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THE MEDIA ENVIRONMENT

From January to December 2002

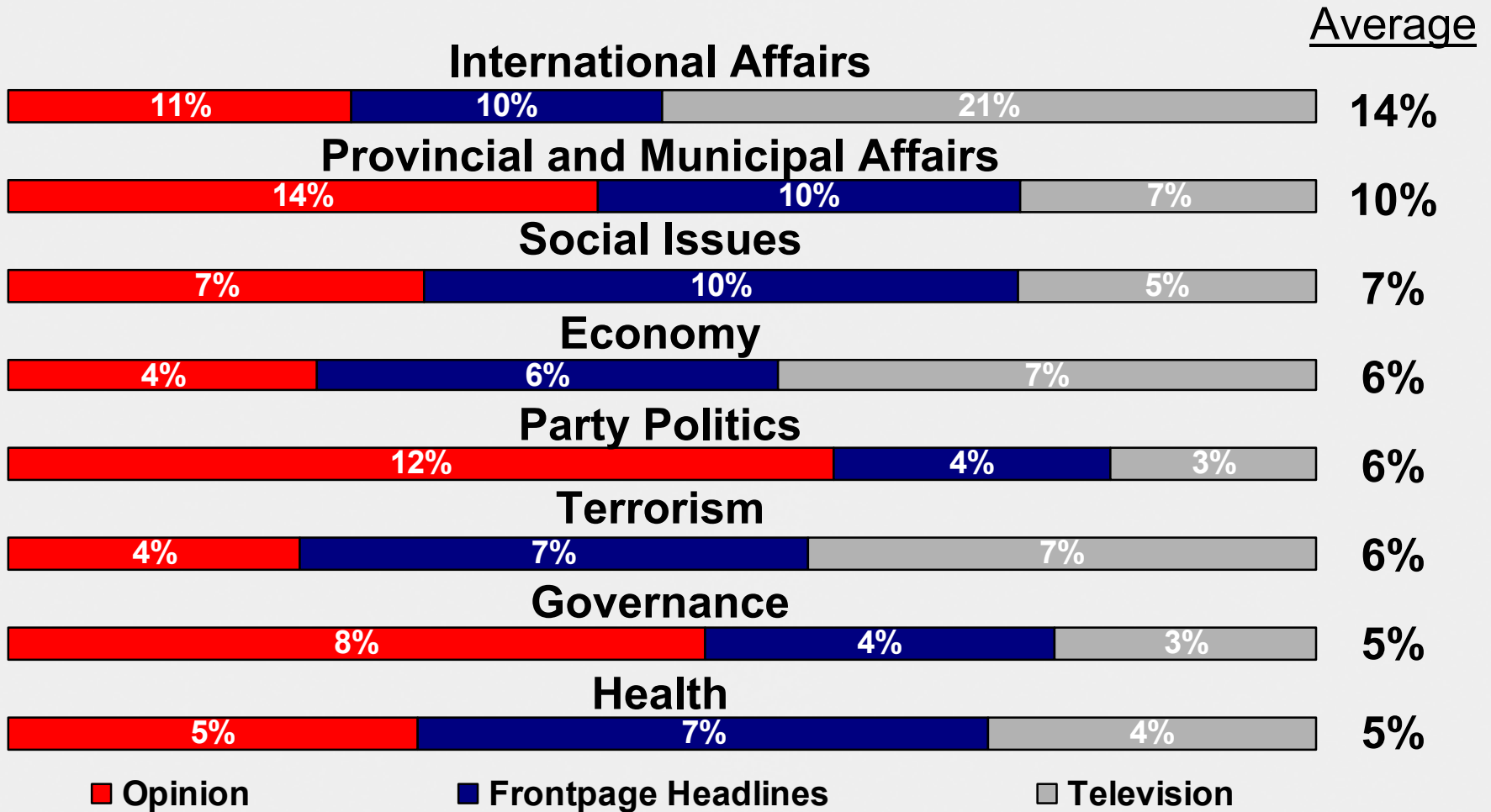




- Data from television news broadcasts, newspaper headlines and editorials/columns were collected from January to December, and put into pre-determined categories
- A list of sources which make up the sample and a list of categories can be found at the end of the section



Top Media Issues in 2002

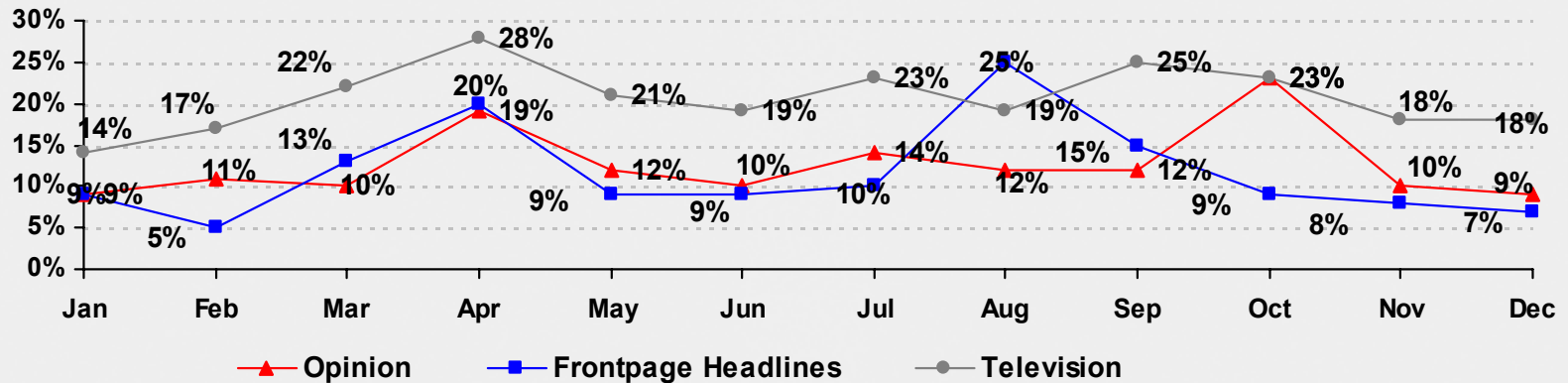




Coverage for the Year 2002

	Television	Editorials	Frontpage	Average
Miscellaneous	32%	19%	25%	26%
International Affairs	21%	11%	10%	14%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	7%	14%	10%	10%
Social Issues	5%	7%	10%	7%
Party Politics	3%	12%	4%	6%
Terrorism	7%	4%	7%	6%
Economy	7%	4%	6%	6%
Health	4%	5%	7%	5%
Governance	3%	8%	4%	5%
Public Safety	3%	3%	6%	4%
Natural Resources	2%	5%	5%	4%
Foreign Policy	3%	4%	4%	4%
Innovation & Skills	1%	1%	2%	1%
Aboriginals	1%	1%	1%	1%
Unity	0%	1%	0%	1%

Monthly Totals - 2002

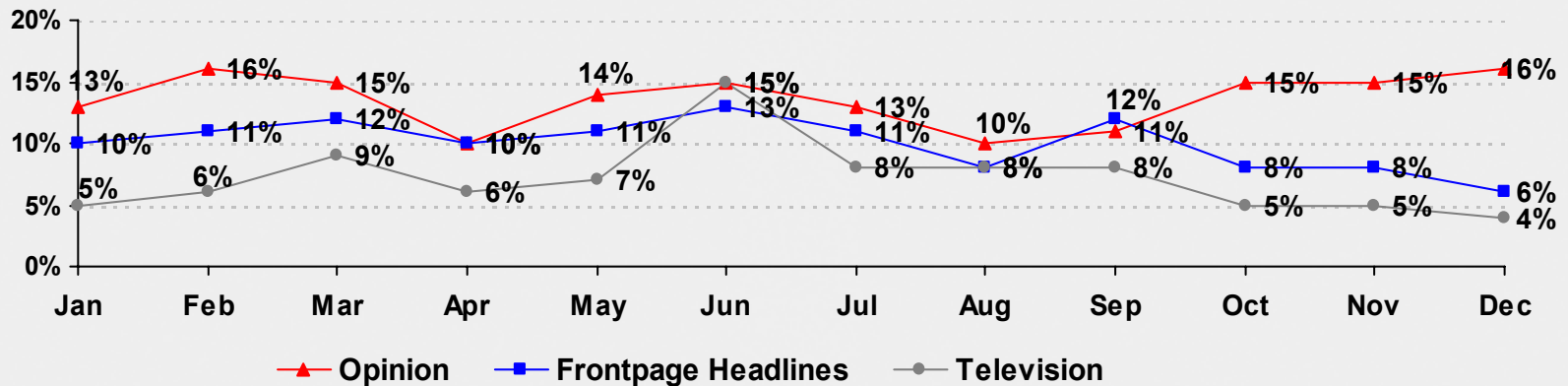


Jan 29: President Bush's State of the Union address
 Feb 04: US budget seeks billions for military
 Mar 31: Queen Mother passes away
 Apr 17: Mid-East Jenin battle leaves 120 dead
 May 05: Chirac wins French presidential election
 May 18: India/Pakistan dispute over Kashmir escalates
 May 28: US and Russia sign nuclear pact
 Aug 26-Sept 1: UN Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg
 Sept 12: President Bush speaks to UN
 Sept 13: UN Security Council draft resolution on weapons inspections in charge
 Sept 22: Schroeder wins re-election in Germany

Oct 10: House of Representatives votes 296-133 in support of war with Iraq
 Oct 17: US says North Korea has nuclear-arms programs / US puts Iraq on notice - UN Secretary-General calls for tough new resolution, warns Iraq it faces "last chance"
 Oct 30: Sharon's coalition government collapses
 Nov 05: US midterm election
 Nov 06: US mid-term Congressional elections
 Nov 13: Iraq agrees to UN inspection
 Nov 21: NATO Summit in Prague
 Dec 07: Iraq submits its weapons declaration
 Dec 20: Lott resigns as US Senate Leader

Provincial and Municipal Issues

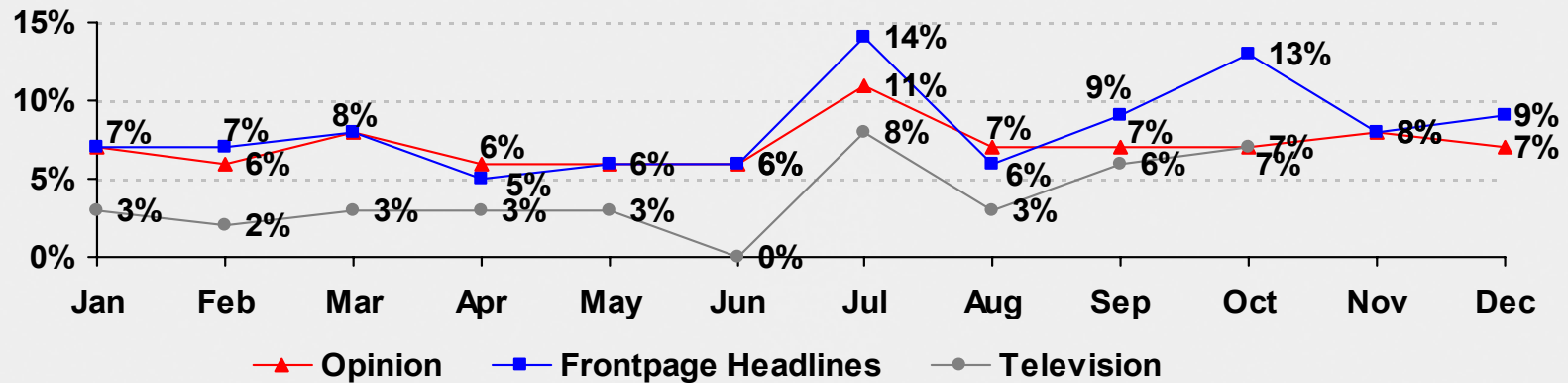
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Jan 17: Premier Campbell announces 12,000 PS job cuts
 Jan 30: Quebec cabinet shuffle
 Feb 11: PQ Director General Claude Bréard resigns
 Mar 24: Eves wins Ontario PC leadership vote
 April 02: Mike Harris resigns as MPP
 Apr 16: Premier Eves announces new cabinet
 May 14: Mulroney receives "*Ordre national du Québec*"
 June 13: Premier Eves cancels sale of Hydro Ontario
 July 03-12: Toronto municipal garbage strike (18,000 workers)

Sept 08: Landry calls for an election within 300 days and a referendum within 1000 days
 Sept 22: Mario Dumont speaks to Canadian Club in Toronto
 Oct 27: Ontario PC convention - Premier Eves pays tribute to Harris
 Oct 29: Quebec justice minister Bégin resigns
 Oct 30: Premier Eves pledges "safest drinking water in the world"
 Nov 12: Premier Eves caps Hydro prices/offers rebates to consumers

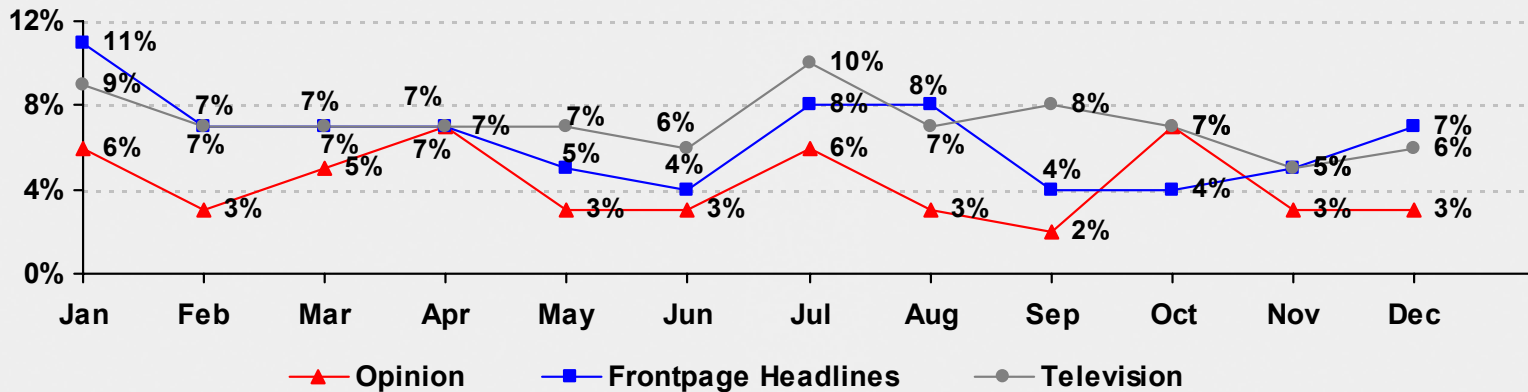
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Jan 11: Vancouver public school teachers protest for new contract
 Jan 24: Peter Gzowski dies
 Mar 14: Big jump in Toronto's poor / Census
 May 22: Radio-Canada lock-out finished
 May 31: Ottawa/Ontario announce \$230-M for culture in Toronto
 Jun 08: Quebec adopts equal rights for same-sex couples
 Jul 16: CanWest fires Citizen publisher Russell Mills / Statistics Canada releases 2001 Census
 Jul 18-28: Toronto hosts 17th World Youth Day

Sept 12: Ontario Superior Court lifts ban on same-sex marriages
 Sept 16: GoC appeals same-sex marriage decision
 Oct 01: Ron & Don are broken up, CBC HNHC drops MacLean
 Oct 04: Rapport de la Commissaire aux Langues officielles
 Oct 04-15: Queen Elizabeth II visits Canada
 Oct 23: Census shows Canadian family changing fast
 Dec 12: Ontario offers \$340-M to deter labour dispute with teachers

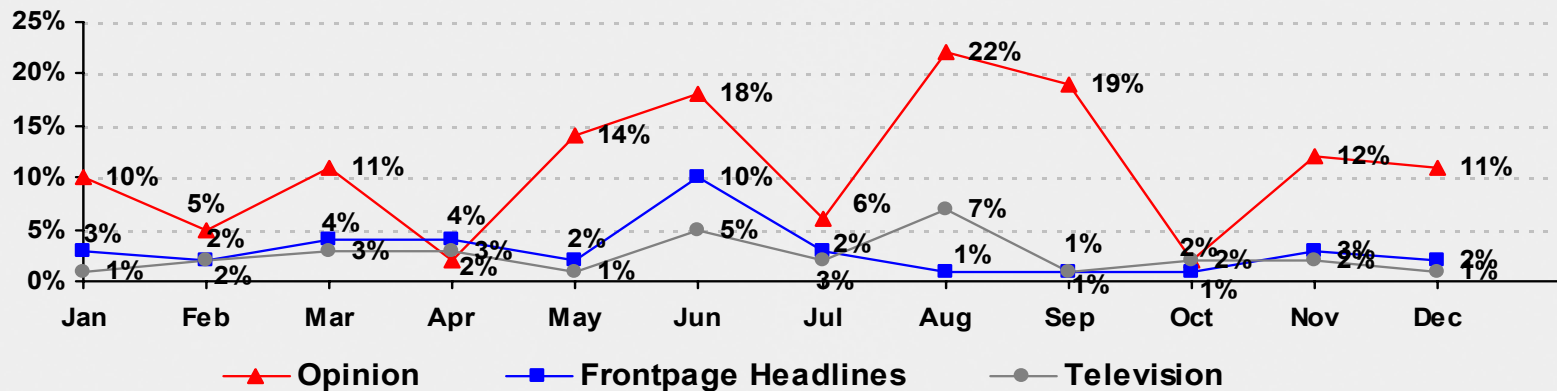
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Jan 11: Unemployment rate jumps from 7.5% to 8%
 Jan 17: Dollar hits record low of 61.84 cents US
 Jan 29: Gov't announces \$3.3-billion tax error
 Mar 8: Boom in jobs heralds rebound
 Mar 22: US imposes 29% softwood duties
 Apr 5: Unemployment rate 7.7% - 88K job gain in March
 Apr 18: IMF says Canada to lead G7 in growth for 02-03
 May 4: Moody's awards Canada AAA debt rating
 May 31: Canada's GDP grows 6% in first quarter
 Jul 10: Canada gets top ranking in job creation from OECD;
 Nortel cuts 7,000 jobs
 Aug 28: BoC Governor cautions government on spending

Sept 3: Manley announces tax overpayment decision
 Sept 4: 59,000 jobs created in August
 Oct 9: Conference Board says "low dollar here to stay"
 Oct 15: Ottawa - le surplus atteint \$8.9 milliards
 Oct 24: BoC Governor says NAFTA should be expanded
 Oct 26: Government spending on outside contracts reaches \$6.6-billion
 Oct 29: Ottawa killed merger talks between Scotia bank & Bank of Montreal
 Oct 30: Manley delivers budget update
 Dec 15: Reports that Ottawa ready to sell Petrocan shares

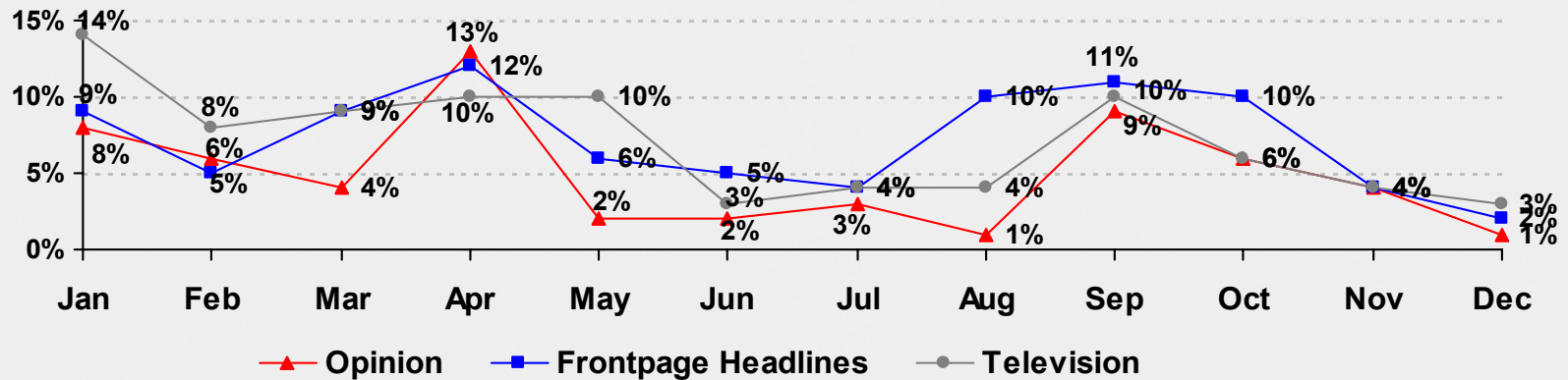
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Jan 7: MP Stockwell Day launches CA Leadership bid
 Jan 14: Minister Brian Tobin resigns
 Mar 20: Stephen Harper defeats Day on first ballot
 Apr 16: PM says he is to stay at least for another year
 May 30: PM calls for end to leadership campaigns
 Jun 2: Cabinet shuffle; Martin leaves Cabinet
 Jun 5: NDP Leader Alexa McDonough announces departure
 Aug 6: PC Leader Joe Clark announces departure
 Aug 19: List re. demonstration for support for PM
 Aug 22: PM announces departure from office by February 2004

Sep 4: Liberal Party executive at odds over timing of convention
 Oct 20: Le successeur de Chrétien sera choisi dès novembre 2003
 Oct 21: PM confirms ban on campaigning by cabinet minister
 Oct 22: Martin's plan gives backbenchers more clout
 Oct 31: PM sets Sept 2003 as his deadline to complete his SFT agenda
 Nov 5: 56 Liberal MPs vote against Gov't on parliamentary change
 Dec 12: Liberal MPs issue call for PM to quit early

