

- Support is not only higher for UN membership, it is also more intense - 60% of Canadians strongly support continued UN membership, as opposed to 46% who strongly support NORAD membership and 40% who strongly support NATO.

B. The Canadian Forces

- As noted earlier, peacekeeping is seen by a plurality of Canadians (39%) to be Canada's main international contribution in the last five years. What is more, 83% of Canadians consider it important to maintain the ability to defend Canada.
- Eighty percent of Canadians hold a somewhat favourable (50%) or very favourable (30%) view of the Canadian Forces.
- The vast majority of Canadians (84%) also believe that Canada needs its armed forces, of whom 42% say we need our armed forces a great deal. Only 2% of Canadians believe that Canada does not need an armed forces.

i. The Domestic Roles of the Canadian Forces

- Canadians are unaware of the domestic roles played by the Canadian armed forces, with only 13% mentioning the importance of providing aid to the civil power, and a further 8% mentioning that it provides jobs and training. Important domestic roles, such as search and rescue, fishery patrols, and drug interdiction were each mentioned by fewer than 5% of Canadians.
- However, when asked to rate the importance of five specific domestic roles, most Canadians say that search and rescue (87%), drug interdiction (71%), fisheries patrols (76%), assisting the civil power (66%) and monitoring environmental damage (62%) are important roles for the CF.
- The interdiction of drug smuggling - deemed a serious threat to Canada by 78% of Canadians - is not mentioned as an important top-of-mind role for the armed forces. Fishery patrols are mentioned by only 6% of Canadians as the CF's main role.