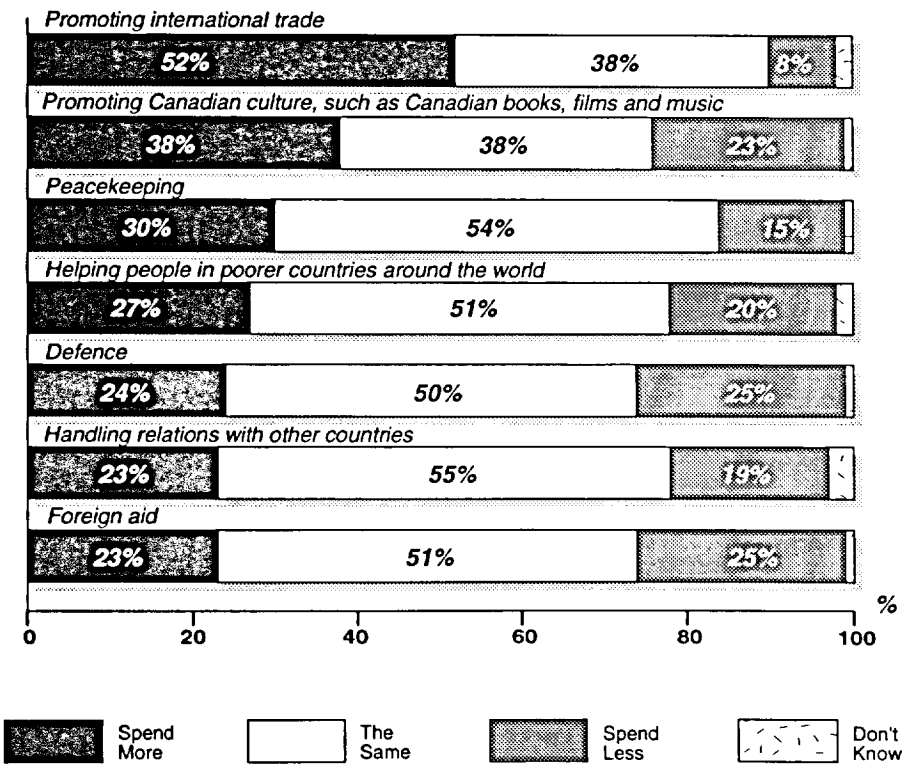


XI. International Spending Priorities

Despite high levels of professed concern about the federal deficit, Canadians have been traditionally reluctant to identify areas of government spending which should be reduced.

Figure 28 shows that Canadians are not inclined to call for cuts in any area of international spending. Indeed, the vast majority call for maintained or increased spending in the seven areas tested in the study.

Figure 28
Foreign and Defence Spending Priorities



Canadians are especially enthusiastic about international trade promotion - a majority (52%) call for increased spending in this area. With the exception of international trade promotion, the differences in Canadians' international spending priorities are far less striking than their similarities.