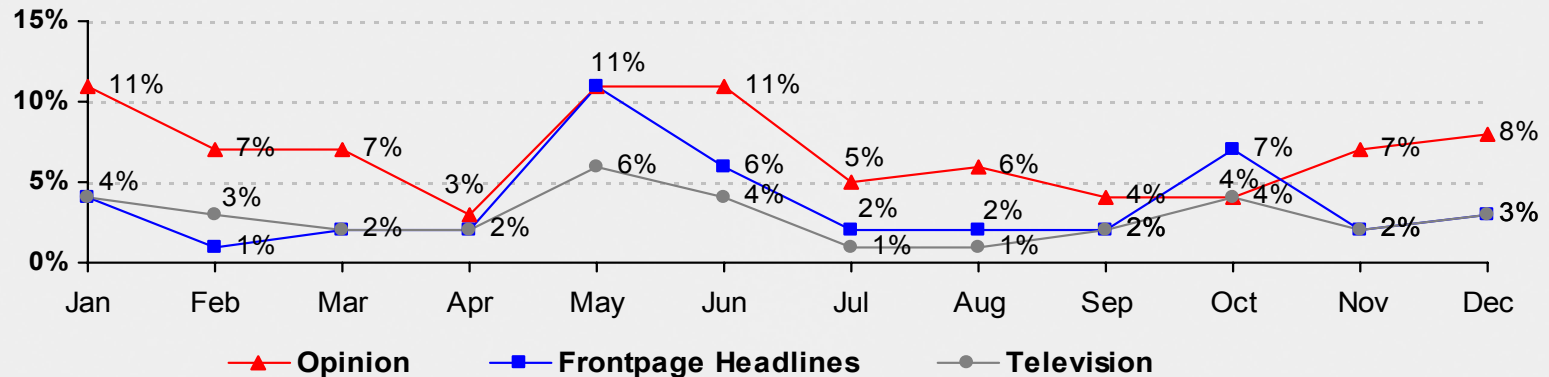
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Jan 17: Eggleton announces participation of troops in Afghanistan
 Jan 26: Canadian troops depart for Afghanistan
 Jan 29: Minister Eggleton confirms JTF-2 handed prisoners over to US
 Feb 6: US seeks regime change in Iraq
 Mar 1: Senate committee says Canadian ports fertile ground for terrorists
 Mar 4: Allies pound Taliban targets / US casualties as war escalates
 Apr 18: Four soldiers die in "friendly-fire" incident in Afghanistan
 Apr 26: 60 Minutes calls Canada a "hot-bed of terrorism"
 May 21: Canada announces troops will be pulled out of Afghanistan

Sept 08-11: US move to high alert / Anniversary of Sept 11 terrorist attacks
 Oct 03: First sniper attacks in Washington area
 Oct 07: Bomb blast hits oil tanker in Yemen
 Oct 13: Explosion in Bali kills 171
 Oct 16: Osama bin Ladden message praises terrorist attacks and targets Canada
 Oct 26: Moscow siege ends / Mystery gas kills 115 hostages
 Oct 30: Quebec resident jailed in US for cross-border gas trip
 Oct 31: Canadian teen Omar Khadr held at Guantanamo Bay
 Nov 07: US announces tougher entry/exit requirements
 Nov 12: Terror tape lists Canada as target
 Dec 11: Hezbollah added to list of proscribed organizations

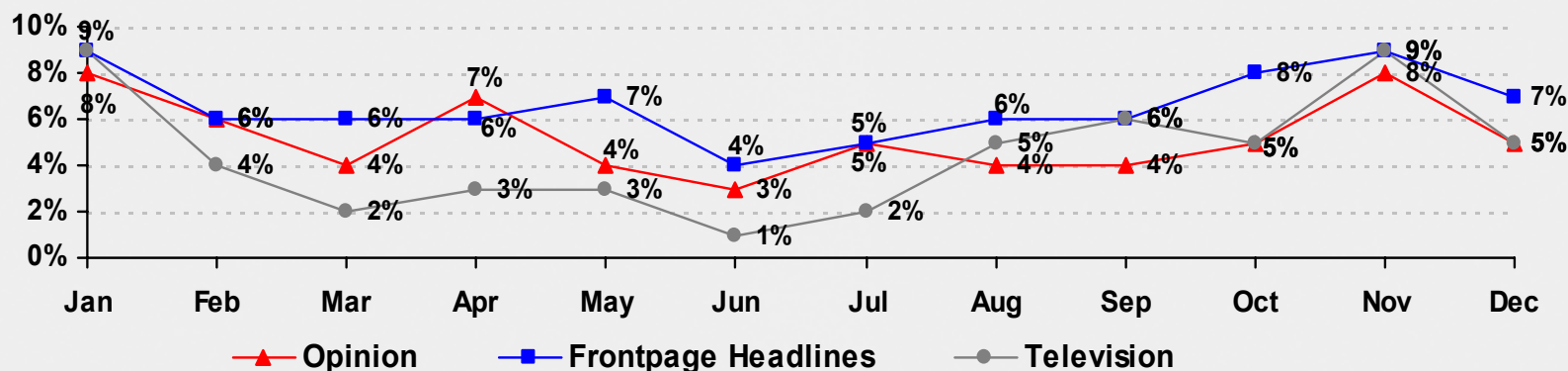
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Jan 15: Cabinet shuffle
 Mar 14: Liberals end Eggleton inquiry
 Mar 27: Seven by-elections called for May 13
 May 1: PM shuffles top bureaucracy, appoints new Clerk
 May 8: AG asks RCMP to investigate advertising contracts
 May 23: PM announces 8-point ethics plan of action
 May 26: Cabinet shuffle involving Eggleton & Boudria
 Jun 2: Cabinet shuffle involving Martin & Manley
 Jun 11: PM releases ethics guidelines
 Sep 10: Charles Guitté testifies in committee hearing
 Sep 30: SFT read by GG
 Oct 1: PM and Opposition Leaders' response to SFT 2002

Oct 7: DPM Manley calls for end of the Monarchy in Canada
 Oct 13: Auditor General criticizes government contracting policies
 Oct 17: Ethics counsellor widens investigation of Minister MacAulay
 Oct 22: MacAulay resigns / Appointment of Wayne Easter as Solicitor General of Canada
 Oct 23: DPM Manley introduces proposals for an independent ethics commissioner and code of conduct for MPs
 Nov 26: PM's Communications Director resigns
 Nov 28: Speculation about proposed law to ban corporate and union political donations
 Dec 3: AG criticises over-budget gun registry

Monthly Totals - 2002



Jan 8: Mazankowski report on health care (Alberta)
 Feb 6: Release of Romanow Commission's interim report
 Mar 1: Research on human embryos approved
 Mar 4: Romanow public hearings on health care begins
 Apr 9: McLellan address to establish a dispute resolution panel
 Aug 17: First traces of West Nile virus in Quebec
 Oct 3: PM speech hints at tax hike for health care
 Oct 3: Study reports breast self-examination of no use
 Oct 9: Audit finds almost all provinces break Canadian Health Act

Oct 10: Ex-waitress wins second-hand smoke case
 Oct 17: Romanow speech prescribes expansion of Medicare
 Oct 18: Money for homecare tops Kirby report wish list
 Oct 29: Romanow report to call for national agency to coordinate doctor
 Nov 28: Romanow Report released
 Dec 13: West Nile case leads to recall of blood products
 Dec 18: PM warns Premiers "health cash not there"

Media Coverage by Region

Newspaper Headlines

	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
Aboriginals	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Economy	7%	5%	5%	7%	7%
Foreign Policy	4%	2%	5%	5%	3%
Governance	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%
Health	8%	5%	6%	7%	9%
Innovation & Skills	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
International Affairs	3%	17%	11%	6%	7%
Miscellaneous	24%	30%	24%	26%	28%
Natural Resources	8%	3%	3%	9%	3%
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Public Safety	7%	4%	7%	7%	9%
Social Issues	12%	6%	8%	9%	9%
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Governance	6%	9%	8%	9%	10%
Health	7%	6%	4%	6%	4%
Innovation & Skills	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
International Affairs	5%	14%	11%	10%	8%
Miscellaneous	26%	15%	24%	13%	17%
Natural Resources	6%	3%	3%	9%	6%
Party Politics	9%	7%	15%	12%	8%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	12%	18%	11%	13%	22%
Public Safety	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%
Social Issues	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%
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APPENDIX



**CATEGORIES FOR
QUANTITATIVE MEDIA ANALYSIS**

Aboriginals	Aboriginal rights and governance / First Nations health and living conditions on reserves
Economy	Economy / Jobs / Fiscal issues / Taxes
Foreign Policy	Foreign Policy / International Assistance / Immigration / Defence (including preparedness)
Governance	Governance / Parliament / Ethics / Appointments / ATIP
Health	Health care / Health reform / Romanow Commission and other studies
International Affairs	International events that have political or public policy implications
Innovation & Skills	Innovation & Skills / Hi-tech / R&D / Industry / Transportation and Infrastructure
Miscellaneous	Any event with no implication from the point of view of government, politics or public policy
Natural Resources	Natural Resources / Environment / Energy / Fisheries / Agriculture
Party Politics	Partisan politics at federal level / Leadership
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	Provincial and municipal affairs and politics
Public Safety	Public safety / Security / Justice / Organized crime
Social Issues	Social issues / Education / Culture (<i>also includes 2002 Winter Olympics</i>)
Terrorism	Campaign against terrorism / Canadian contribution and new security measures (including Can-US border negotiations) / U.S.-led military operations / Investigation of Sept. 11 attacks
Unity	Federal-provincial issues / Quebec independence



PUBLIC OPINION





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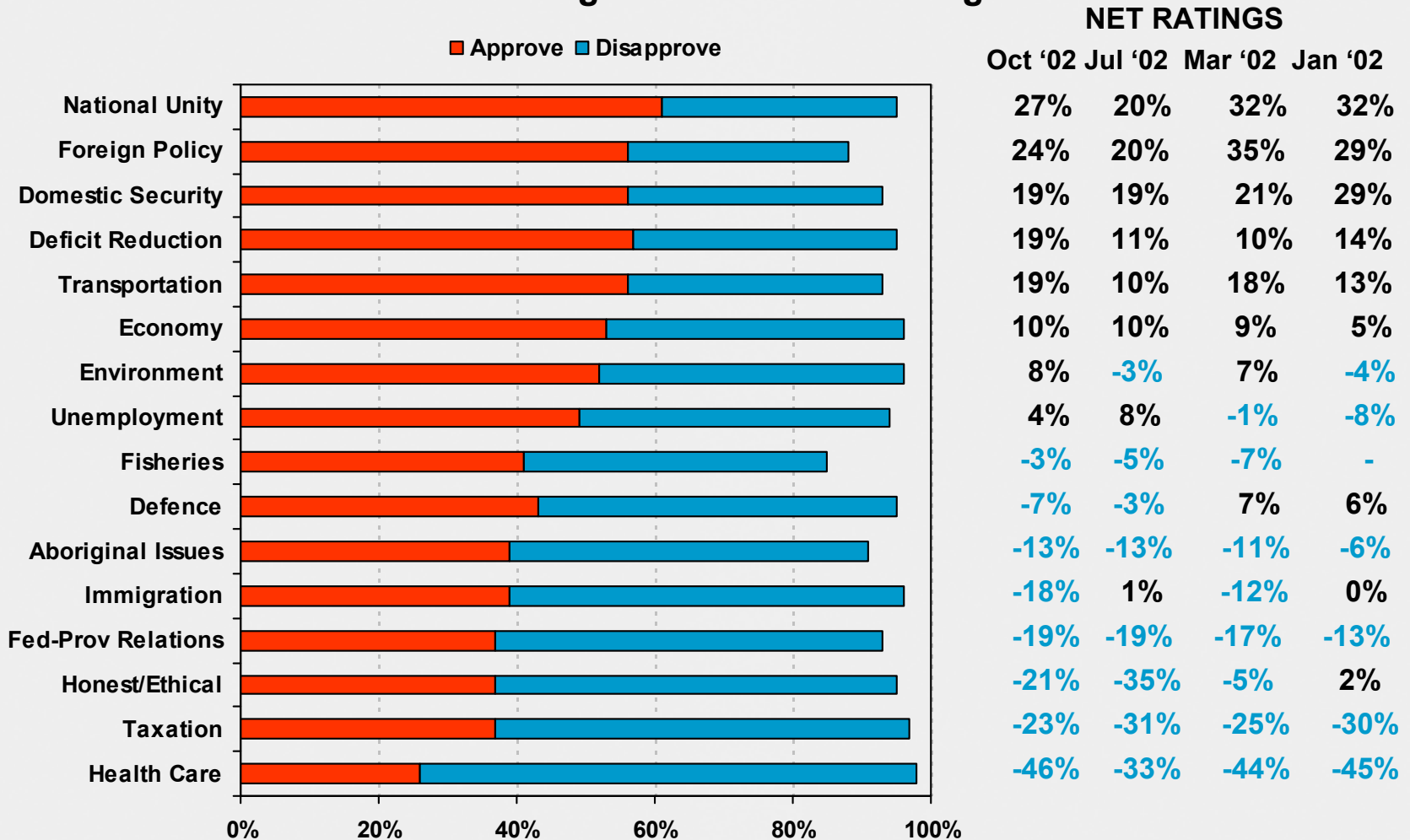


Performance and Priorities



Performance

“Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way the current federal government is handling...?”



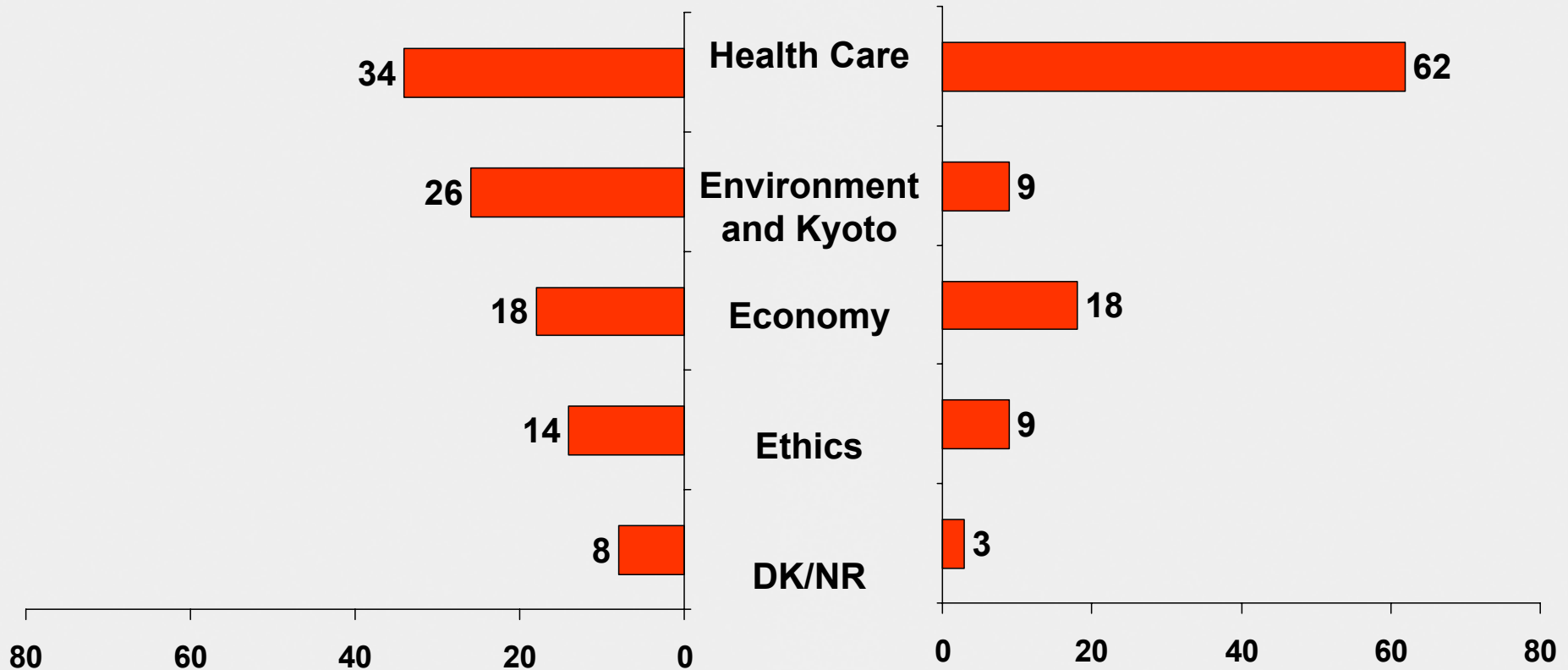


Government Priorities

“Which of the following four priorities has been/should have been the main focus of the federal government over the past few months?”

has been

should have been





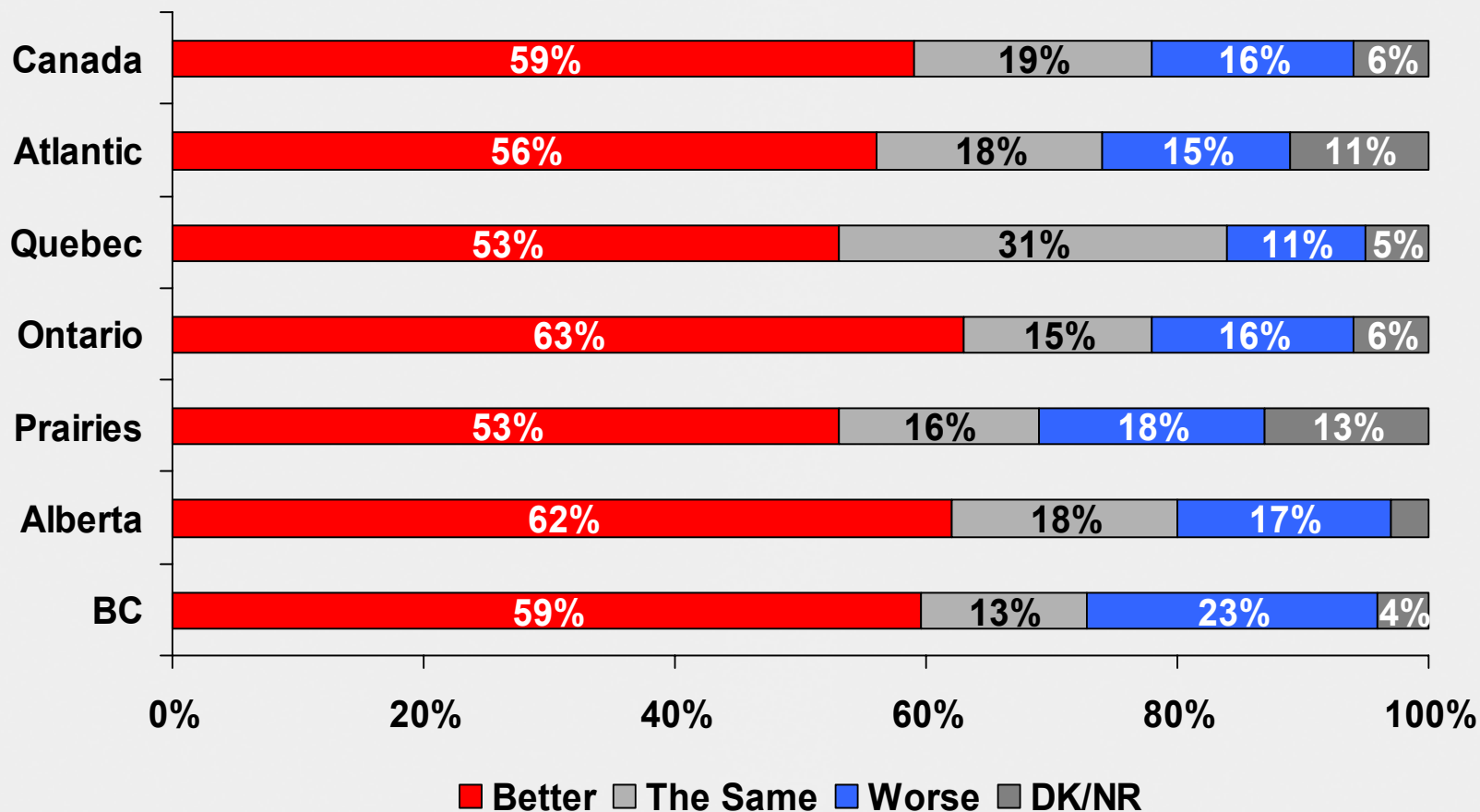
Outlook on the Future





Overall Outlook for 2003

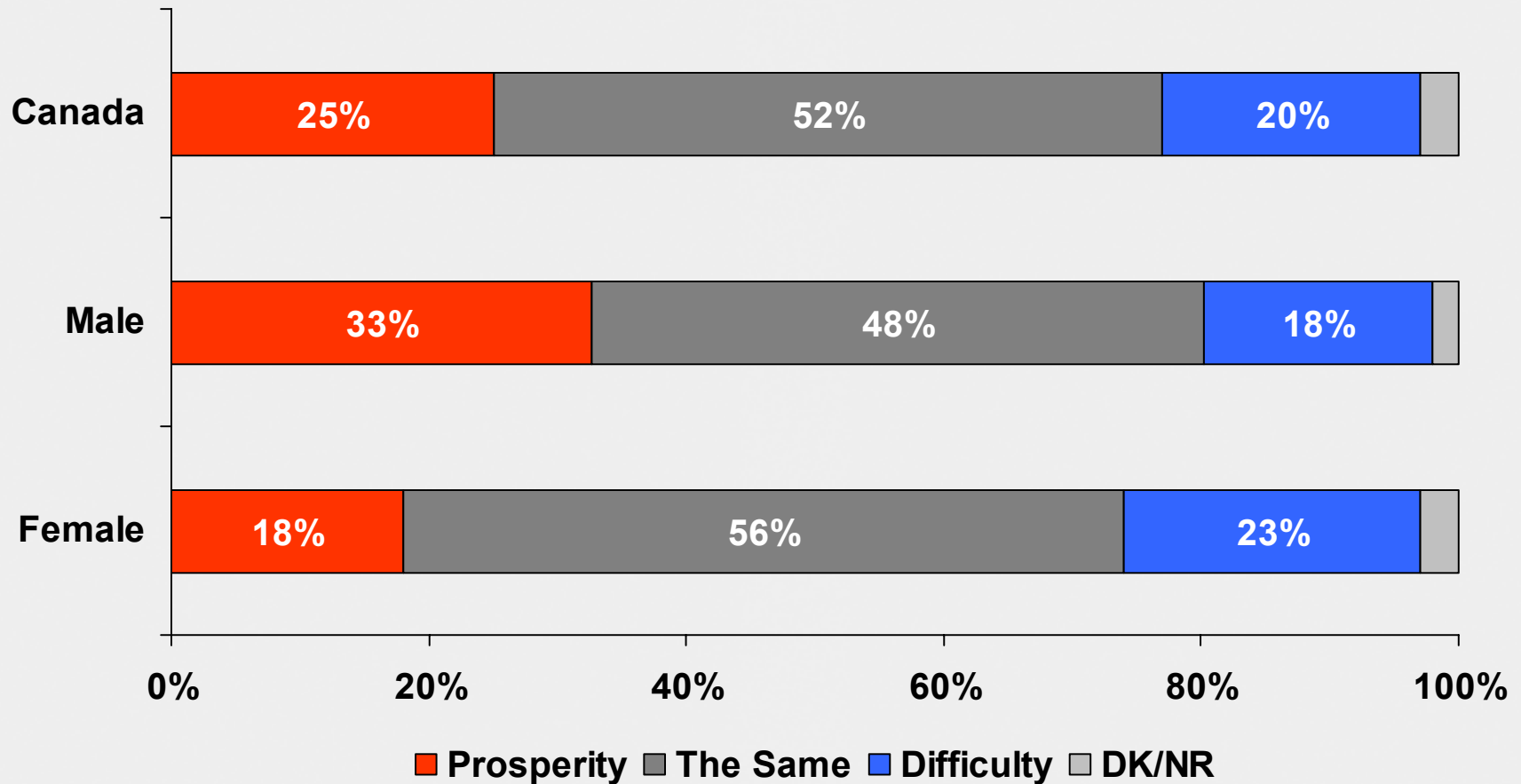
"So far as you are concerned, do you think that 2003 will be **BETTER** or **WORSE** than 2002?"





