

By contrast, writing a letter to a newspaper was a less frequent means of expression (1%).

The particular areas in which people had been active in expressing their opinion were elicited by reading a list of possible areas of involvement. The area with the highest level of involvement was, "Poverty and hunger in developing nations" (7% of all Canadians), followed by "Human rights" (4%). It is evident, therefore, that it is the broad, humanitarian issues that are the most likely to mobilize Canadians to active, personal involvement.

Regarding the remaining potential areas of involvement read to the respondents, the percent claiming involvement were:

- o South Africa and apartheid (3% of all Canadians)
- o Environmental pollution (3%)
- o International arms control (2%)
- o Nicaragua and the conflict in Central America (2%)

The likelihood of being personally active in expressing opinions on international affairs cuts across the different sectors of Canadian society – nonetheless, some demographic trends appear.

Active

University education

Household income \$45K and over

White collar

Ontario

Not Active

Household income less than \$25K

Gray collar

Maritimes and Quebec