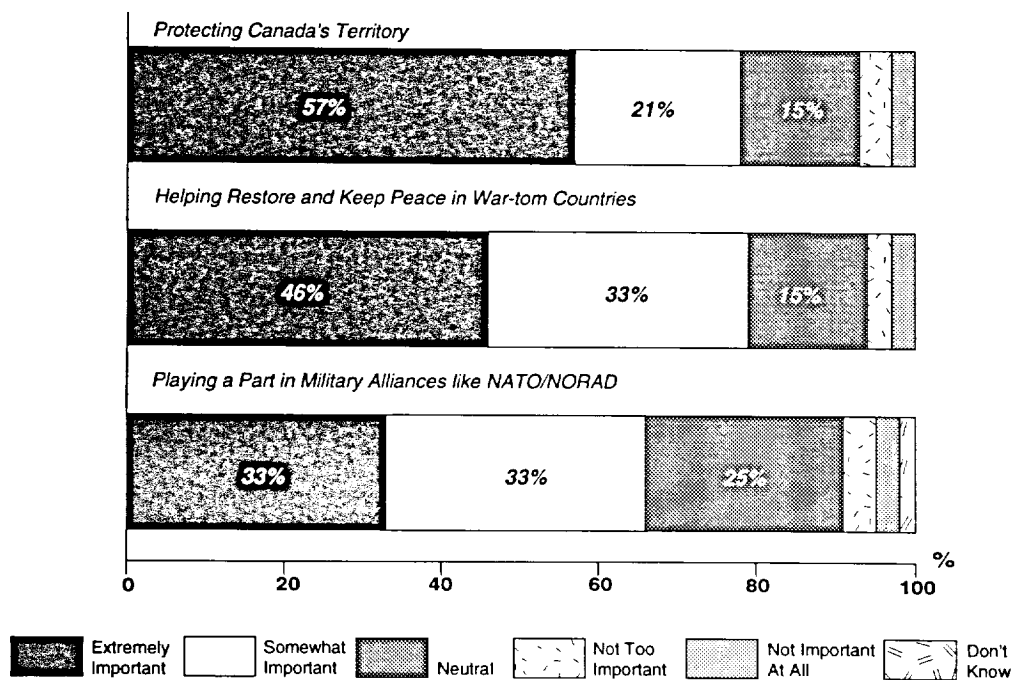


While peacekeeping is of clear top-of-mind importance to Canadians, it is not the only international role they feel is important. As Figure 13 shows, involvement in alliances such as NATO and NORAD is considered important by 66% of Canadians. Both peacekeeping and military alliances, however, are seen to be less important than the protection of Canadian territory (78%). Fifty-seven percent of Canadians say this an extremely important role.⁶

Figure 13
Importance of CF International Roles



Once again, we must account for the difference between the international role Canadians perceive to be most important, as depicted in Figure 12, and the importance they place on the three roles tested, as depicted in Figure 13. The most obvious inference is that Canadians do not view the protection of Canadian territory as an international role. It is not clear, however, why no Canadians mention alliances as Canada's most important role in Figure 12 even though 66% consider it somewhat or extremely important in Figure 13. We must conclude that while most Canadians consider alliances important, few consider alliances to be more

⁶ Respondents were asked to rate the importance of each international role using a scale of zero to ten, where ten means extremely important and zero means not important at all. Responses were then recoded to extremely important (9, 10), somewhat important (7, 8), neutral (4, 5, 6), not too important (2, 3) and not important at all (0, 1).