Economic Outlook for 2003

"Compared with this year (2002), will next year (2003) be a year of economic prosperity, economic difficulty or remain the same?"





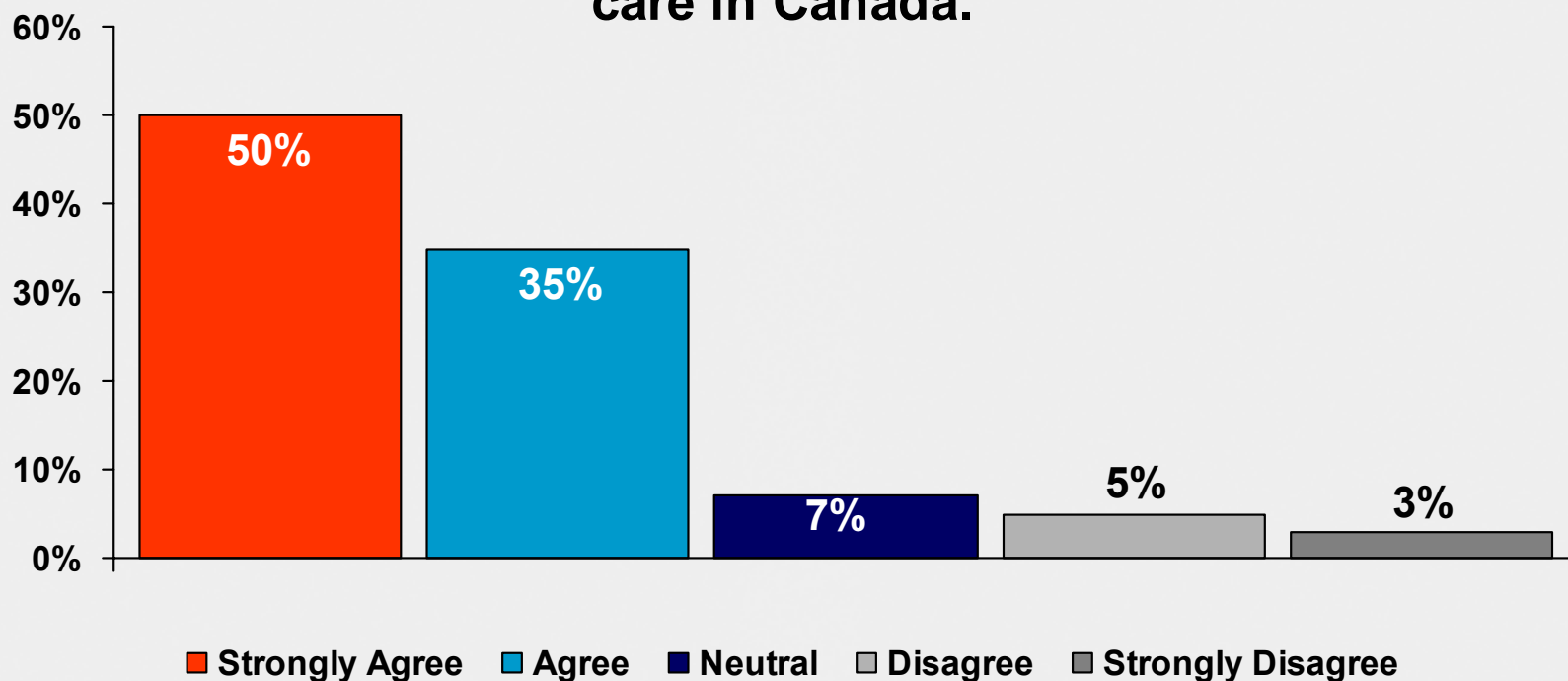
Health Care





Pharmacare

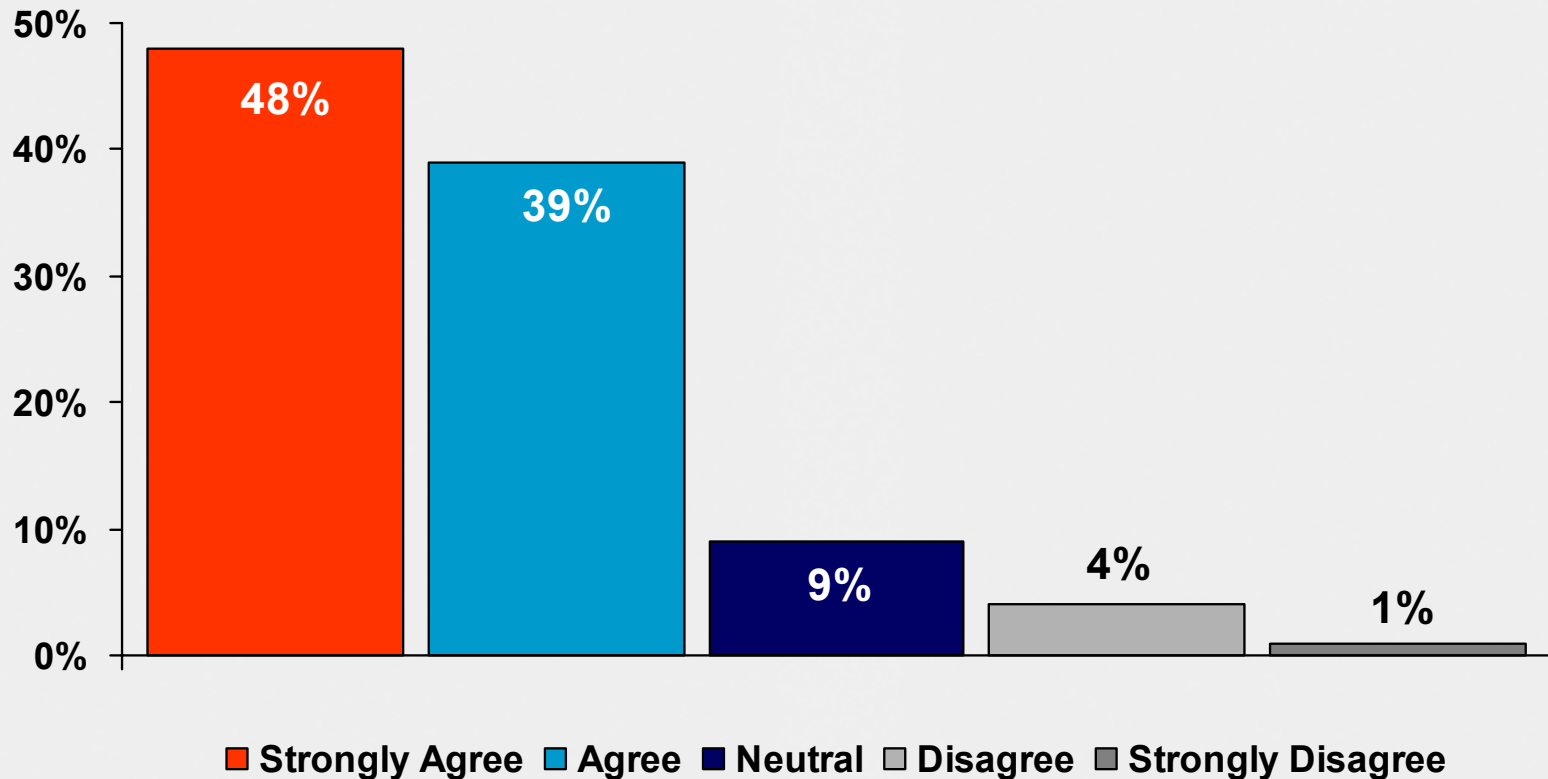
"Creating a national Pharmacare program that ensures that all Canadians have some type of prescription drug insurance will improve health care in Canada."





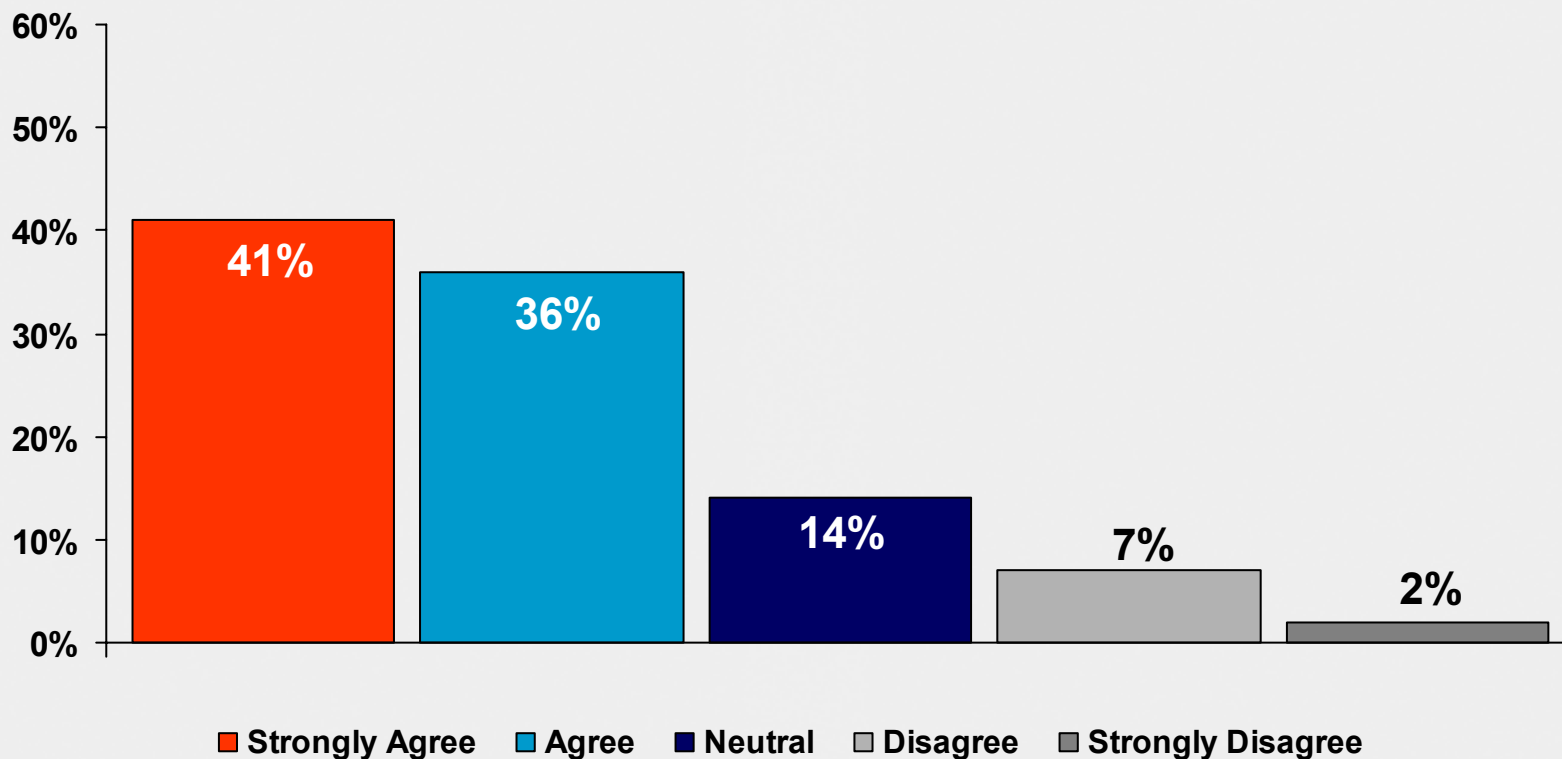
Homecare

"Creating a national homecare program will improve health care in Canada."





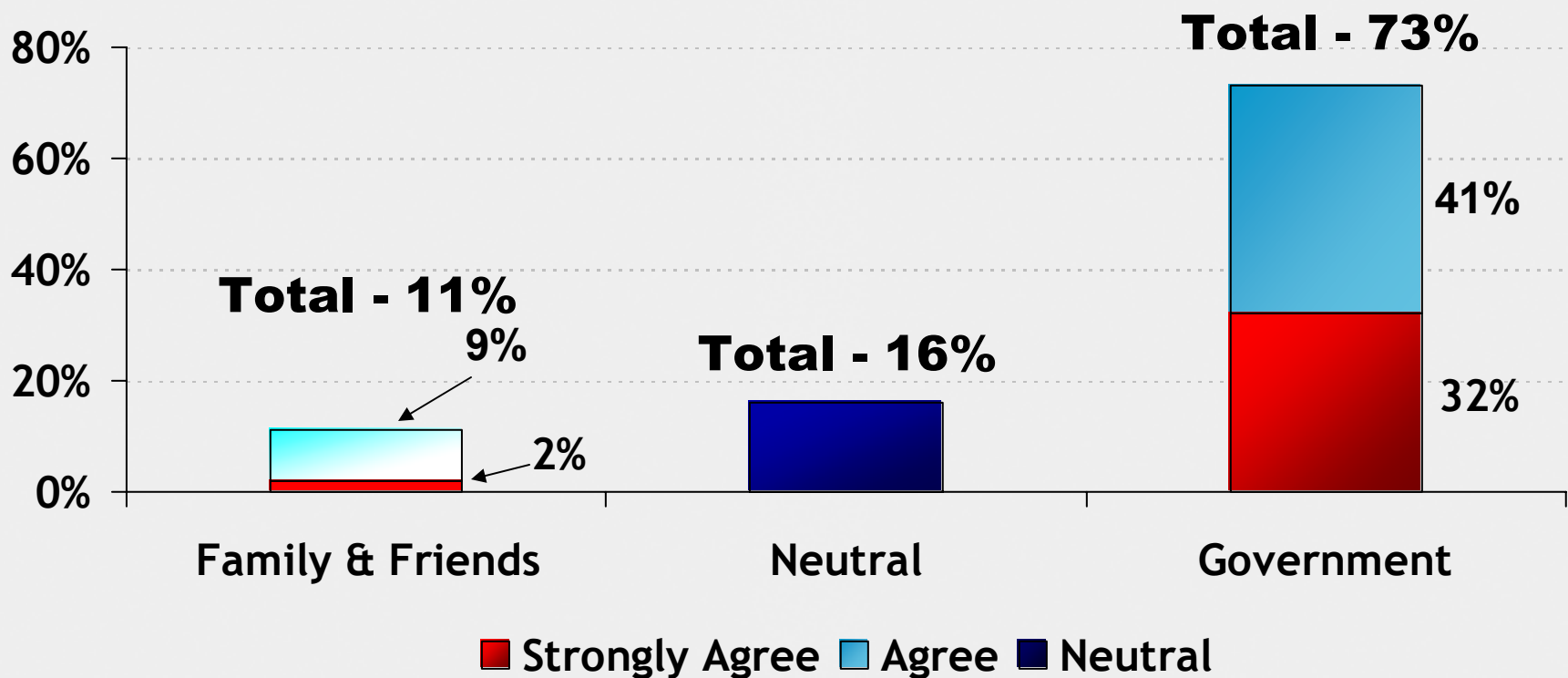
"Government should increase health care spending in order to create a national homecare program."





Responsibility for Homecare

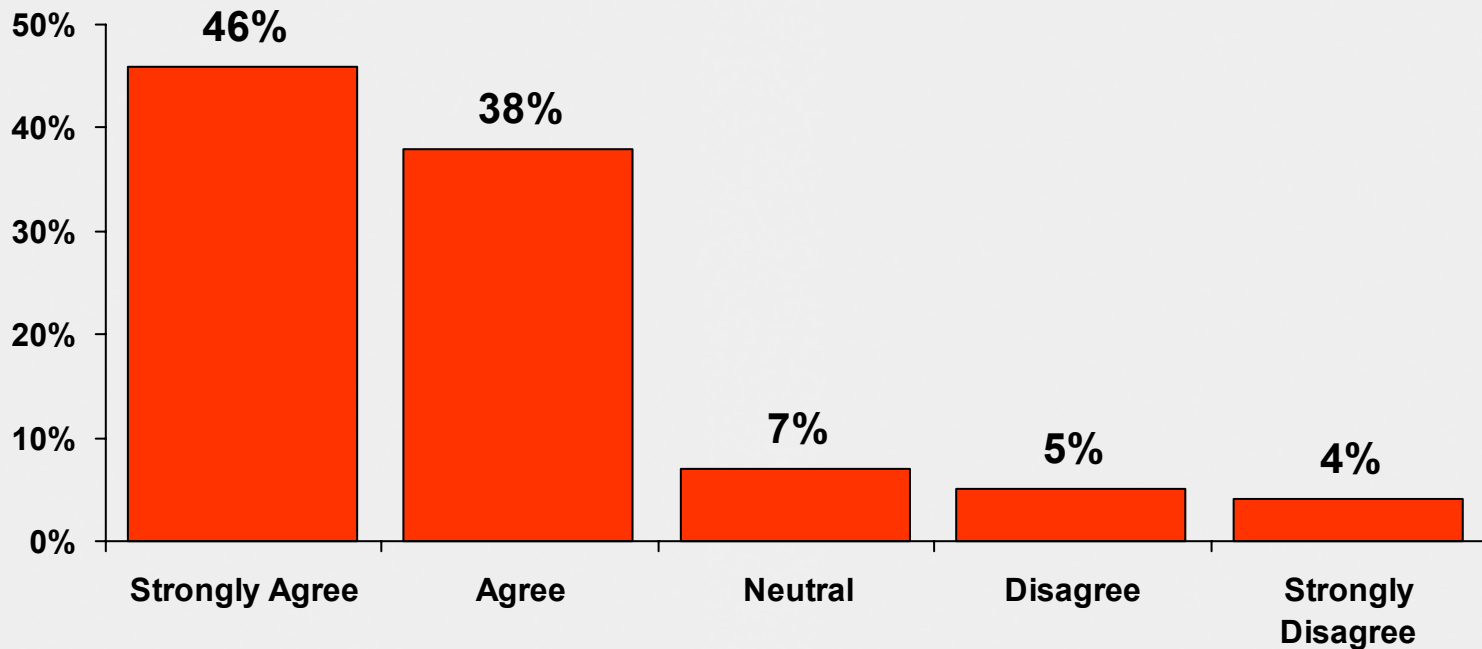
"Which of the following is closest to your own point of view on who should bear the responsibility for homecare?"





Scope of Medicare

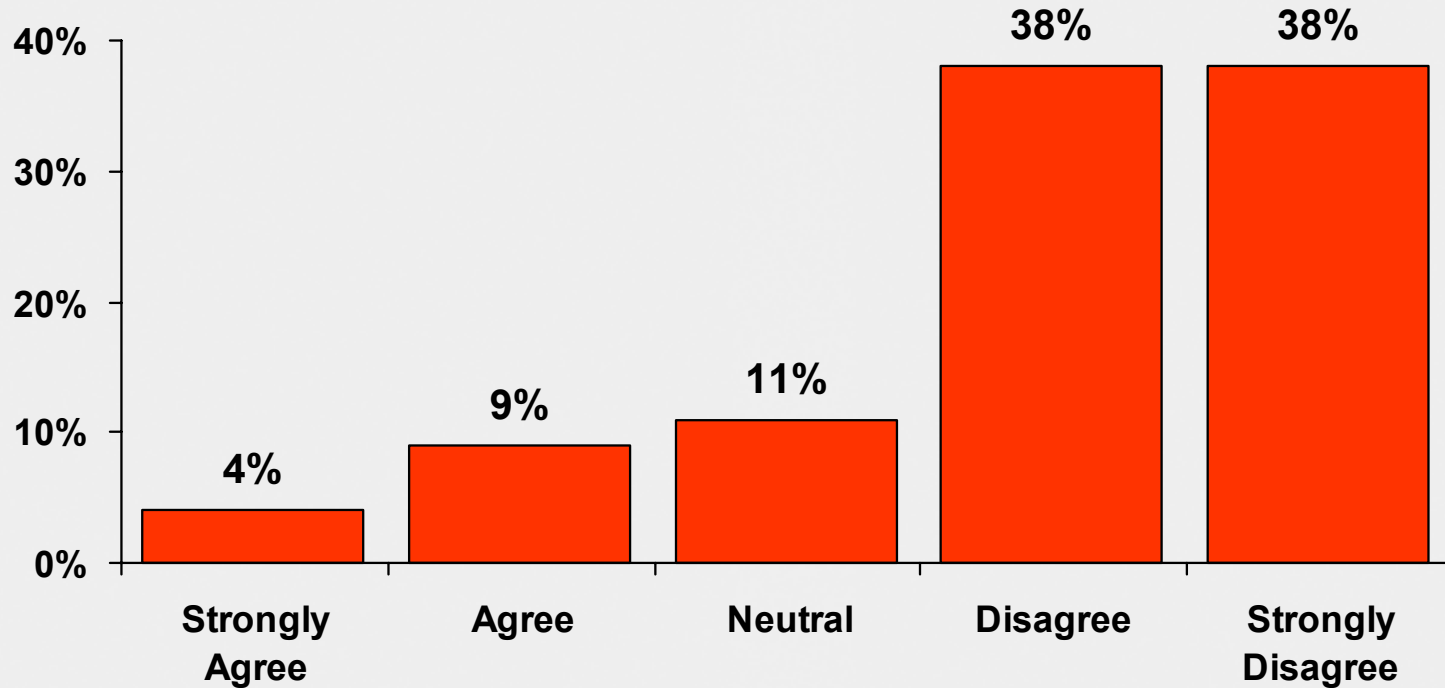
"Health care services such as drugs, physiotherapy or homecare are just as medically necessary as doctors and hospitals, and should be part of medicare."





