Israel (20%) as opposed to the Arab nations (9%).

#### % of Respondents

##### Sympathies Lie ...

More with Arabs	9
More with Israel	20
Neither	<u>71</u>
	100

Base: (1000)

- There are differences between those who sympathize with each group, as follows:
  - \* sub-cells with a greater proportion of Israeli sympathizers to Arab sympathizers include:
    - females
    - Canadians under 50 years old
    - Prairie residents.
  - \* on the other hand, those more supportive of Arab nations include:
    - males
    - the less well educated
    - Canadians 50 or over.