

PRIORITIZING THE SIX THEMES OF CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY

Canadians were exposed to six themes basic to the conduct of Canadian foreign policy and asked which one they feel is most important. As the data shows, there are two themes which Canadians feel should underscore foreign policy ... promoting peace and security, and fostering economic growth and prosperity.

Theme Of Foreign Policy	Total	% of Respondents rating theme most important				
		British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes
Promoting world peace and security	38	35	36	33	43	50
Fostering economic growth and prosperity	28	27	31	32	25	17
Protecting the world's natural environment and resources	14	13	12	16	15	11
Safeguarding Canadian sovereignty and independence	11	17	10	13	6	12
Improving the quality of life through cultural and educational exchanges	4	4	7	4	4	3
Promoting social justice through assistance to developing nations	4	2	4	1	7	7
No opinion	1	2	-	1	-	-
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Base:	(1000)	(116)	(171)	(358)	(268)	(87)

There are also skews by sex. Males are more likely than females to cite fostering economic development as the most important premise of Canada's foreign policy (33% vs. 22%), while females more so than males indicate that world peace is the priority theme (47% vs. 28%).