

- These results leave little doubt that a number of important domestic roles are not currently associated with the Canadian Forces.

ii. The International Roles of the Canadian Forces

- When asked to state the most important international role of the Canadian Forces, the vast majority (77%) of Canadians mention peacekeeping. No other role is mentioned by more than 2% of Canadians.
- The peacekeeping function is clearly important to Canadians, but it is not the only international role they feel is important. When asked to rate the importance of specific international roles, many Canadians place importance on protecting Canadian territory (77%) and peacekeeping (79%). Involvement in alliances such as NATO and NORAD is considered important by 66% of Canadians.

C. Canada's Foreign Aid Program

- There is strong majority support (89%) for the continuance of a Canadian foreign aid program.
- Most Canadians (82%) believe it is important to help people in poorer countries, although this is far from being the most important foreign policy goal of the nine tested in this study. Three quarters (74%) of Canadians believe that foreign aid spending should be maintained (51%) or increased (23%). Foreign aid is seen by 13% of Canadians to be Canada's most important contribution to the world - a distant second to peacekeeping at 39%.
- Measured on a six-point scale, 71% of Canadians rate their support of foreign aid as four, five or six. Twenty-nine percent indicate some opposition by rating themselves as one, two or three.
- Most Canadians support all types of foreign aid tested in this study. The public is most comfortable with foreign aid designed to satisfy *basic human needs* in the developing world. They are less comfortable with programs which focus on social issues in the developing world, such as democratization, private enterprise, environmental protection and the rights of women.