

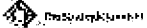


Executive Summary

Do Canadians Support or Oppose Sending Troops To Afghanistan?

| | Canada | | | | | | | | | | Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Quebec | | | | | Rest of Canada ¹ | | | | | Ontario | | | | | West | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Strongly support | Support | Oppose | Strongly oppose | DK/NA/Ref. | Strongly support | Support | Oppose | Strongly oppose | DK/NA/Ref. | Strongly support | Support | Oppose | Strongly oppose | DK/NA/Ref. | Strongly support | Support | Oppose | Strongly oppose | DK/NA/Ref. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Support | 55 | 40 | 48 | 39 | 37 | 42 | 44 | 43 | 27 | 39 | 24 | 21 | 27 | 30 | 59 | 44 | 51 | 44 | 42 | 47 | 49 | 58 | 42 | 48 | 39 | 42 | 46 | 46 | 61 | 40 | 56 | 50 | 42 | 49 | 53 |
| Strongly support | 11 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 13 | 11 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 15 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 12 | 9 | 17 | 12 | 16 | 14 | 18 |
| Support | 44 | 34 | 37 | 31 | 31 | 32 | 34 | 40 | 26 | 34 | 24 | 21 | 23 | 26 | 45 | 36 | 38 | 33 | 36 | 35 | 30 | 43 | 34 | 35 | 30 | 35 | 35 | 20 | 49 | 41 | 39 | 38 | 33 | 35 | 45 |
| Oppose | 25 | 31 | 28 | 31 | 31 | 26 | 28 | 32 | 59 | 33 | 35 | 41 | 53 | 29 | 24 | 26 | 23 | 29 | 29 | 24 | 25 | 22 | 30 | 23 | 31 | 39 | 27 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 21 | 28 | 29 | 31 | 26 |
| Strongly oppose | 15 | 23 | 18 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 27 | 21 | 34 | 23 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 39 | 13 | 20 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 18 | 25 | 10 | 20 | 14 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 18 |
| Total Oppose | 41 | 54 | 44 | 55 | 49 | 49 | 53 | 53 | 70 | 58 | 71 | 75 | 67 | 60 | 37 | 40 | 39 | 51 | 49 | 44 | 48 | 38 | 50 | 41 | 54 | 49 | 44 | 31 | 35 | 45 | 35 | 47 | 50 | 47 | 34 |
| DK/NA/Ref. | 4 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 3 |

Note: Total of 6,000 respondents in the 2001-2002 survey.

Q. Enough do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose the decision to send Canadian troops to Afghanistan?

Base: Total sample

Source: HAMILTON AND COMPANY

At the same time, Canadians are split on whether it was the right or wrong decision to send troops to Afghanistan. Just under half of Canadians (48%) subscribe to each of these opposing points of view. Furthermore, while in October 52 per cent of the public say that Canadian troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan, just over four-in-ten (42%) would not support a withdrawal of troops at this time.

Clearly, Canada's involvement in Afghanistan has been and will continue to be a contentious issue. While Canadians are generally supportive of the Canadian military and support the Canadian soldiers now stationed in Afghanistan, they are less inclined to lend their full and unconditional support to the Canadian engagement as a whole. The purpose of the qualitative