Role of Provinces

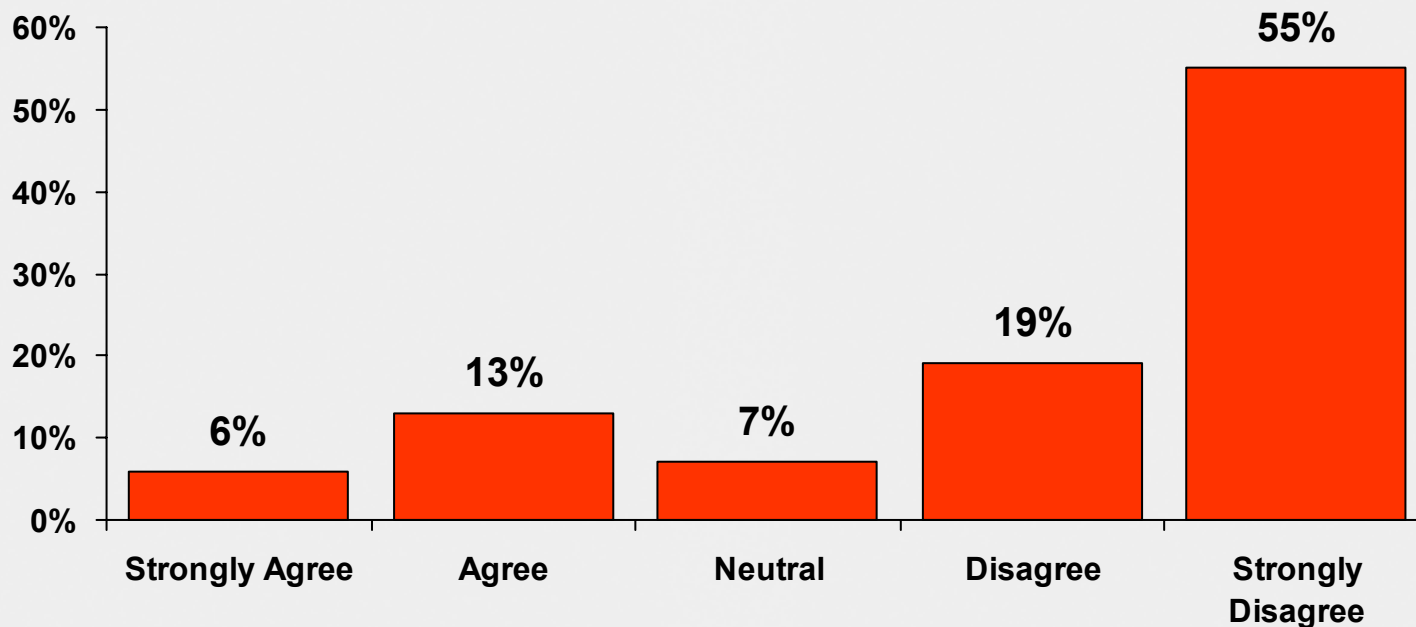
"Provinces are responsible for health and they, not the federal government, should be able to choose which services they pay for as medically necessary."





Two-Tier Health Care

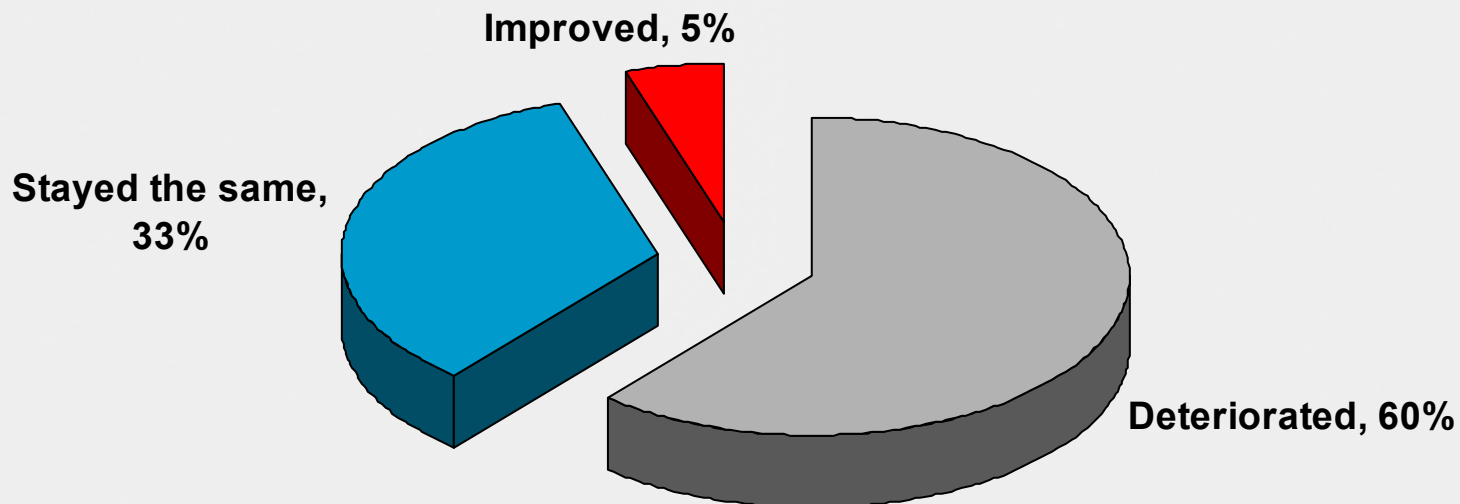
"The Health care system would improve if government let people pay additional money out of their own pockets to get faster access or other advantages from privately funded providers of medicare services."





Quality of Health Care: Up or Down?

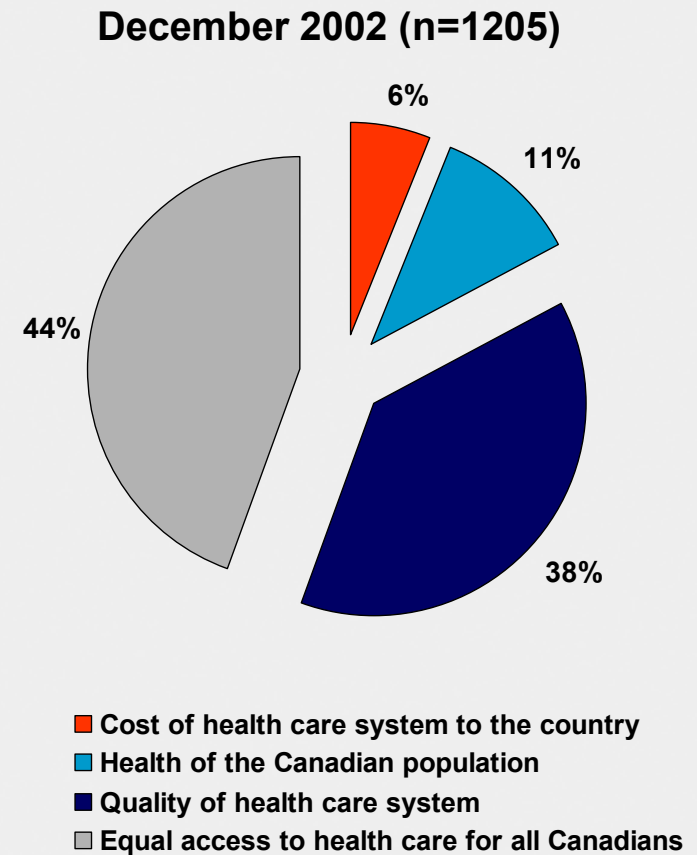
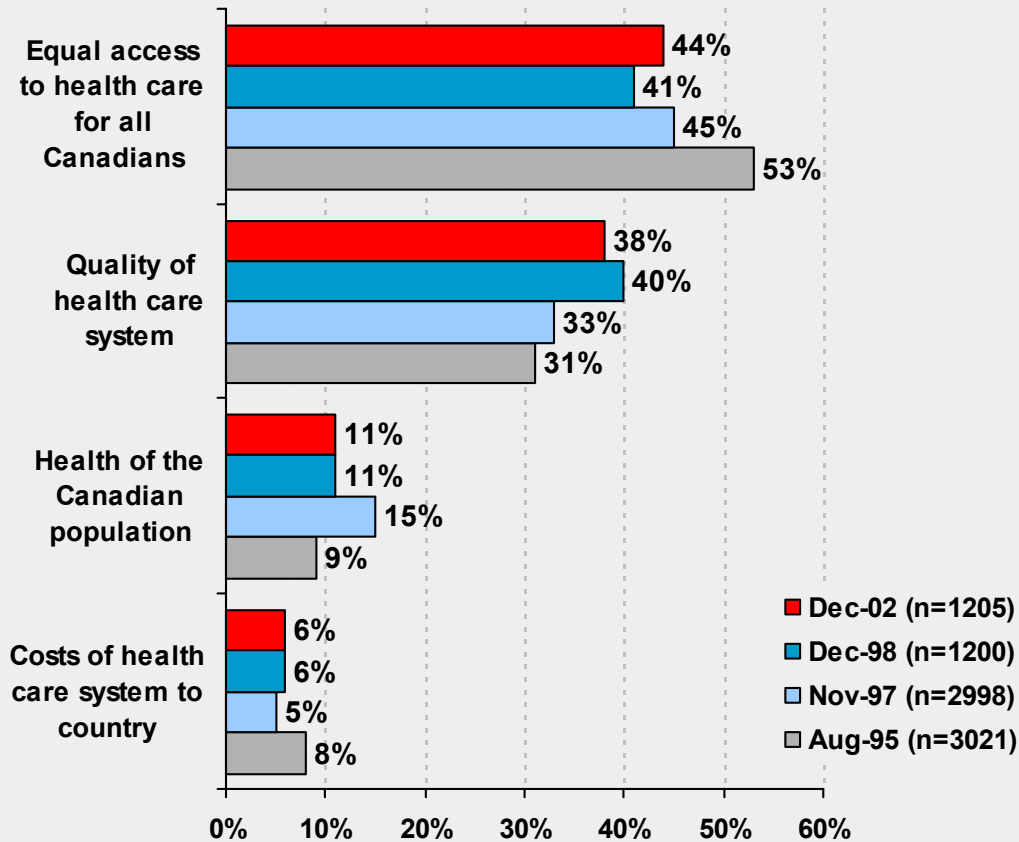
"Has the quality of health care over the past two years improved, deteriorated or stayed the same?"



■ Deteriorated ■ Stayed the same ■ Improved

Health Care: Ultimate Goals

"Which of the following aspects of health care is of greatest importance to you?"





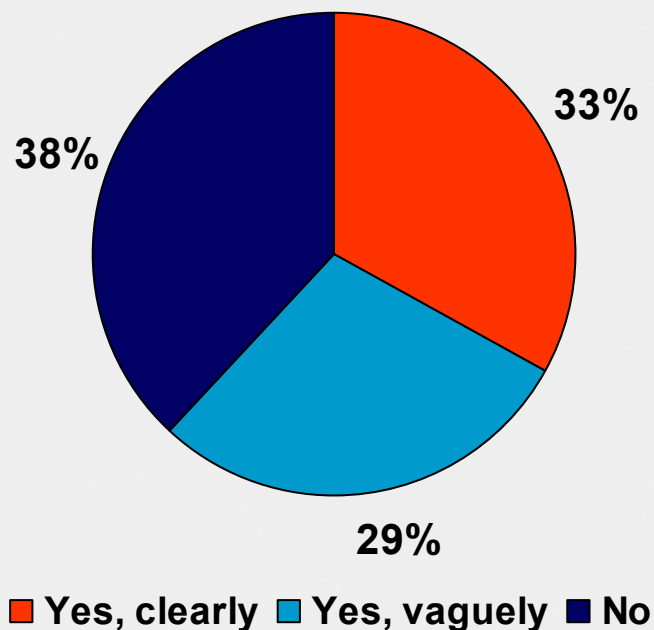
The Romanow Report



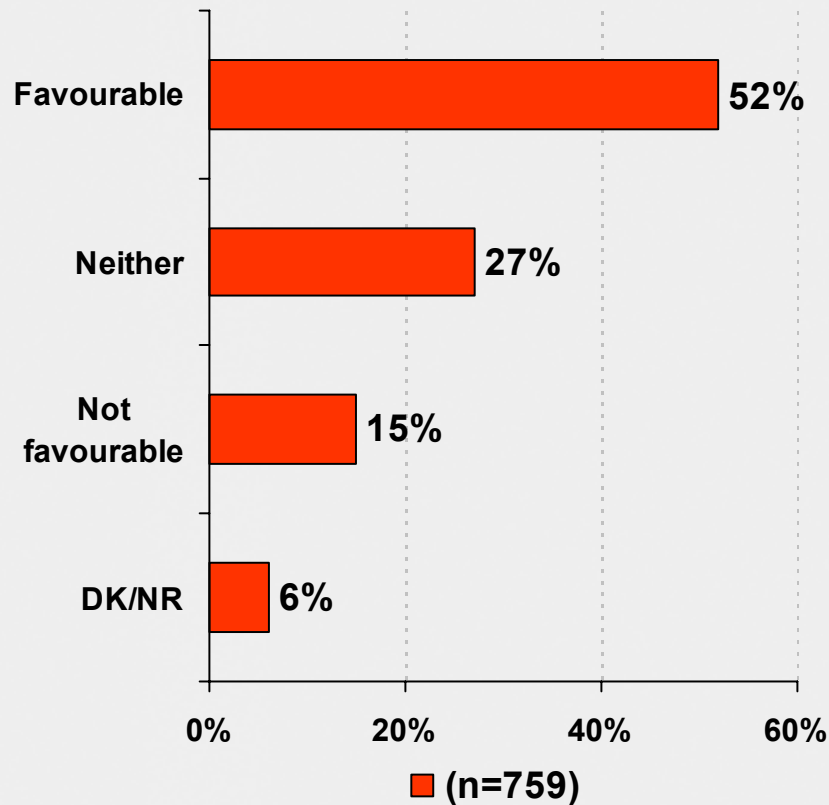


Awareness/Impression of the Romanow Report

"Do you recall hearing or seeing anything about the Romanow report on the future of health care in Canada?"



"Was your overall impression generally favourable or unfavourable? (Filter: clearly/vaguely aware of the Romanow report only)"



Clearly aware of Romanow report (n=396)

69%

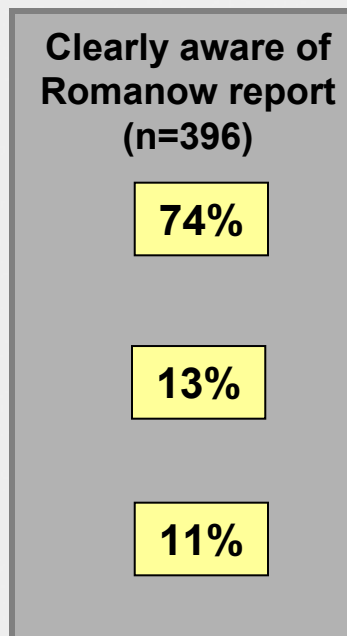
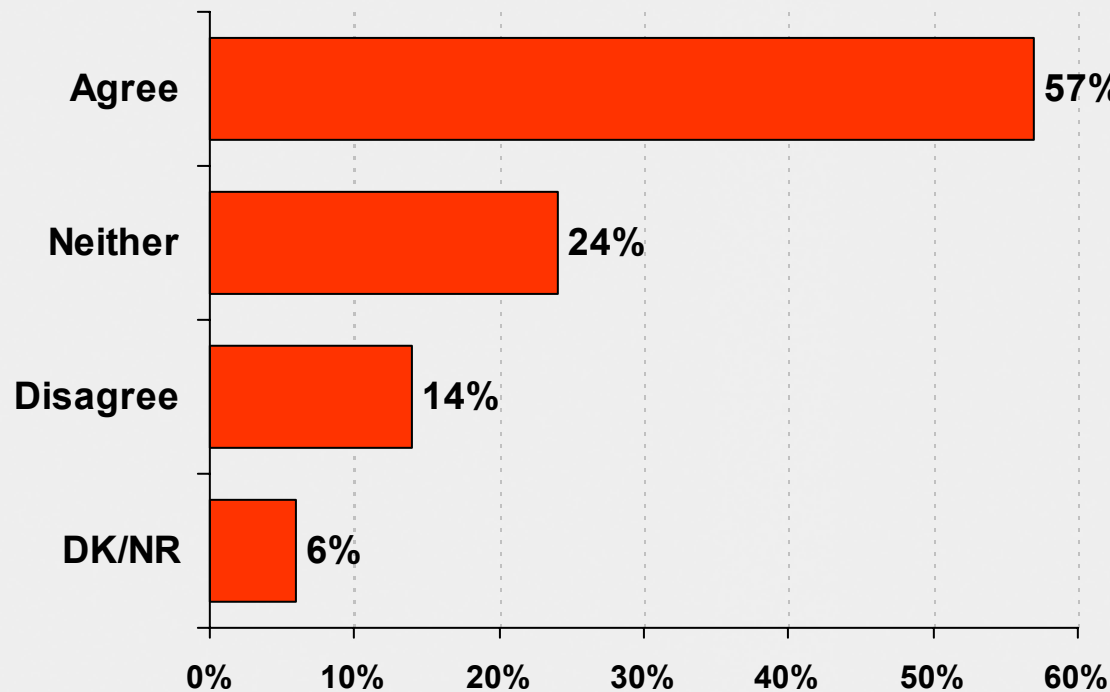
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Romanow Report: Reflects Values of Canadians?

"I think the Romanow report did a good job at reflecting the core values of Canadians." (Filter: clearly/vaguely aware of the Romanow report only)

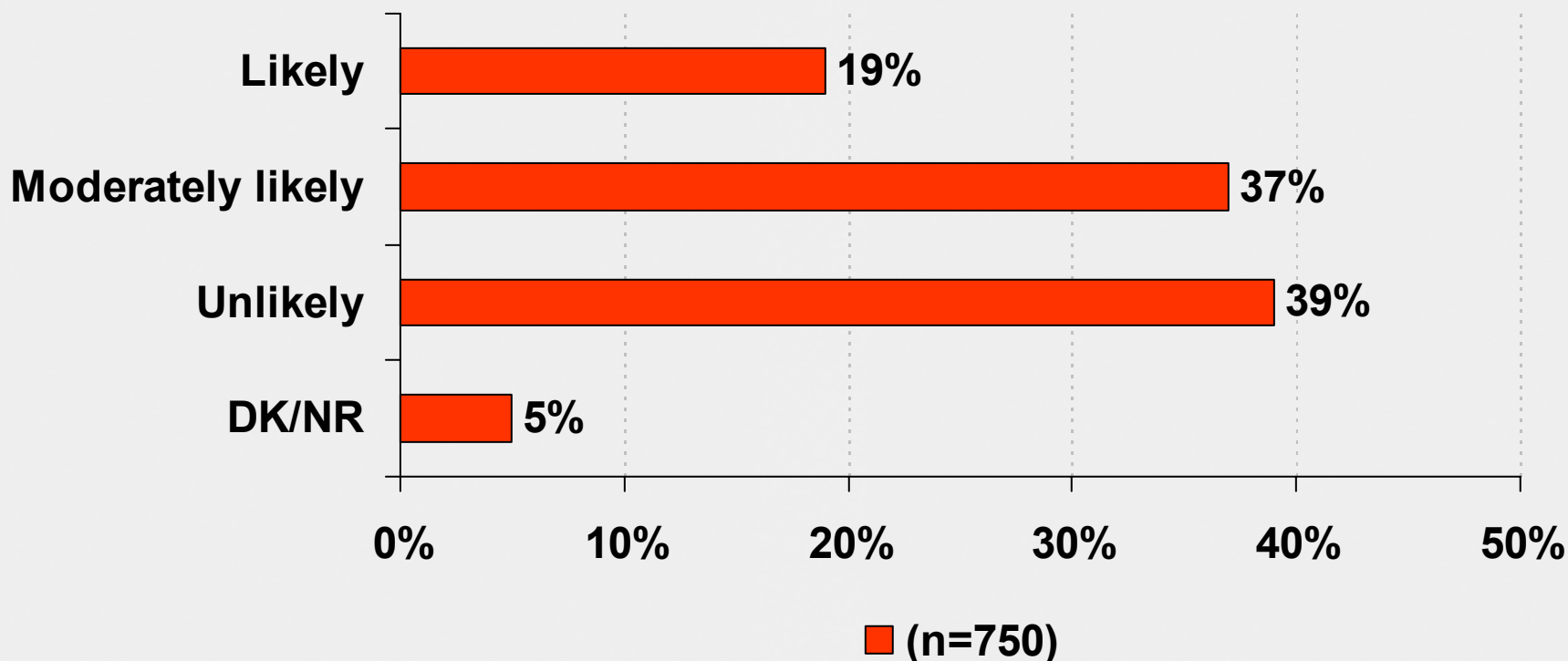


■ (n=759)



Romanow's Recommendations and Government Action

"How likely do you think it is that the federal and provincial governments will act decisively on Romanow's report on the future of health care in Canada?" (Filter: clearly/vaguely aware of the Romanow's report only)





