

THREATS TO PERSONAL SECURITY

- Prompted with a list of four items which could pose a threat to one's personal security, Canadians were asked which of the four they believe poses the greatest threat.
- Close to one in two Canadians claim that the acquisition of nuclear weapons by smaller countries such as those in the Middle East poses the greatest threat of the four.
- Regionally, Quebecers are more concerned than others with Soviet military power, while a higher proportion of B.C. residents rate communist subversion as a primary threat to their security.

Poses Greatest Threat	Total	% of Respondents				
		British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes
Acquisition of nuclear weapons by smaller countries such as one of the Middle East countries	49	52	43	52	45	54
Soviet military power	23	16	20	22	30	22
American military power	14	19	14	15	11	10
Communist subversion	12	10	20	9	13	13
No opinion.	1	3	3	2	1	1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Base:	(1000)	(116)	(171)	(358)	(268)	(87)

- Men (56%), more so than women (42%) report greater concern with the potential acquisition of nuclear weapons in the Middle East.
- It is interesting that while those born in Canada, and those born outside of Canada both claim that the acquisition of nuclear weapons poses the primary threat to personal security among the elements listed, the secondary threat differs somewhat ... with Canadian born more likely to rate Soviet military power second (24% vs. 16%) and those born elsewhere more likely to rate American military power as a secondary source of concern (22% vs. 12%).