

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Berlin (1961)	3	3	9	15
Nuclear force	4	4	12	20
France	5	5	15	25
Force Level	6	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>30</u>
Total Score		21	63	105
% Support * Score		20	80	100

* A % support score is used since complete data is not available for all papers.

Ideally, a pre-test should have been conducted to see if the above ordering of the issues corresponds with that of other individuals interested in foreign policy issues. This was not done, but if the reader wishes to change the ordering, the values allocated to each issue can easily be re-arranged and a new score obtained. Furthermore, it should be mentioned that the score given each paper is subject to interpretation, but it is felt that the analysis has been carried out in a fairly systematic manner. Despite the obvious drawbacks to this approach it seems preferable to a purely descriptive study. With more time (and resources) many of the shortcomings should be overcome to make the approach more scientific.

External Issues and Support for the Government's NATO Policy:

The six external issues under consideration cover the period from 1959 to 1967, and make it possible to speak of support for the Government's NATO policy over time. Implicitly this is also taken as support for NATO since both the Conservative Government (1957-63), and the present Liberal administration have, in general, been strong supporters of NATO.* Two aspects of support will be considered: Firstly, there is the question of overall support for NATO policy. However, this must be linked with the type of issues which arose during the period. Is there a tendency to give the Government more support for one type of issue than another? The second aspect refers to the consistency of editorial support. How many papers changed from a pro to an anti-Government position (or vice-versa), and how many maintained a consistent attitude? Furthermore, are there specific types of issues which warrant more attitude change than others?

Table No. 9 shows the editorial attitude patterns in terms of (%) support for the Government's NATO policy on the six external issues. The

* The only issue which was not supported by either Government was the formation of a NATO nuclear force.