

INFORMEDNESS (Figure 1, Table 3)

Seven out of ten Canadians say they feel either very well (13%) or somewhat (57%) informed about world affairs and foreign policy issues.

The following trends emerged in terms of who is likely to feel somewhat/very well informed vs. not very/not at all informed:

Somewhat/Very Well Informed

University education

55 years or older

Household income \$45K and over

White collar

Activists

Not Very/Not At All Informed

Grade school or less

18-34 years of age

Household income under \$25K

Blue/Gray collar

Quebec

INFLUENCE OF CANADA (Figure 2)

About 6 out of 10 Canadians believe Canada has a great deal (13%) or some (49%) influence on the course of world events. This leaves a substantial minority -- almost 4 out of 10 Canadians -- who feel Canada has very little (33%) or no (5%) influence.

This perception of Canada's influence shows little variation across the different demographic dimensions of the population. Further, it is not clearly related to either informedness or activism: i.e., activists, and those who feel well informed about world affairs, are not more likely to see Canada as influential.