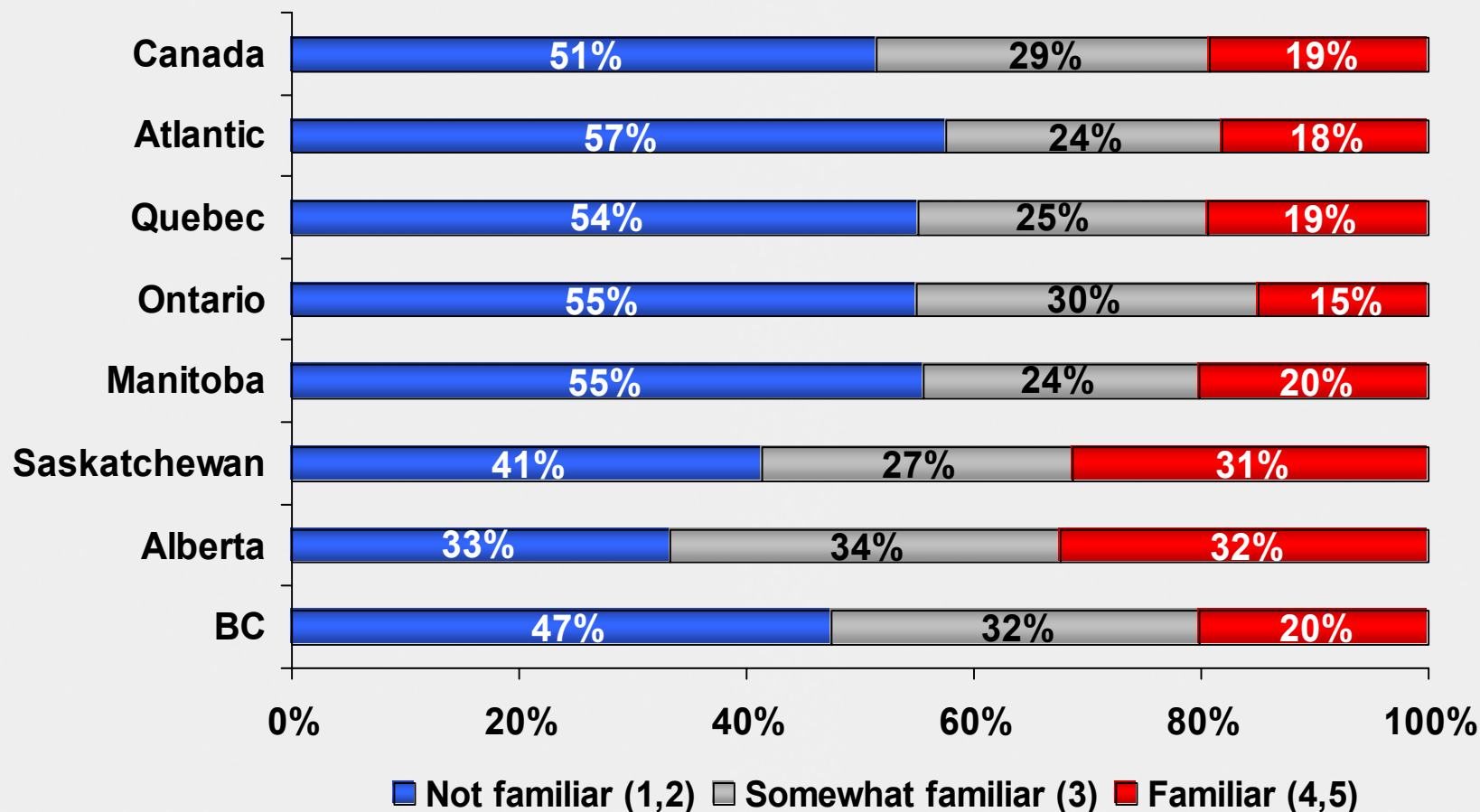
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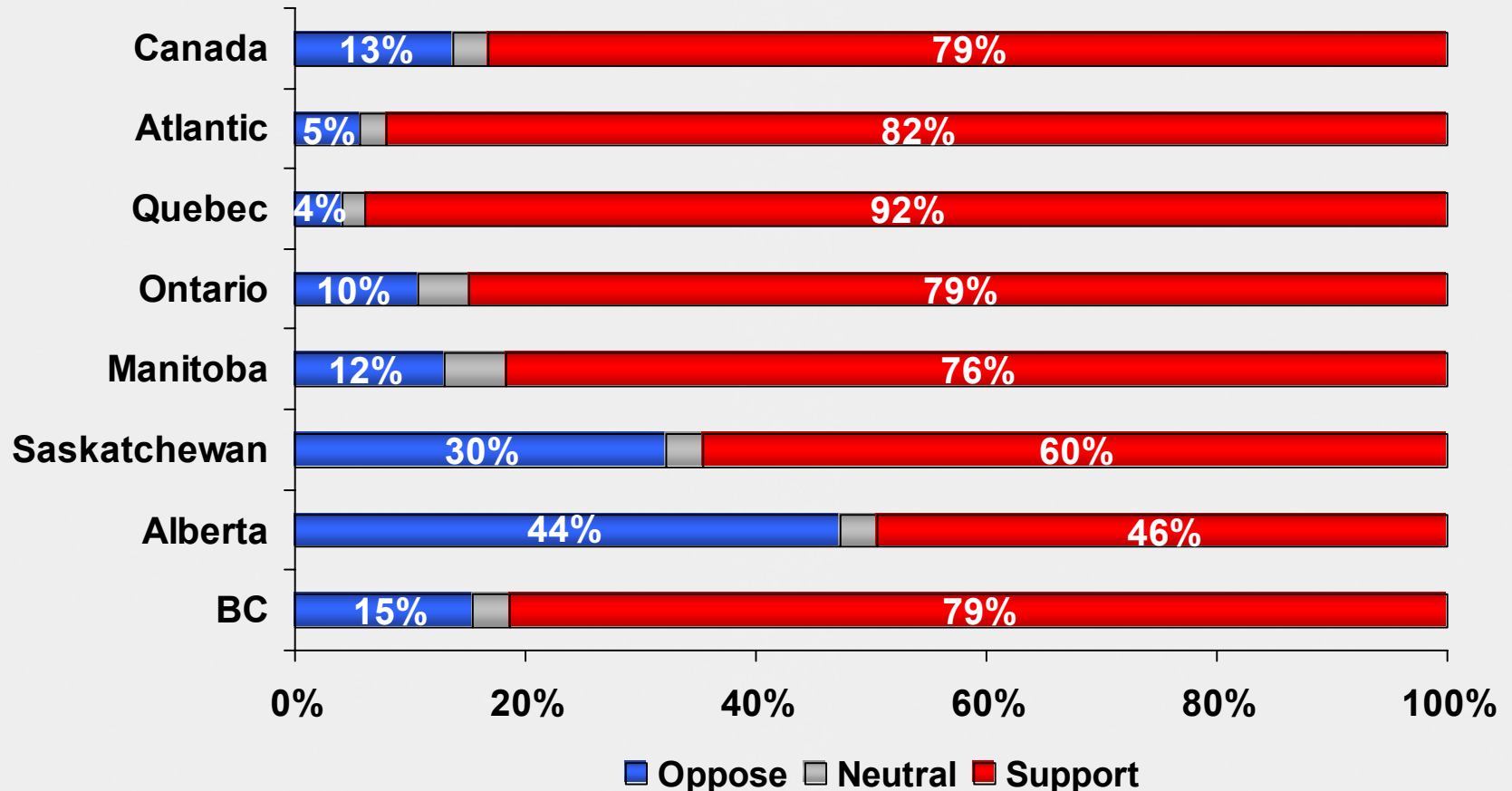
Familiarity with Kyoto Protocol

“How familiar are you with something called ‘The Kyoto Agreement or Protocol’?”



Support for Kyoto Protocol

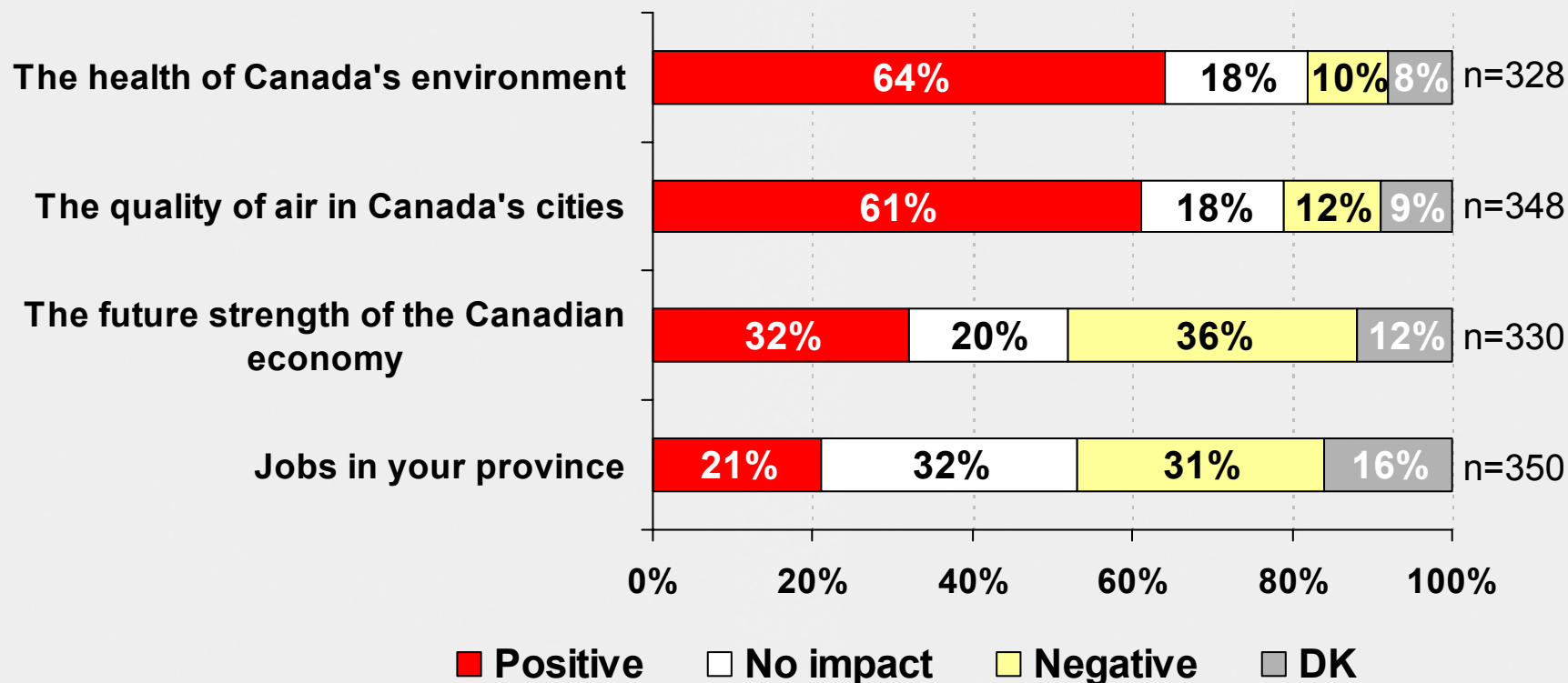
“Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose Canada committing to the Kyoto Agreement?”





Impact of the Kyoto Protocol

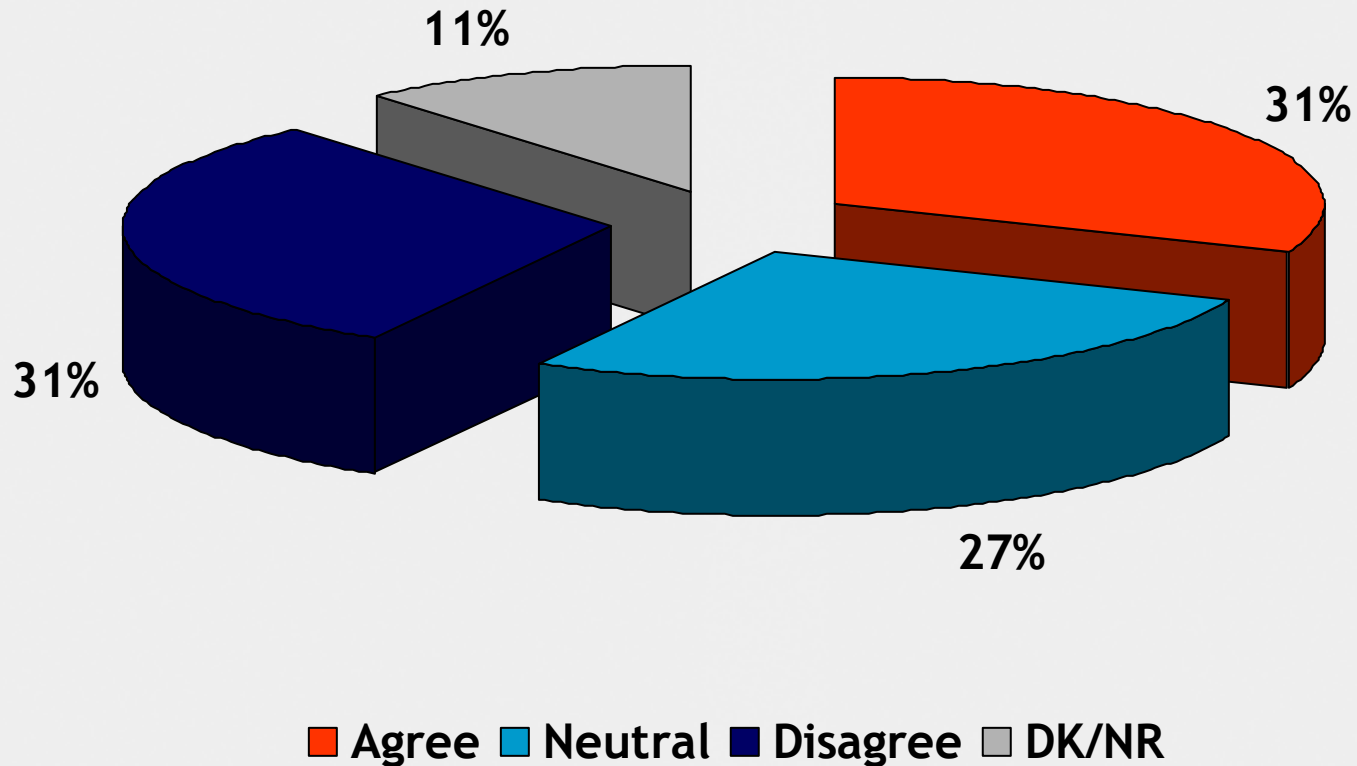
"What impact do you think ratifying the Kyoto Protocol will have in each of the following areas?" (Filter: respondents aware of the Kyoto Protocol only)





Western Alienation and Kyoto

"I'm really worried that if we ratify the Kyoto Protocol, the West will become alienated from the rest of the country."





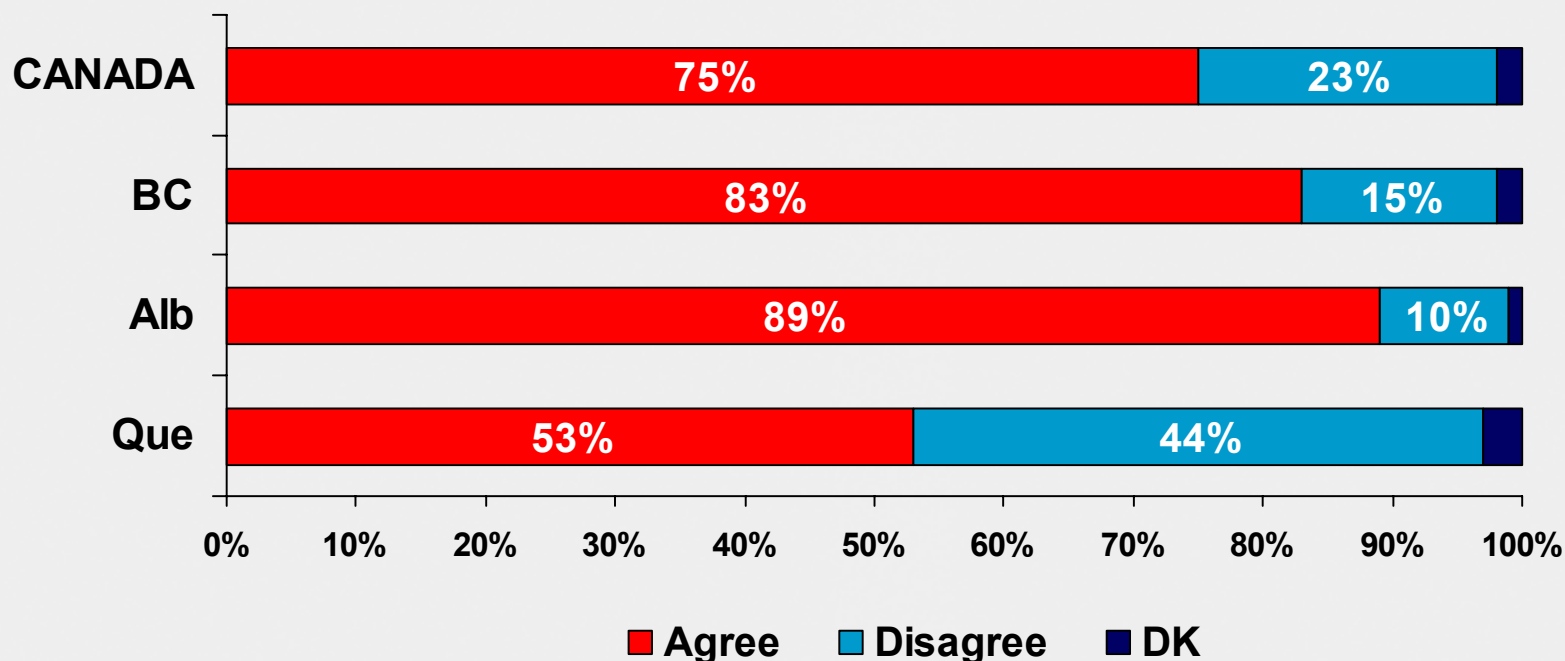
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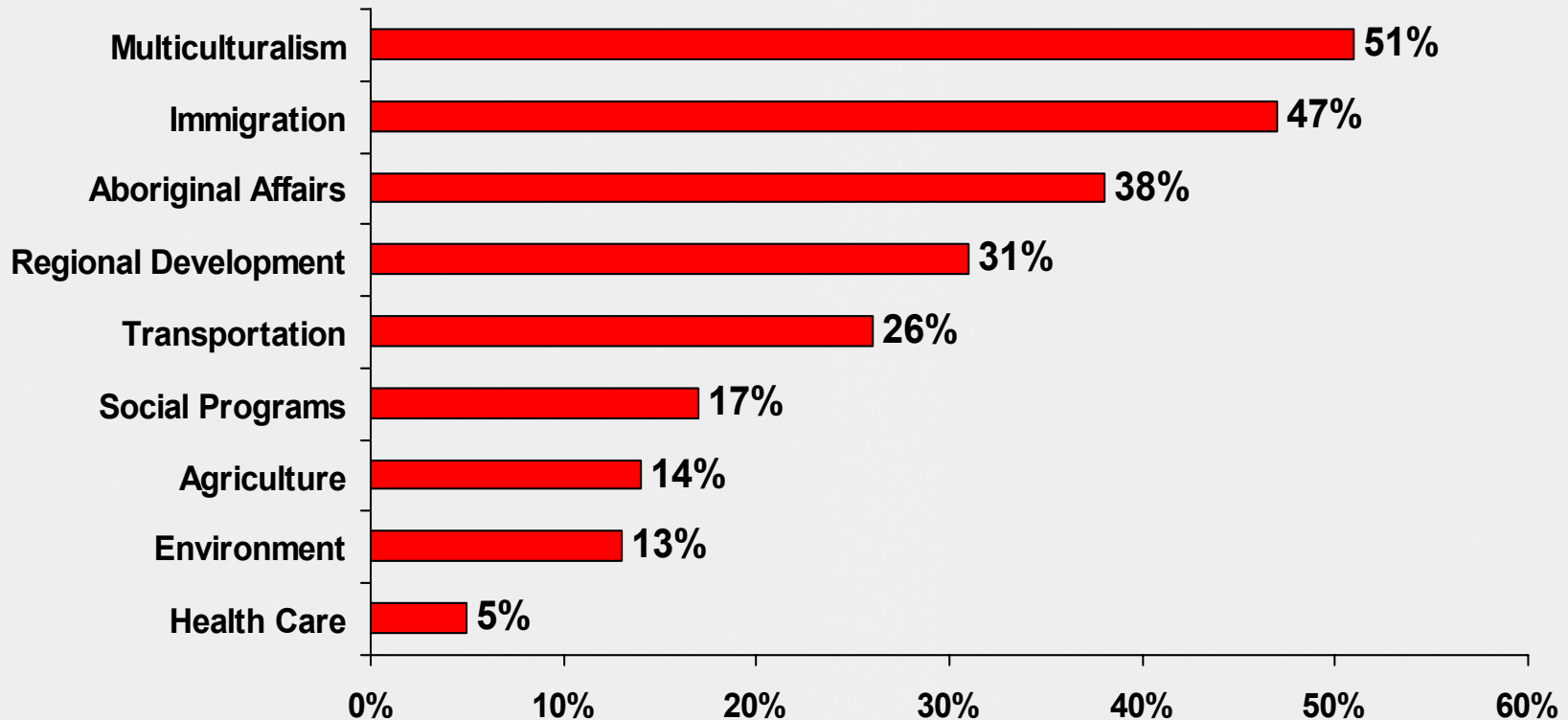
Military Spending

"John McCallum has indicated that the budget of the Canadian military needs to be increased. Do you agree or disagree with this view?"



