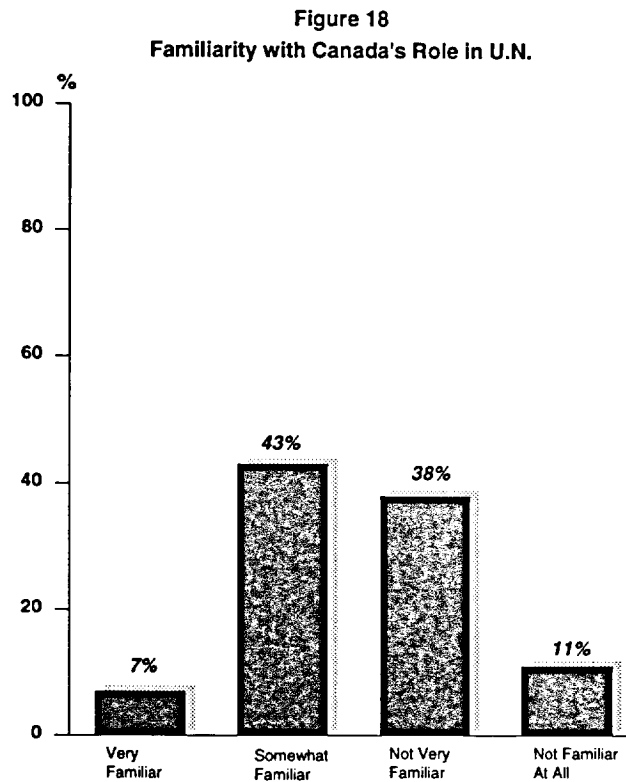


VI. Canada and the United Nations

Most Canadians (84%)¹¹ believe it is important for Canada to be a member of the United Nations, including 60% who believe it is very important. Moreover, the same proportion of Canadians (84%) believe it is important for Canada to participate in the activities of the United Nations.¹²

Nonetheless, most Canadians do not consider themselves particularly well informed about Canada's role in the United Nations. As Figure 18 shows, while 50% of Canadians claim to be familiar, the vast majority (43% of Canadians) say they are somewhat familiar, as compared to only 7% who say they are very familiar.



Familiarity is far higher among Canadians with more education - 66% of university graduates say they are familiar, as compared to 34% of Canadians who have not completed high school. More men (58%) claim to be familiar than do women (43%). A similar difference exists between Anglophones (53%) and Francophones (43%).

When Canadians were asked to identify Canada's most important contribution to the UN, far more of those who said they were familiar with Canada's role could identify a UN activity in which Canada participates (81%) as compared to those who said they were not familiar (63%).

¹¹ Please refer to Figure 7 on page 18 of this report.

¹² Please refer to Figure 2 on page 12 of this report.