

OVERALL FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS

To provide an overview on Canadians' overall foreign policy views, we obtained the following types of information:

- o What international issues are of the greatest personal concern to Canadians?
- o What do Canadians think Canada's foreign policy priorities should be?
- o What do Canadians think Canada's foreign policy priorities actually are?
- o How effective is Canada seen to have been in different foreign policy areas?

The following discusses each of these measures, and the inter-relationships among them.

PERSONAL CONCERN (Figure 3)

Respondents were asked to describe in their own words what one issue facing the world today was of greatest personal concern to them. While no one issue was mentioned by a majority of Canadians, issues broadly related to war and peace were the most widely cited, being mentioned by 46% of Canadians. This included concerns related to the arms race (16%), nuclear war (12%), wars in general (9%), and world peace (9%).

The next most widely cited concern related to hunger and famine in the world, being mentioned by 14% of Canadians. If we include references to poverty as a related issue, 21% of Canadians mentioned hunger/poverty as the world issue of greatest personal concern to them.