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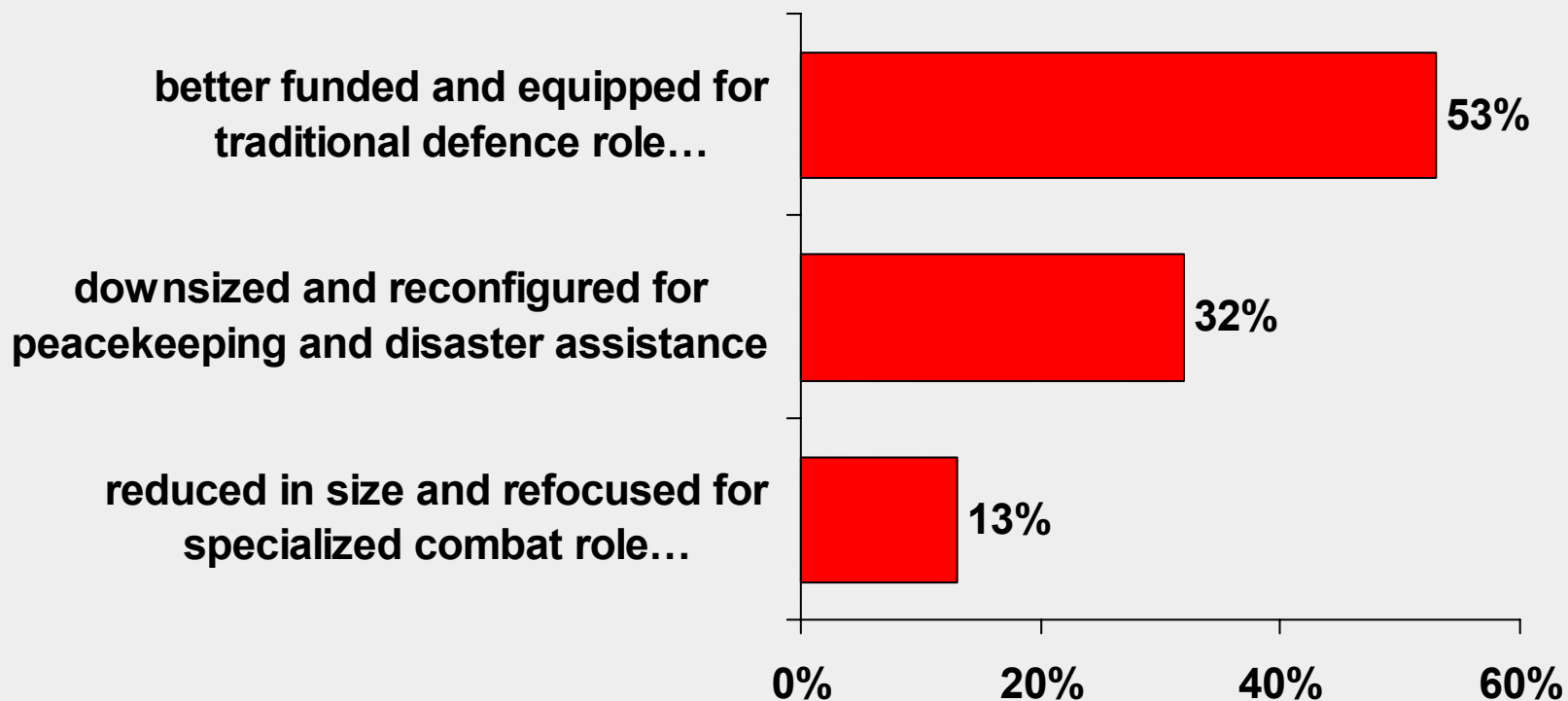
"...[To what extent] do you support taking money from [other] program areas to fund the Canadian military?" [Sample: Those who support increased spending on military]





Military Spending

"The Canadian military should be..."





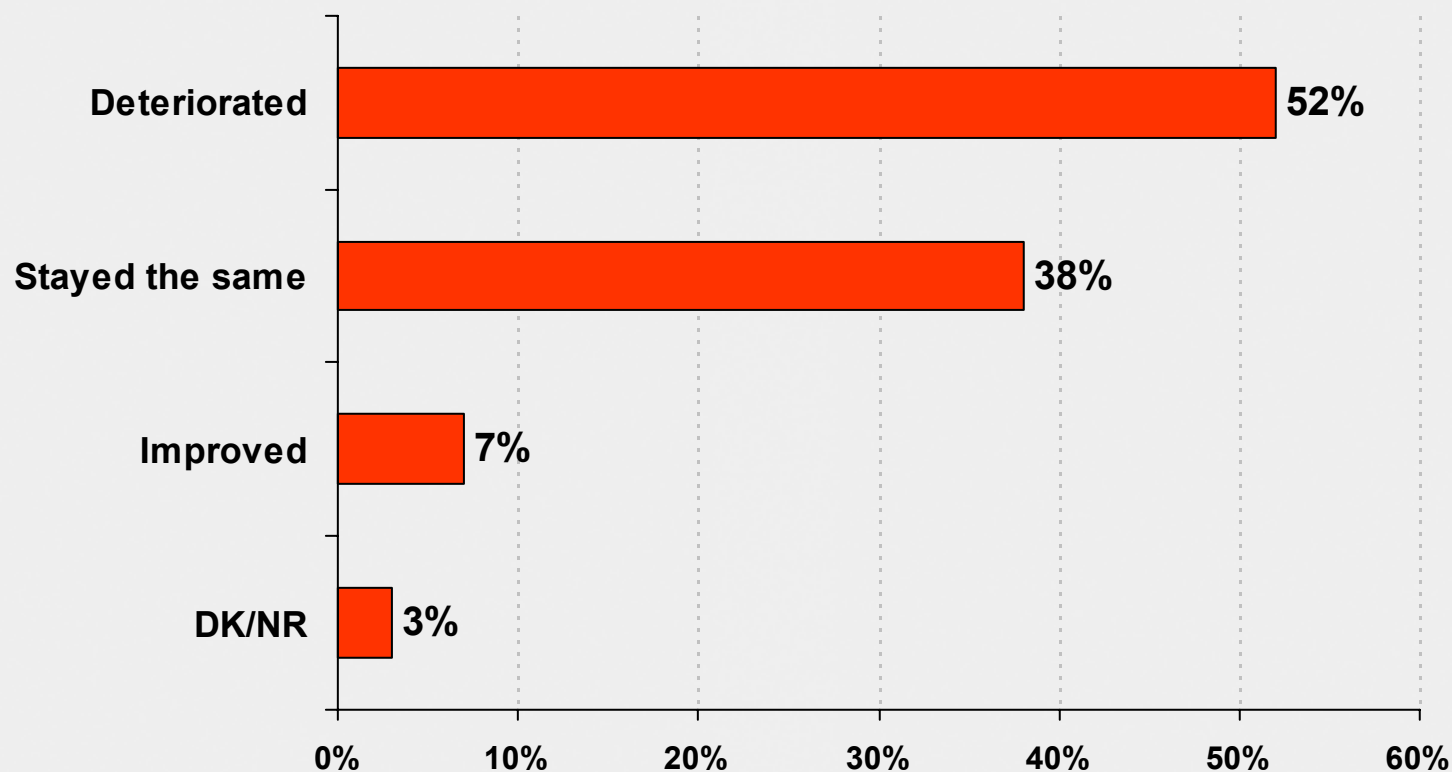
Canada-US Relations





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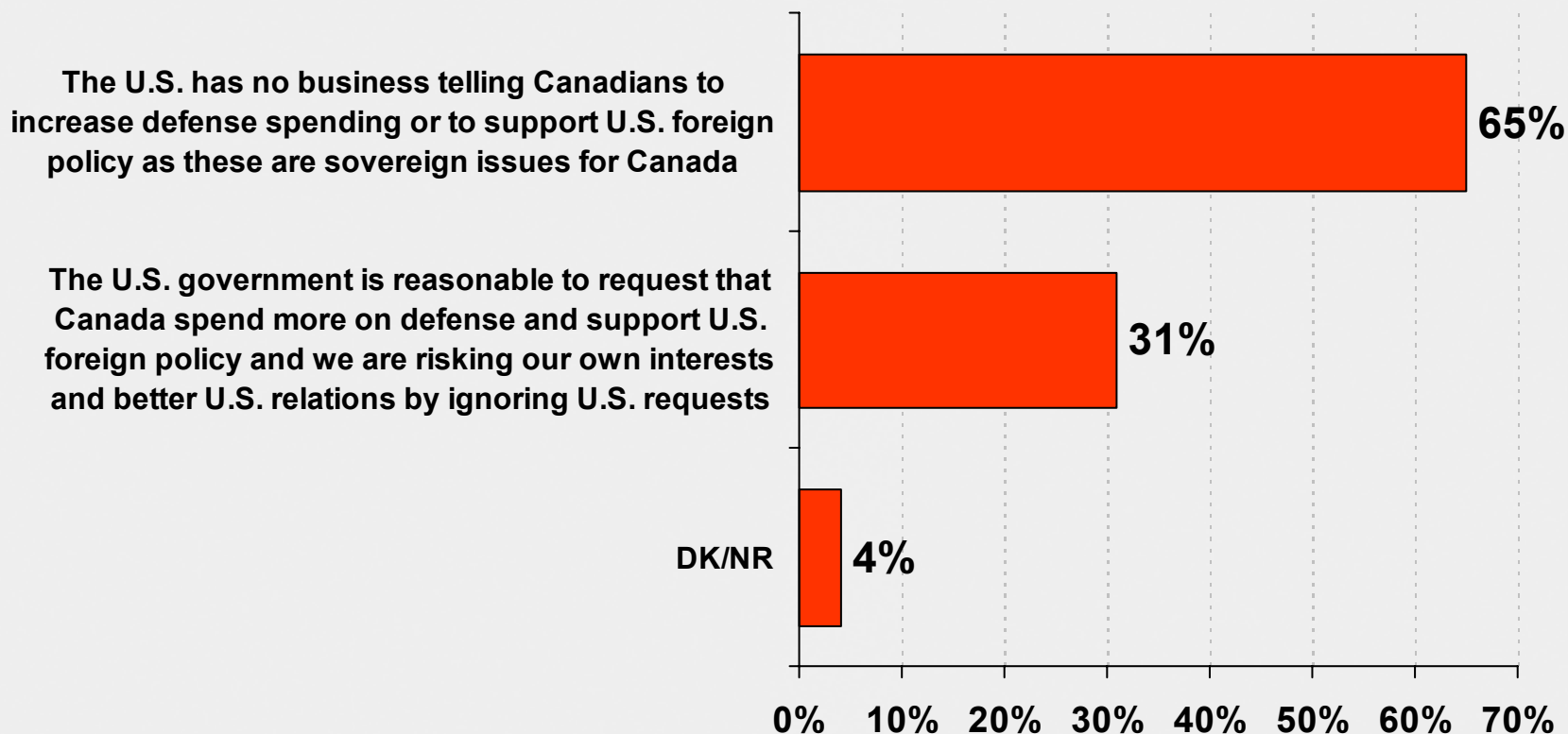
"Over the past year or so, do you think that Canada-U.S. relations have deteriorated, stayed the same or improved?"





Defense Spending and US Foreign Policy

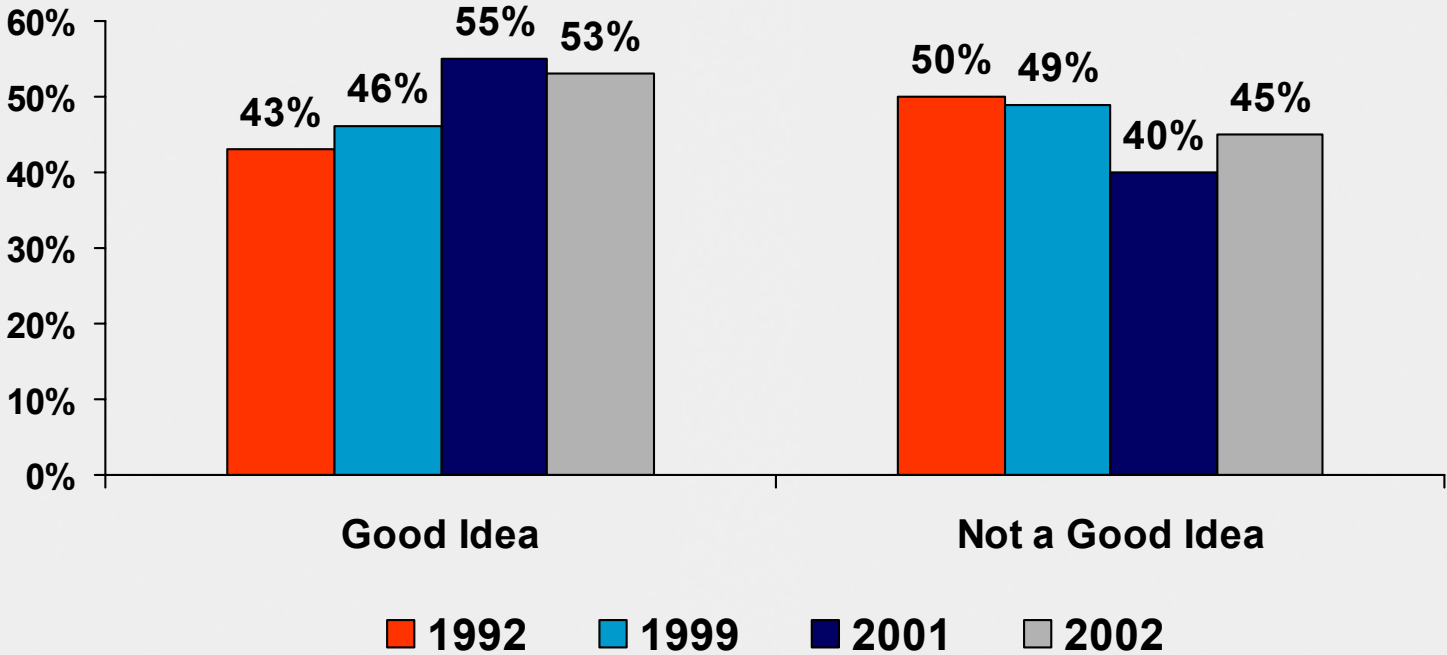
"Thinking specifically about defense and foreign policy, which of the following two options comes closest to your point of view?"





Common Currency

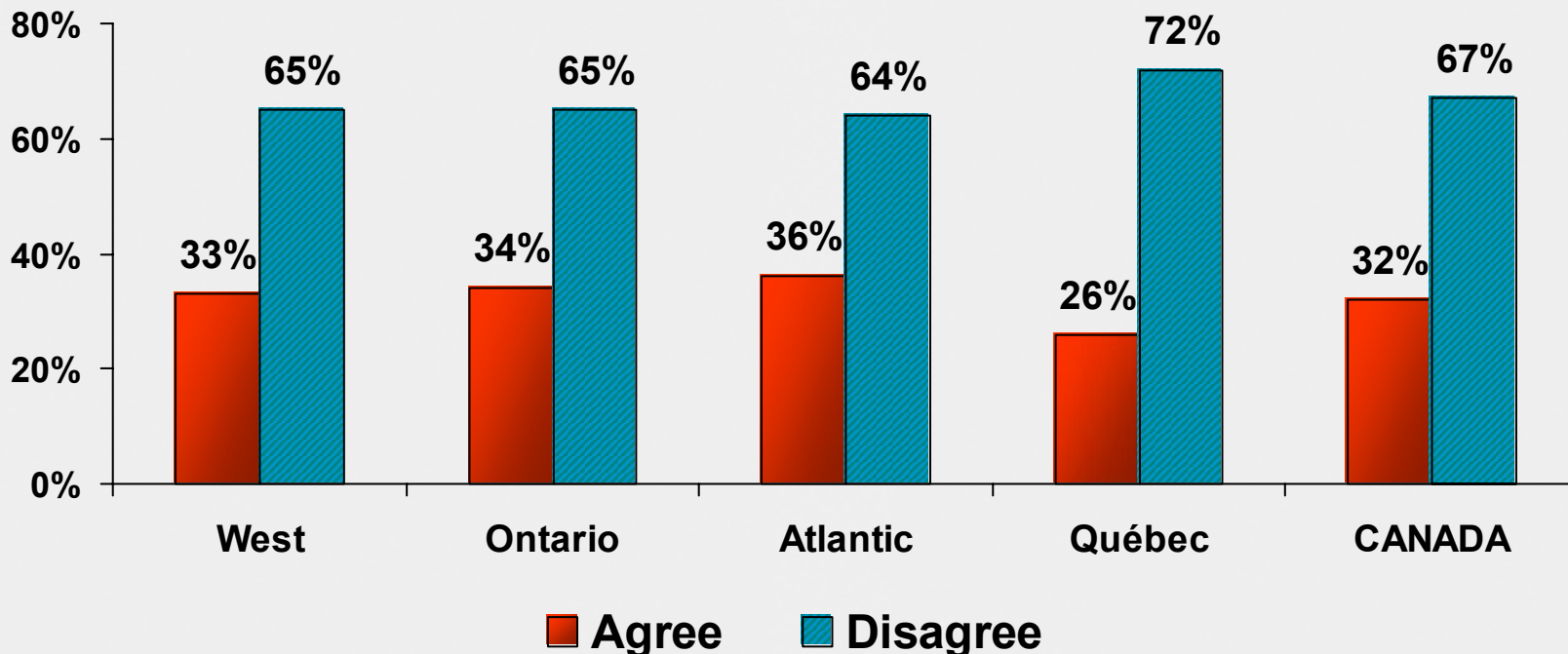
"Do you think it would be a very good, somewhat good, not very good, or not at all a good idea for **Canada and the United States to have a common currency - that is the same dollar?"**





Canada/US: Common Values?

"Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: Canadians and Americans basically have the same values."



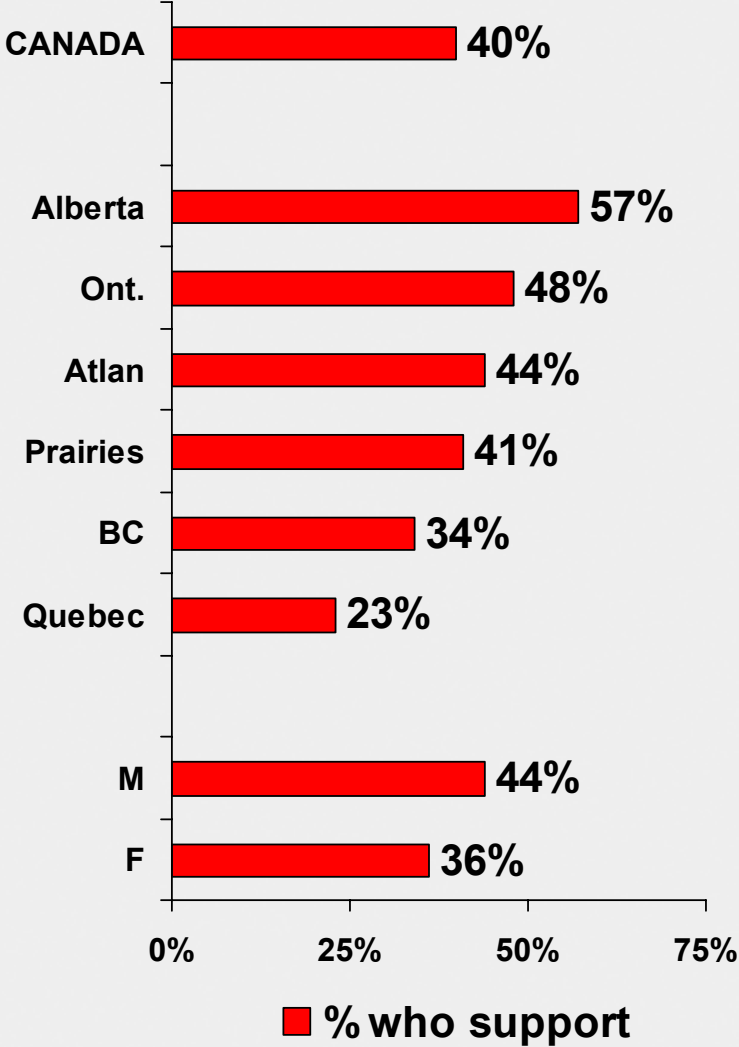
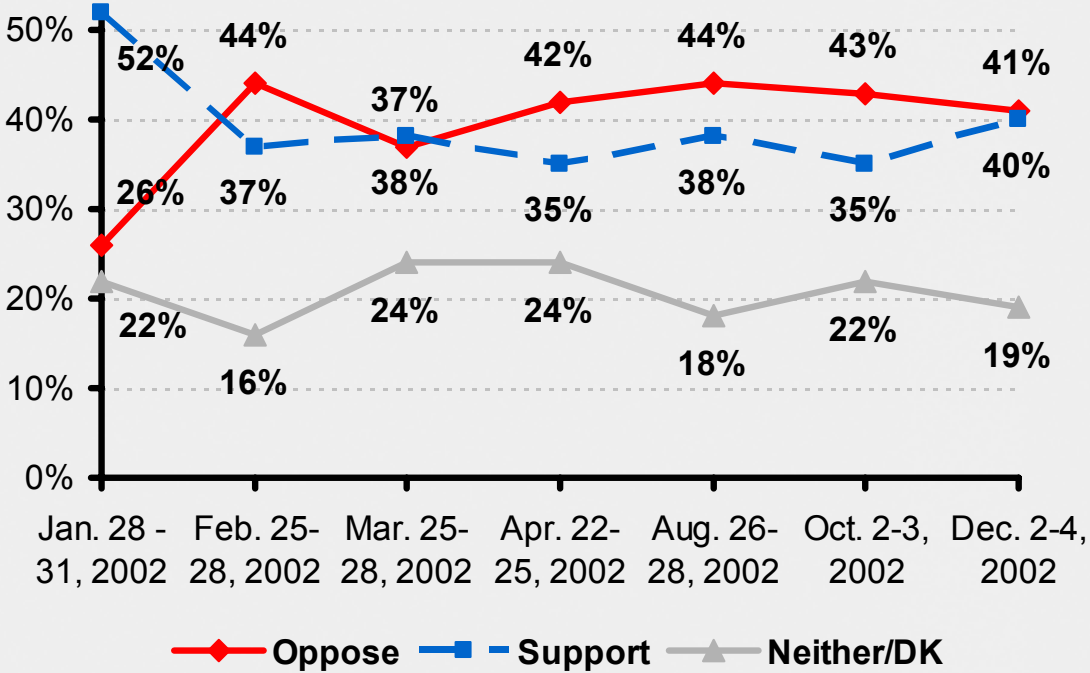


Iraq



Canadian Participation in Iraq

"Do you support or oppose Canadian participation if the US and its allies decide to attack IRAQ?"



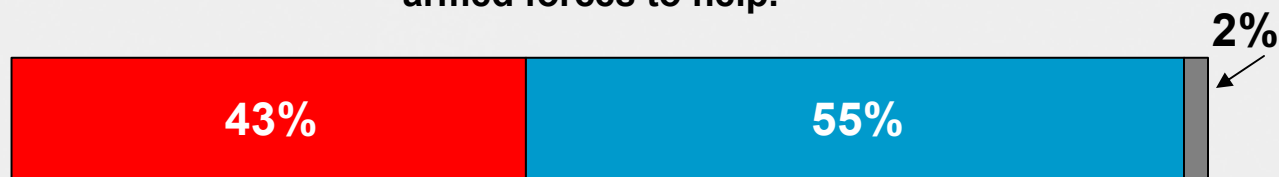
Source: Ekos/CBC/Toronto Star/La Presse Poll (December 5, 2002, n=1205)



Canadian Participation in Iraq

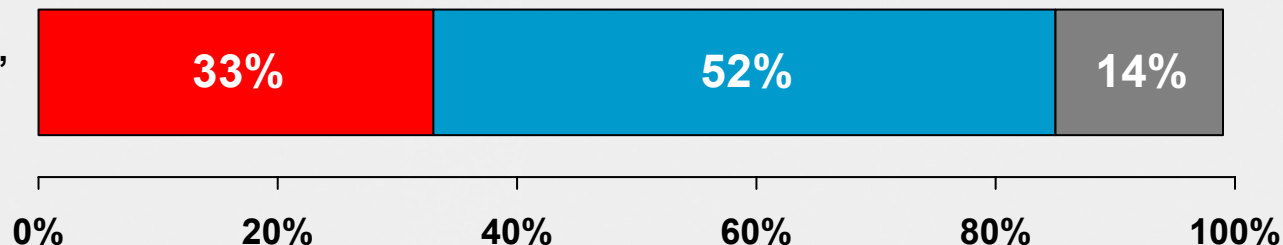
“... If the U.S. takes military action towards Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein, we should support them by sending our own armed forces to help.”

