

SUMMARY OF  
PUBLIC OPINION POLL ON CANADIANS'  
FOREIGN POLICY ATTITUDES  
(April, 1987)

Overall Priorities and Effectiveness

--When asked to state in their own words the issue of greatest personal concern, 46% of Canadians mentioned issues broadly related to war and peace; poverty and hunger at 21% was second.

--Canadians were asked to rate a number of specified issues for the priority they attached to them, the priority they believed Canada actually attaches to them and Canada's effectiveness on them. The key findings were:

-Canadians believe international peace, Canada's independence and control over its own affairs, acid rain arms control and Canada-U.S. relations in that order should be of highest priority. They see Canada attaching the highest priority to Canada-USA relations, acid rain, Canada's independence and control over its own affairs, international peace and Third World poverty and hunger;

-Canadians see Canada's greatest effectiveness over the past few years in the areas of Canada-USA relations, Third World poverty and hunger, Canada's independence and control over its own affairs, international peace, and international cooperation in the U.N. and other multilateral organizations.

South Africa and Apartheid

--Forty-four per cent said that they were aware of "measures" taken by Canada to persuade South Africa to dismantle apartheid.

--Fifty-eight per cent preferred "limited sanctions like those already imposed by Canada" (26% opted for "total sanctions")

--Forty-five per cent said Canada is doing "enough" to oppose apartheid, 37% said Canada should "do more", 15% said Canada should "do nothing".

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