

François Mitterrand's visit to Cuba and his offer to sell him military assistance made a start to Canadian (and US) policy. This - one measure of respondents' views of the opinion poll in another. On the other hand, 42 percent of respondents said it was not important to support Ottawa's agreement to allow the United States to continue to use cruise missiles over Canadian territory, while 57 percent said this permission should be withdrawn. In addition, 51 percent of respondents said the subject was not important.

In the 1982 (1983) poll, respondents were asked several questions on their views of world peace and the role of nuclear weapons. Among those who said they believed in the importance of world peace, 7 percent of Canadians surveyed believed Soviet actions in the Persian Gulf scene, 6 percent believed in the importance of Canadian neutrality, 5 percent believed in the importance of world peace and 51 percent believed in the importance of the Soviet Union. Of those who did not believe in the importance of world peace, 17 percent believed in the importance of the Soviet Union, 11 percent believed in the importance of Canada, 12 percent believed in the importance of the United States and 55 percent did not care.

When asked whether it was better to live in a peaceful or a peaceful society, 46 percent of respondents said they thought it would be a good thing if Canada and the Soviet Union co-existed more easily. When respondents were asked to select areas in which closer co-operation could be achieved, 40 percent of respondents said there was a real likelihood that Canada and the Soviet Union could achieve a better relationship if they worked together. A further 30 percent of respondents also believed in the importance of a peaceful society.

Nine percent of Canadians surveyed believed that a nuclear explosion would not be a serious threat to the world, 38 percent believed it would be a serious threat to the world and 53 percent believed it would not be a serious threat to the world.

Asked about Government decisions on foreign aid and defence spending in the February 1982 poll, 45 percent considered it "a waste of money" to have a military force, 42 percent said it would make a contribution, but not a major one. Thirty-nine percent believed it was a better idea to have a smaller, but better equipped, military force. Fourty-seven percent of those polled said the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow was "a waste of time".

In September 1983, the weekly magazine *Maclean's* and Erimex Research conducted an opinion poll of 1,300 respondents. They were asked if the crises in Eastern Europe should prompt Canada to offer financial and economic assistance to encourage reform and economic stability there. Sixty-six per cent of Canadians surveyed said that the political and economic changes in Eastern