Ipsos Reid (September 2002)



“... If the U.S. were to launch a war against Iraq, do you agree or disagree with Canada actively participating in this war along with the the U.S.?”

Léger (October 15-20, 2002)

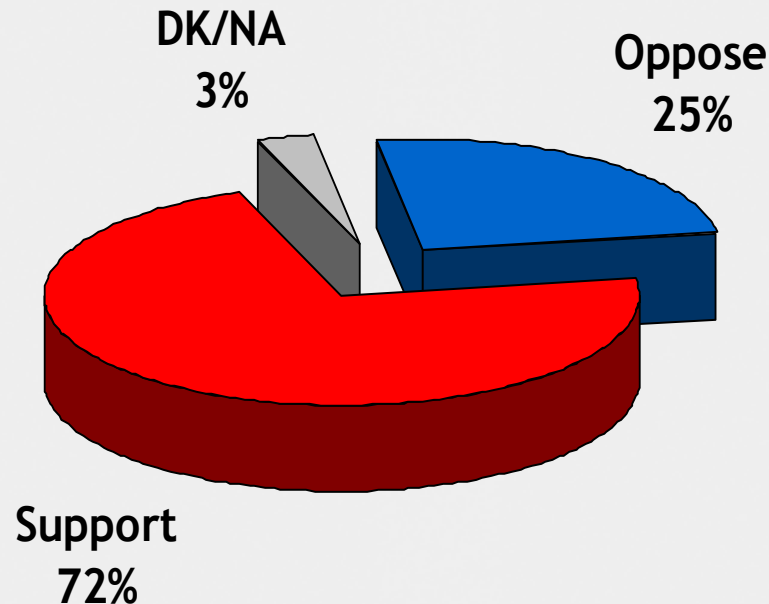


■ Favour ■ Oppose ■ DK/NR



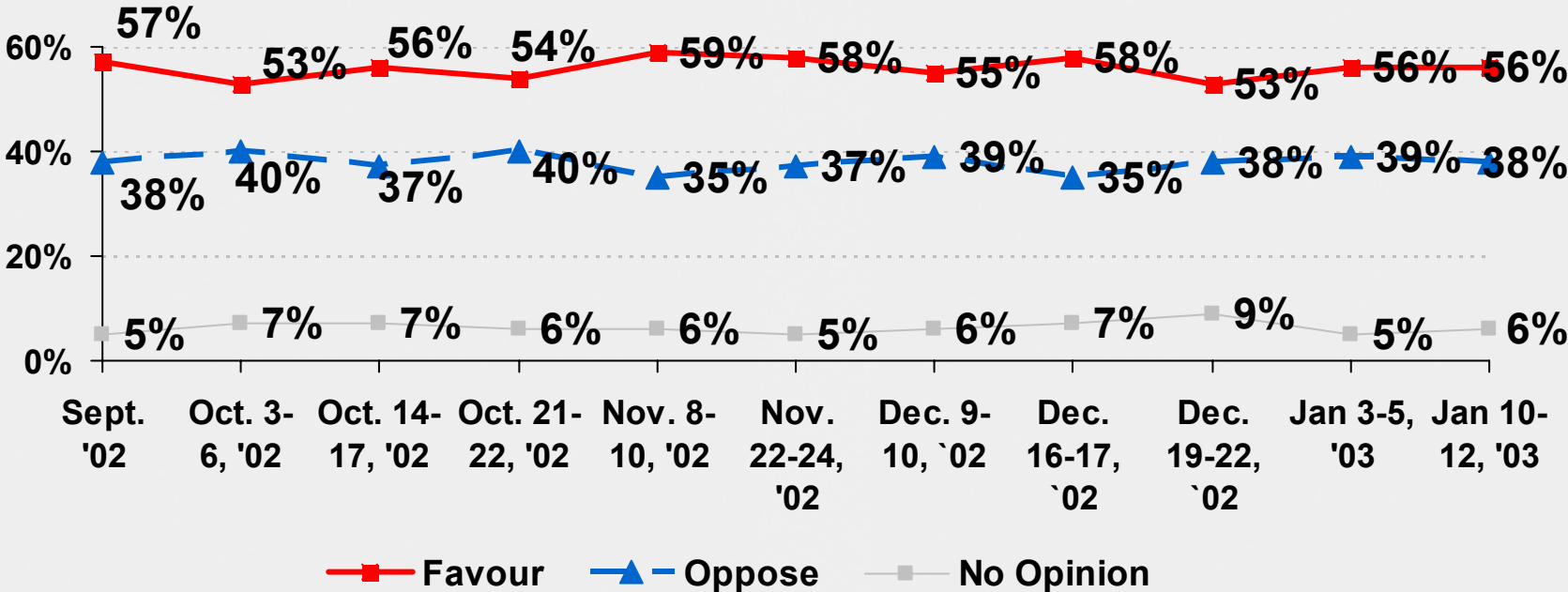
Canadian Participation in a UN-Sanctioned Military Intervention in Iraq

"Would you approve or disapprove of Canada's participation in a UN-sanctioned military intervention in Iraq?"



Views of Americans on Iraq

"Would you favour or oppose invading Iraq with U.S. ground troops in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?"

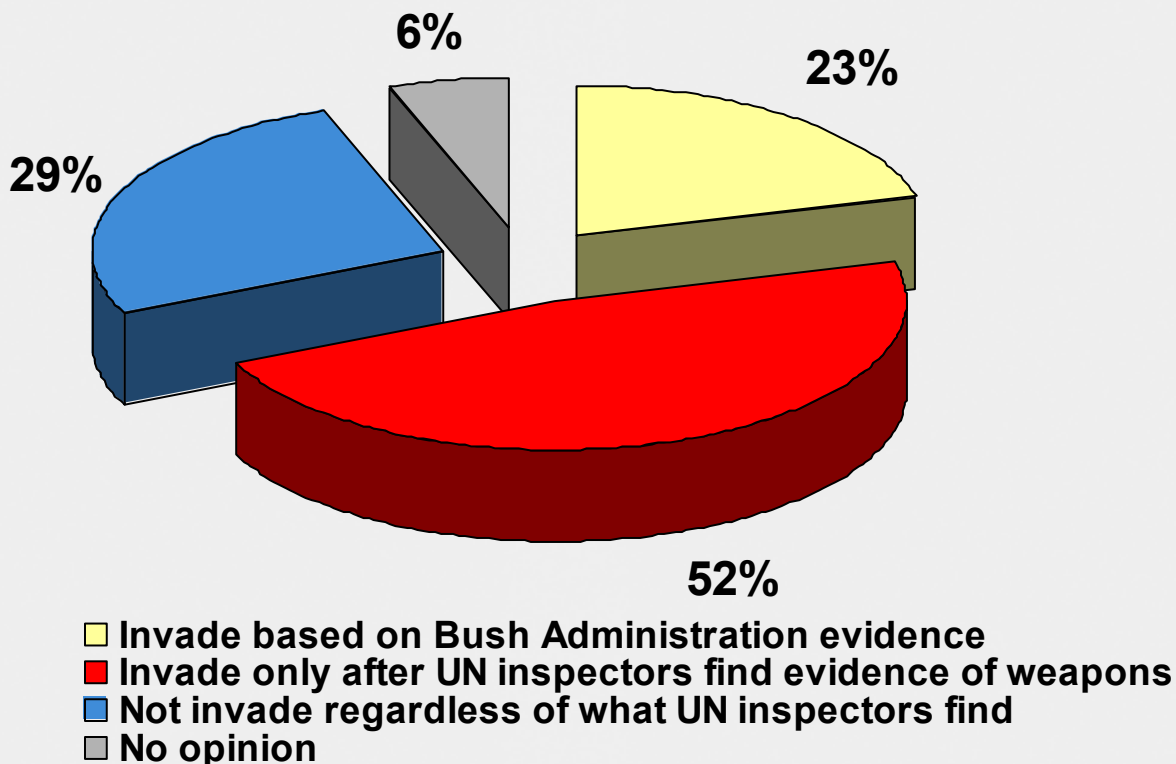


Source: CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll (Jan 10-12, 2003, n = 1002, MoE = +/-3)



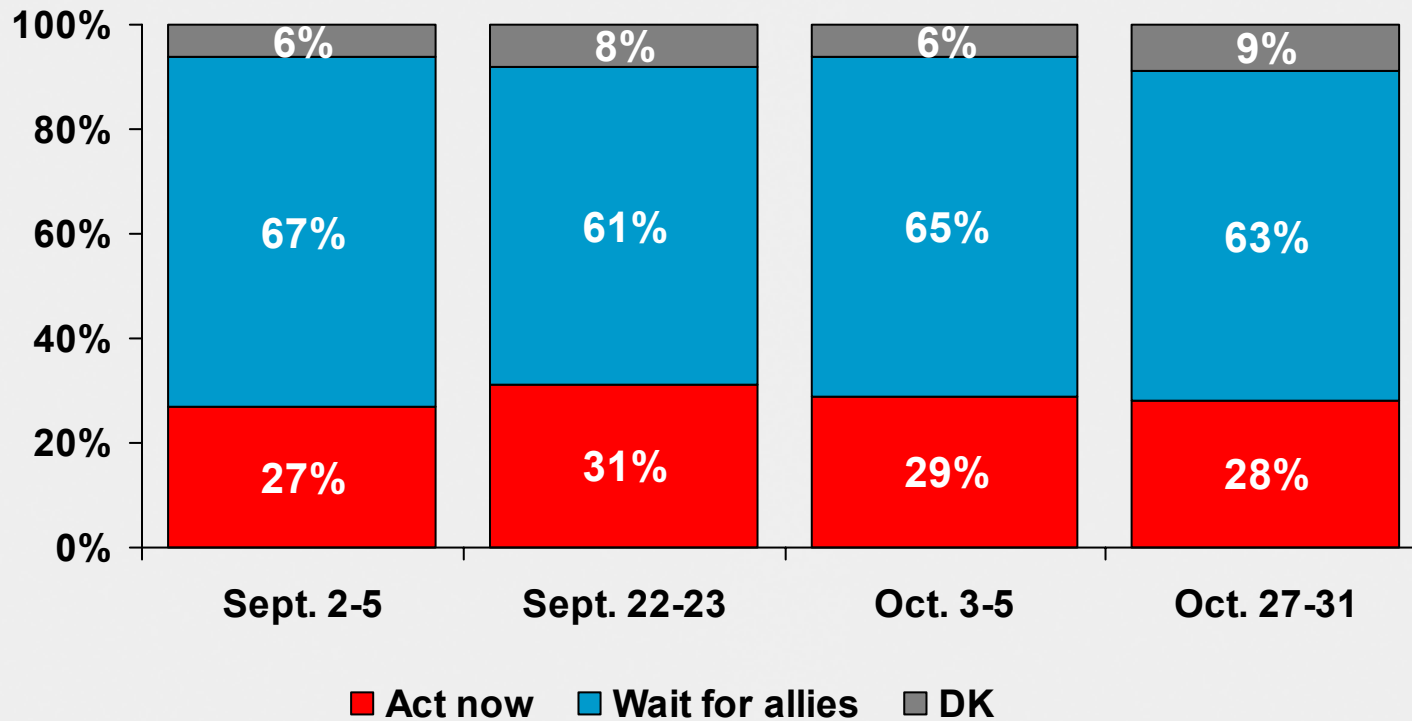
Views of Americans on Iraq

“As you may know, the Bush Administration says it has evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction or programs to develop them. On January 27th, UN weapons inspectors will report their findings so far to the UN. If the inspectors have not found any evidence, what should the U.S. do?”



Views of Americans on Iraq

"Which statement do you agree with more? Iraq presents such a danger that we need to act now, even without the support of our allies. Or the U.S. needs to wait for its allies before taking any action against Iraq."



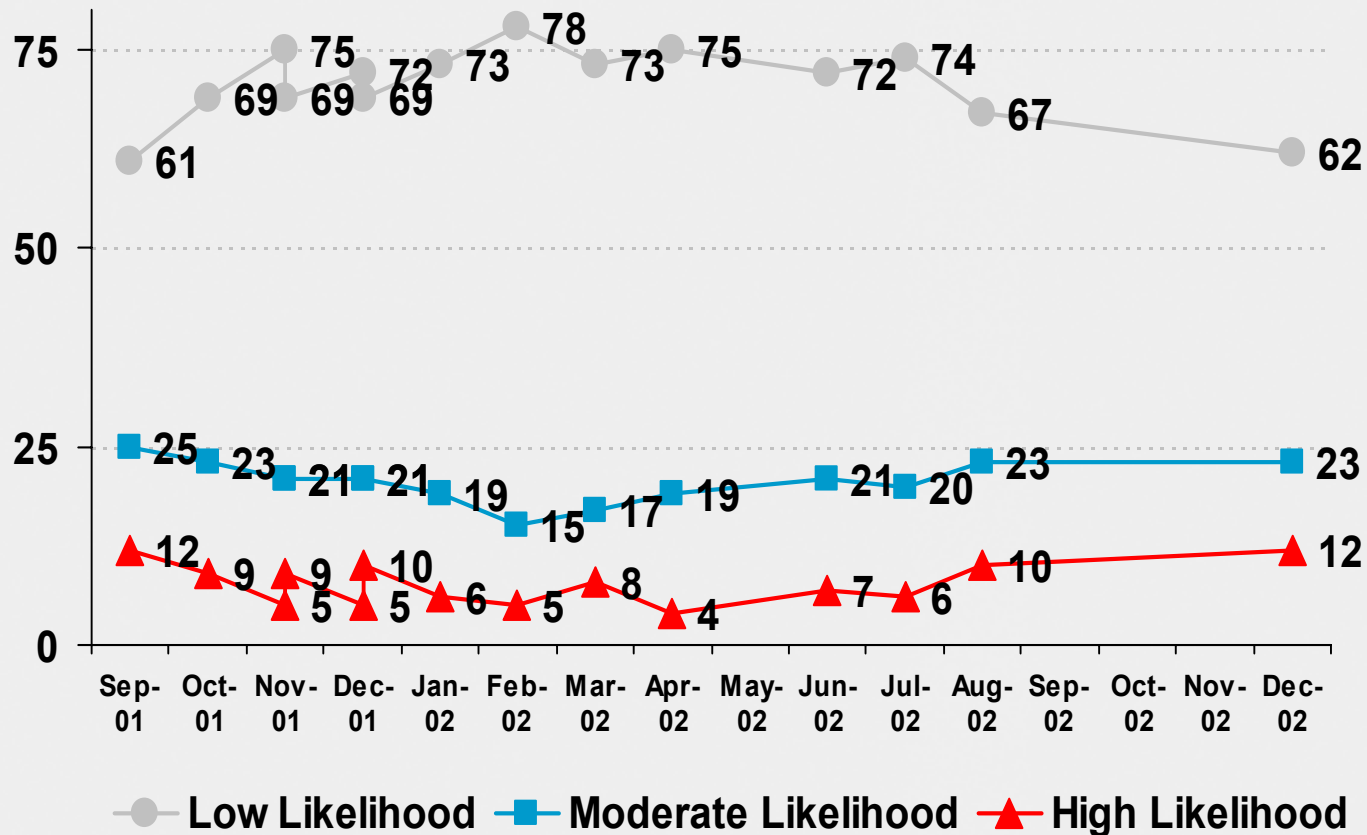


Security and Terrorism

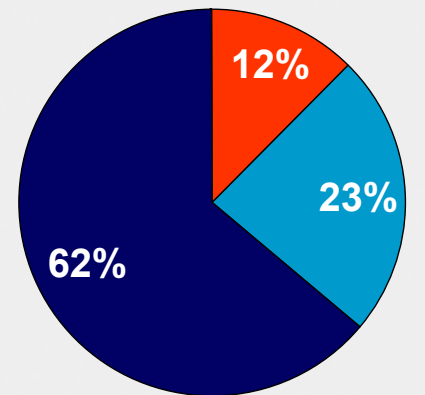


Likelihood of a Terrorist Attack

"How likely do you think it is that you and your family will suffer from a terrorist attack in the next two years?"



December 2 to 4



■ High Likelihood
 ■ Moderate Likelihood
 ■ Low Likelihood



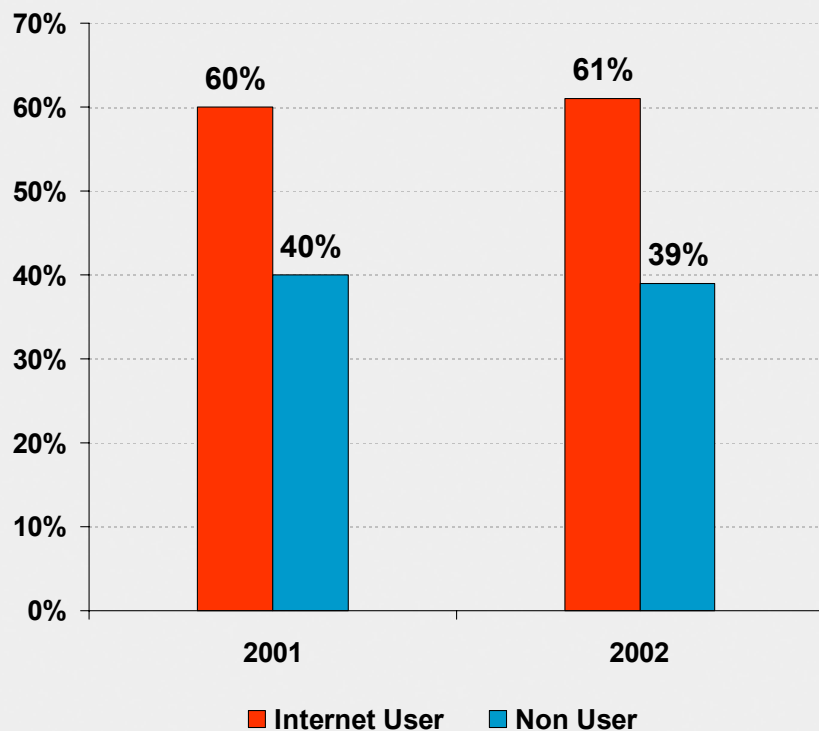
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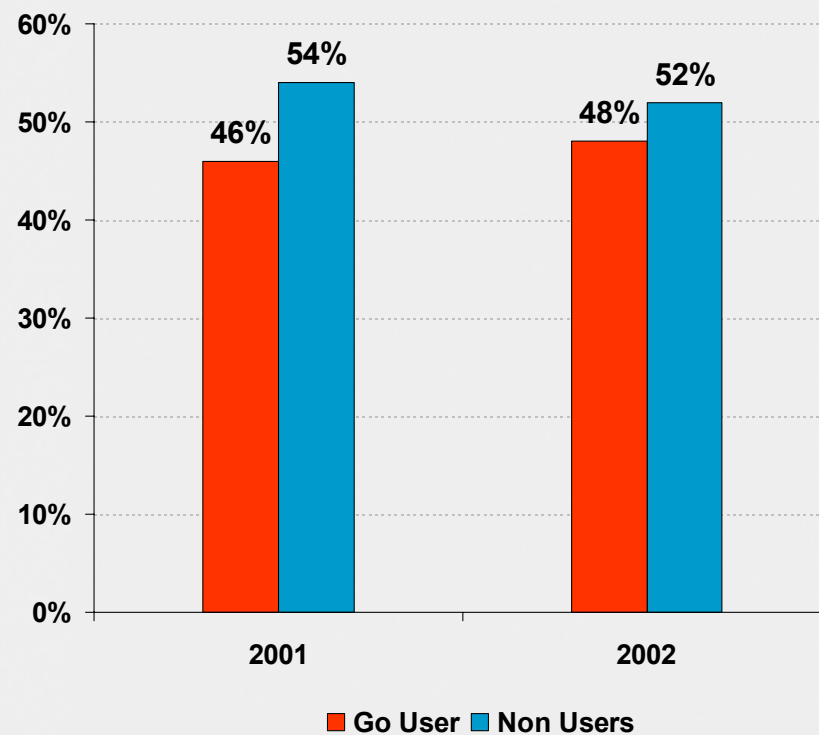


GO Usage

Percentage of Population That Are INTERNET USERS
(Last Month)



