

Do Canadians Believe The Palestinians Have The Right To A Homeland?

- Over four in five Canadians agree with the principle of a Palestinian homeland.

	% of Respondents					
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes
The Palestinians have the right to their own homeland	82	78	70	86	84	82
Base:	(1000)	(116)	(171)	(358)	(268)	(87)

- But, when specific realities which would have some bearing on this question are introduced, the response changes a great deal. At best, only one-half of those who support the idea in principle continue to support the formation of a Palestinian state under any of these conditions. What Canadians are saying, therefore, is that while the Palestinians do deserve to have a homeland, they are significantly less sure of this fact when they perceive Israel to be the only country making the concessions. The data shows that Canadians do not want the burden for the establishment of a Palestinian state to be solely Israel's.
- It is interesting that while two in five claim to support a Palestinian state on the Gaza Strip or West Bank, the fact that one million Palestinians live in this region does not impact on this issue one way or another.