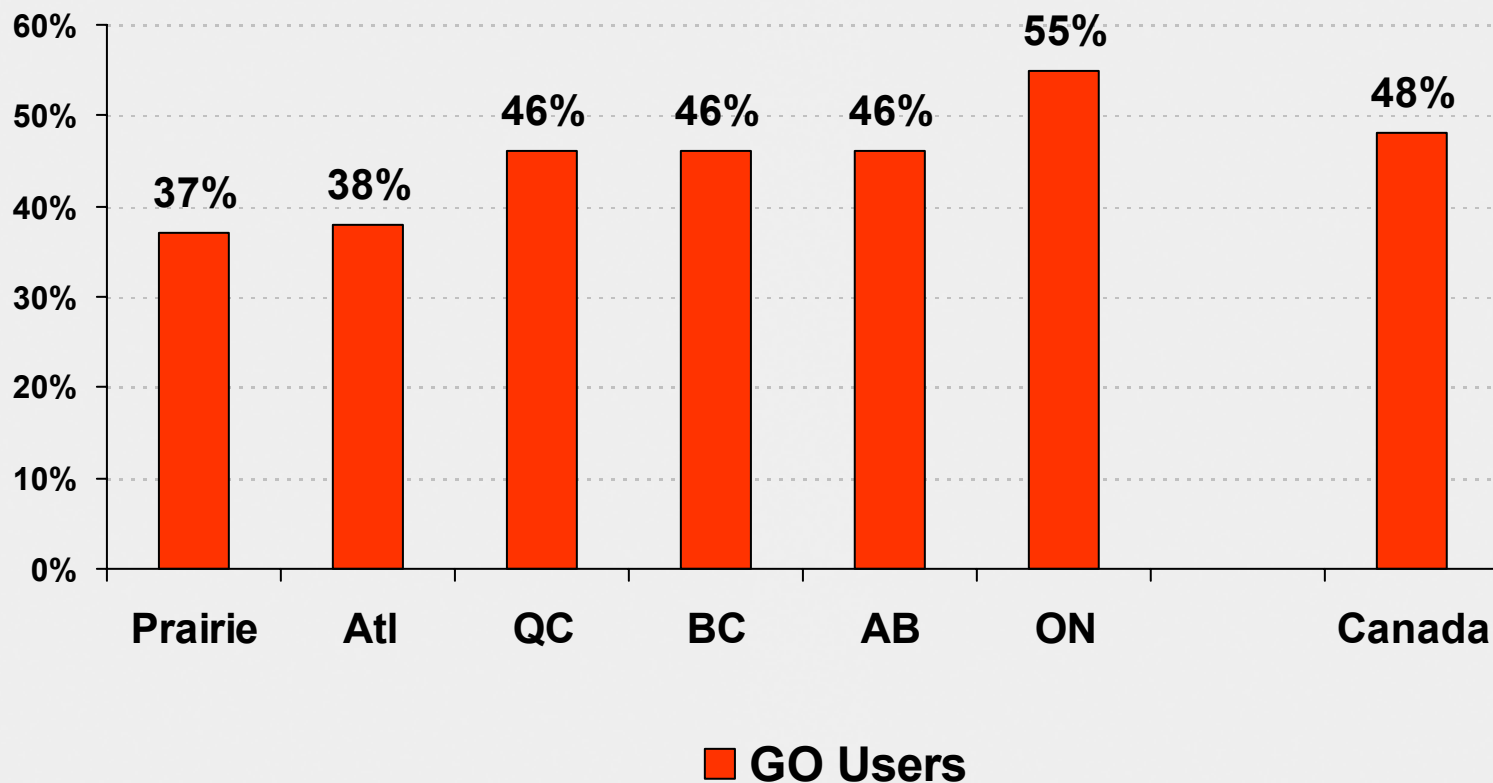
Percentage of Population That Are GOVERNMENT
ONLINE USERS
(Last Twelve Months)





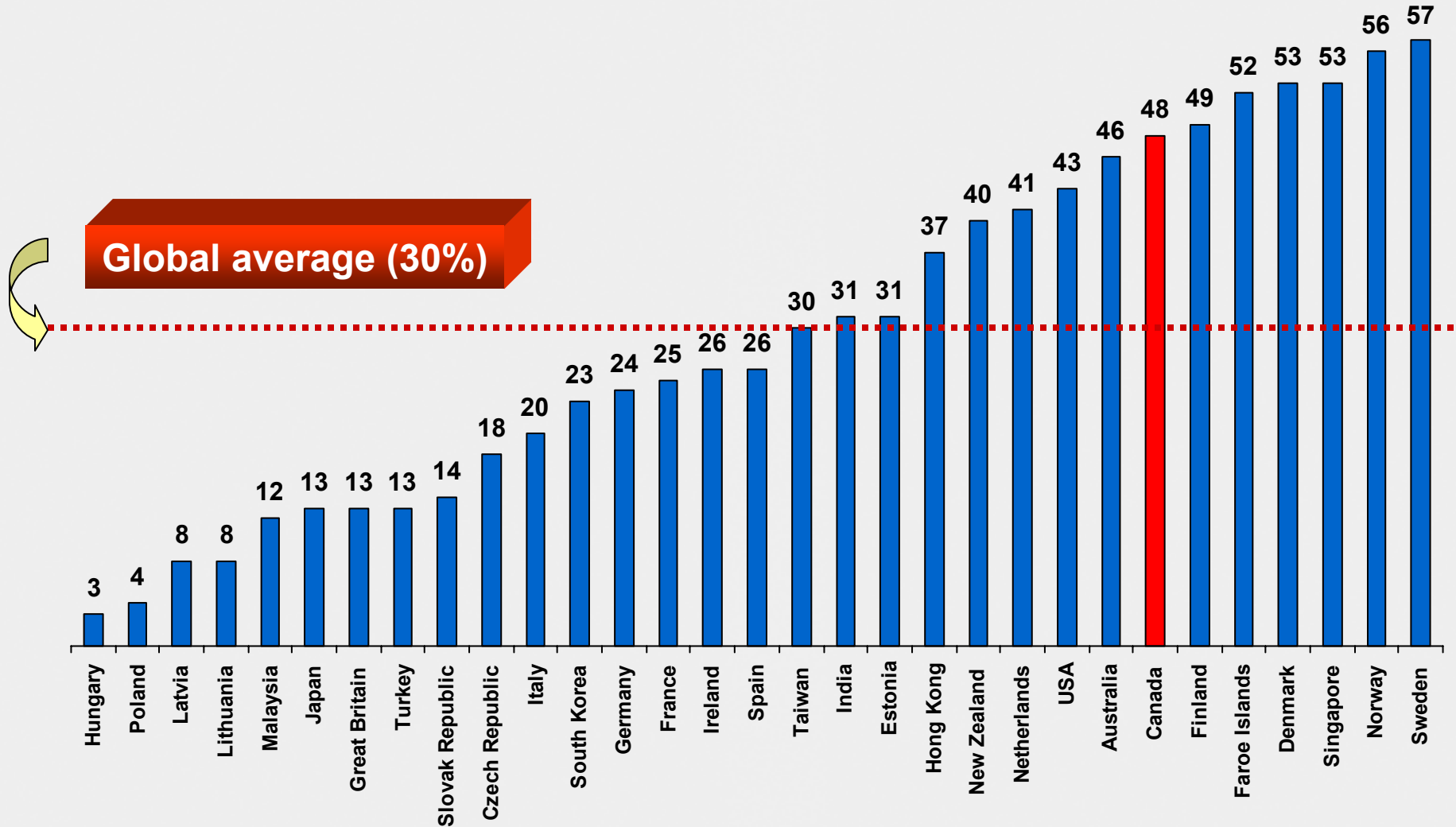
GO Usage

"More than half of Ontarians (55%) have Internet to access Government Online services. In Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta the proportion reaches 46%, while the Atlantic provinces (38%) and the Prairies (37%) have lower penetration."





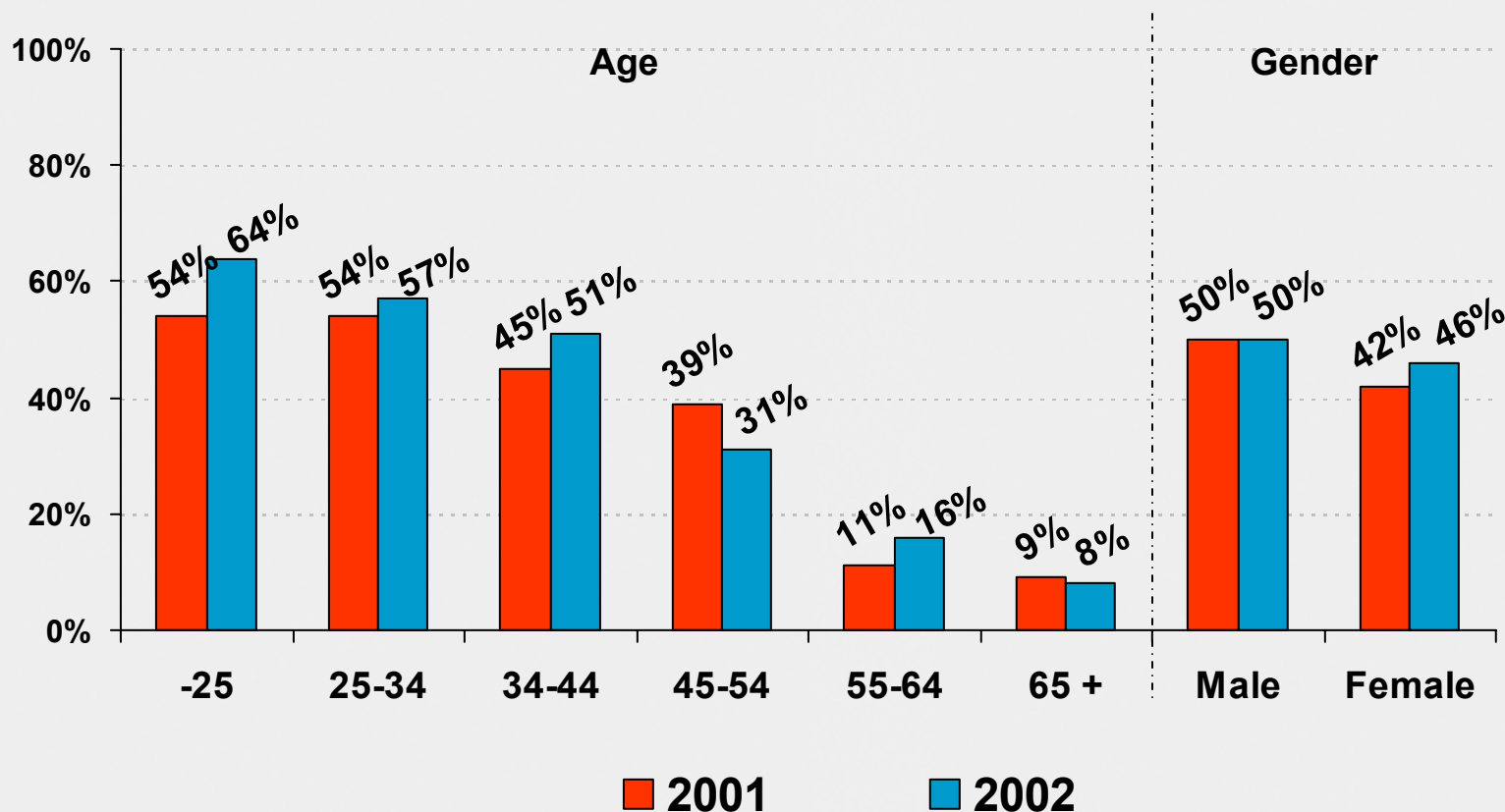
Canada on the International Level





Profile of GO Users

"Percentage of population who used government online services in the past 12 months"



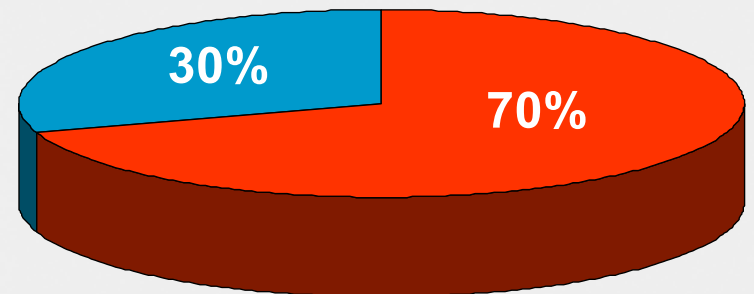
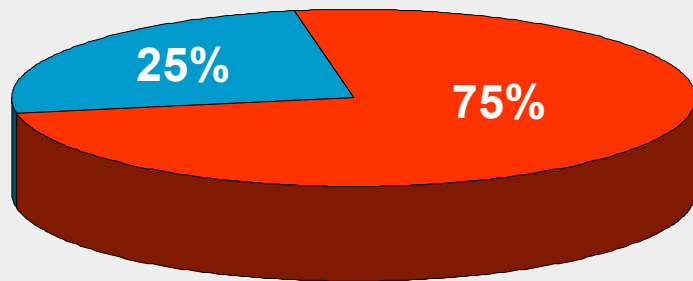


Use of GO Services

Use of Government Online services among Internet users

2001

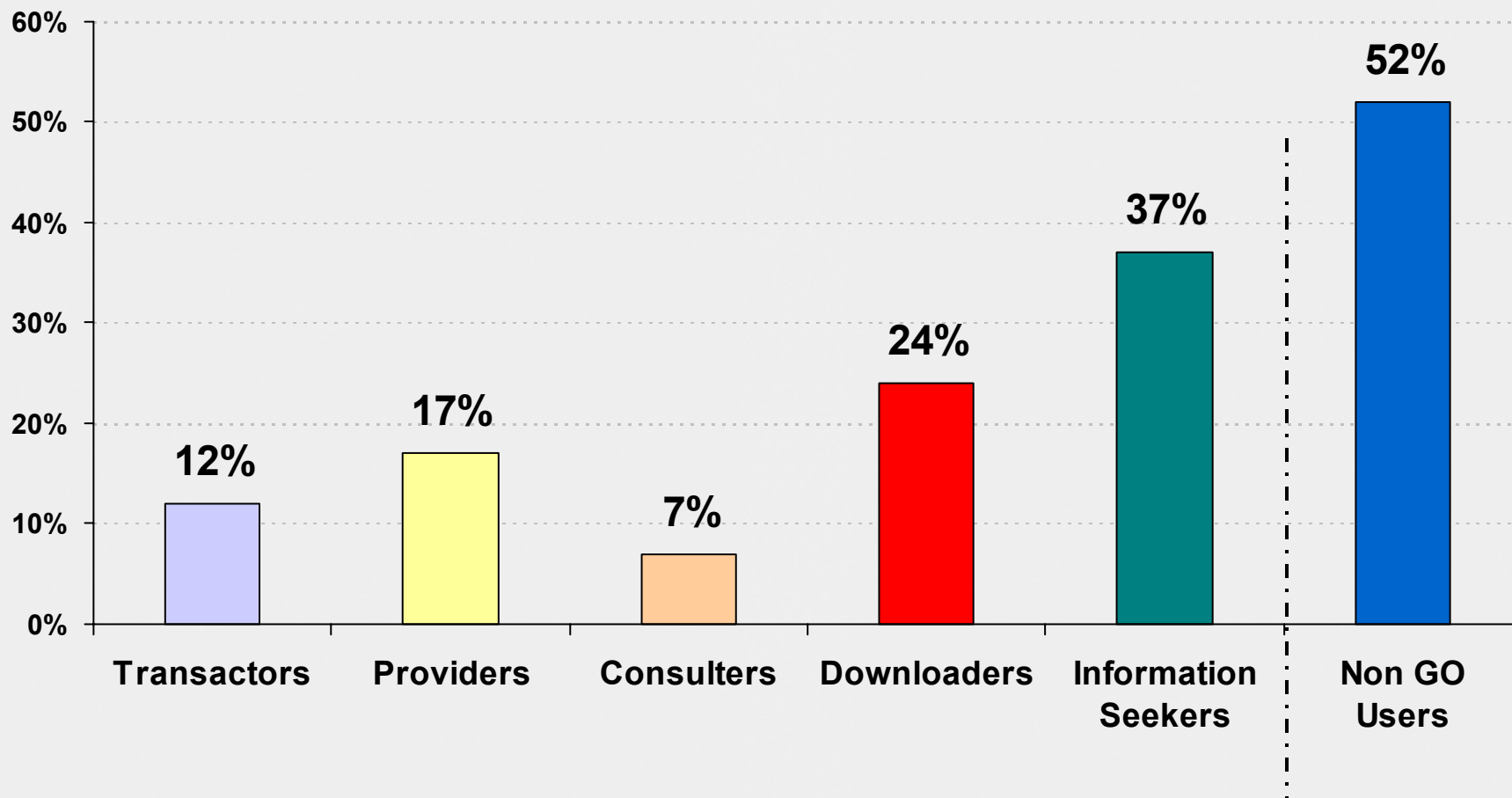
2002



■ Using GO
■ Not using GO



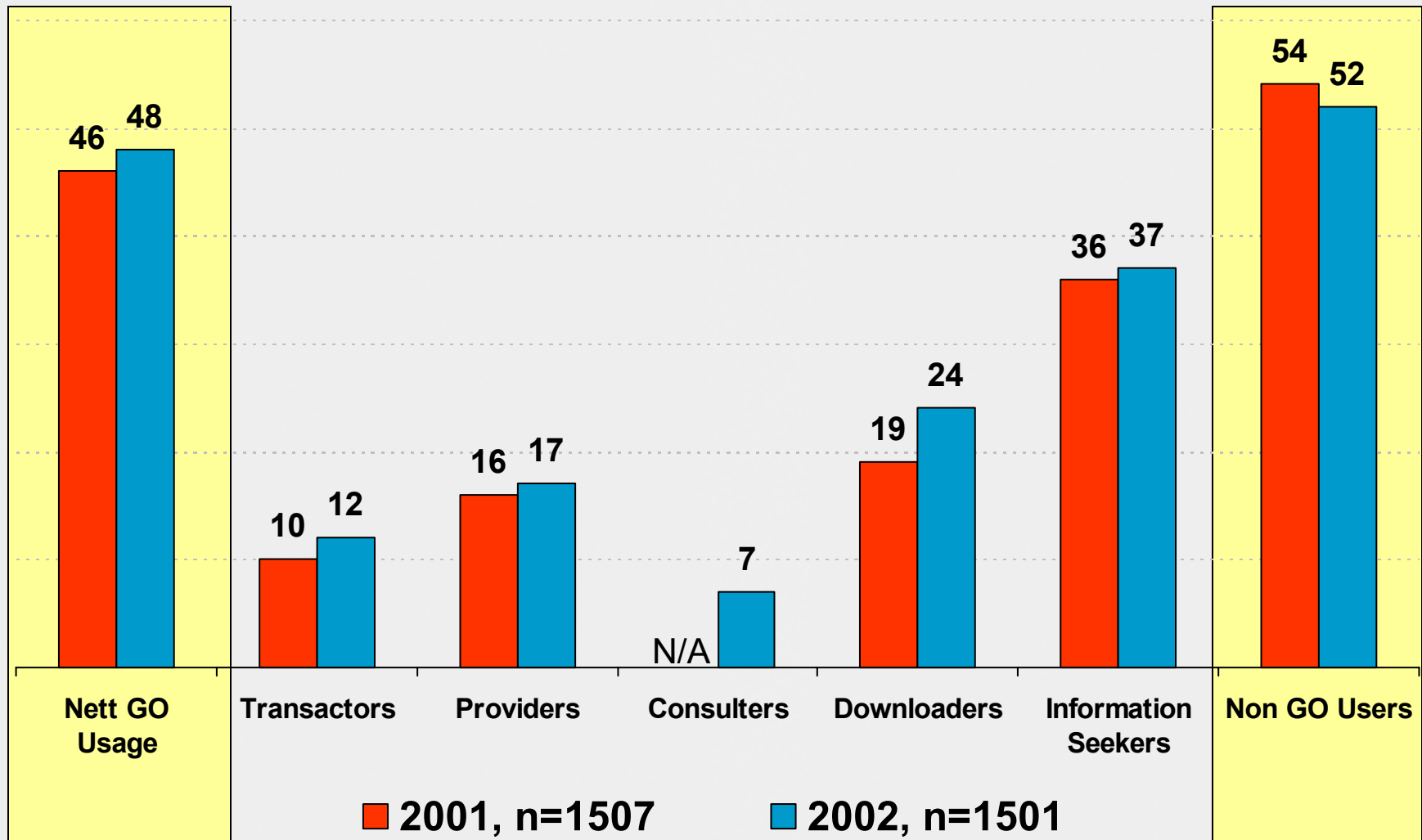
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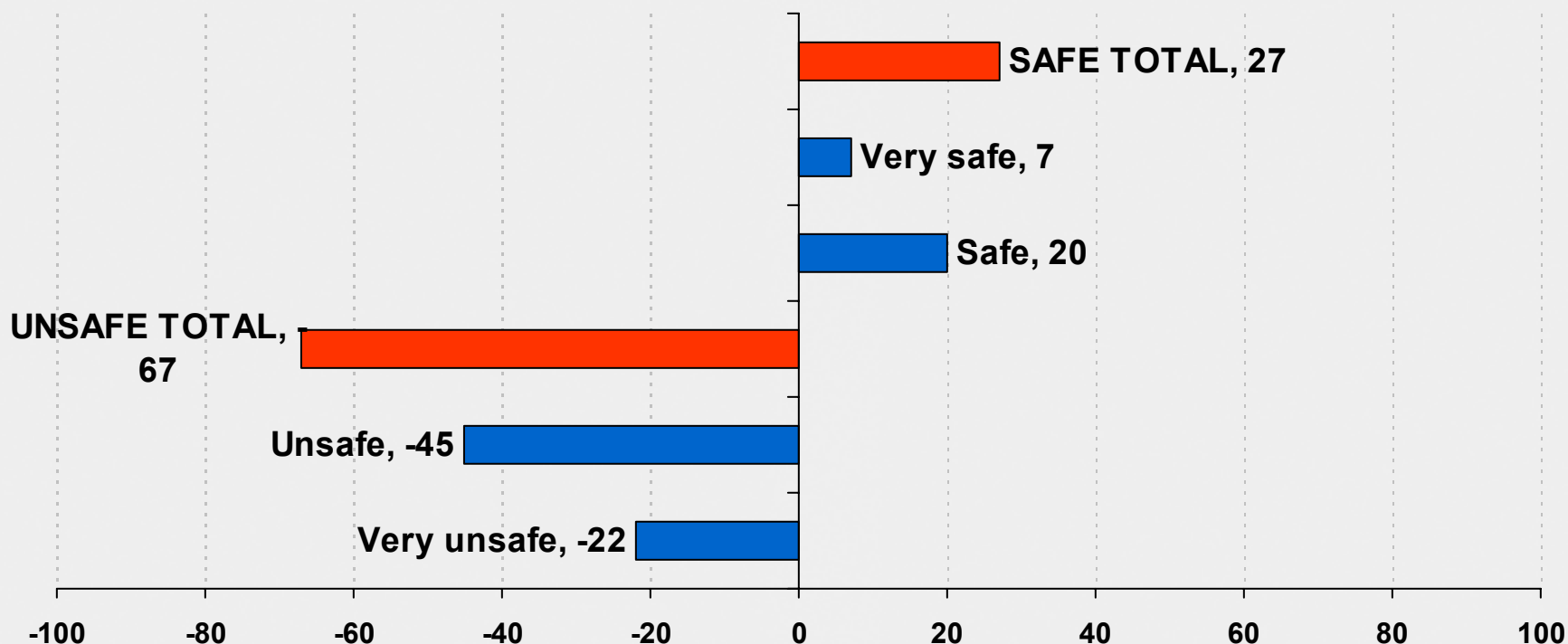
GO Changes

From 2001 to 2002





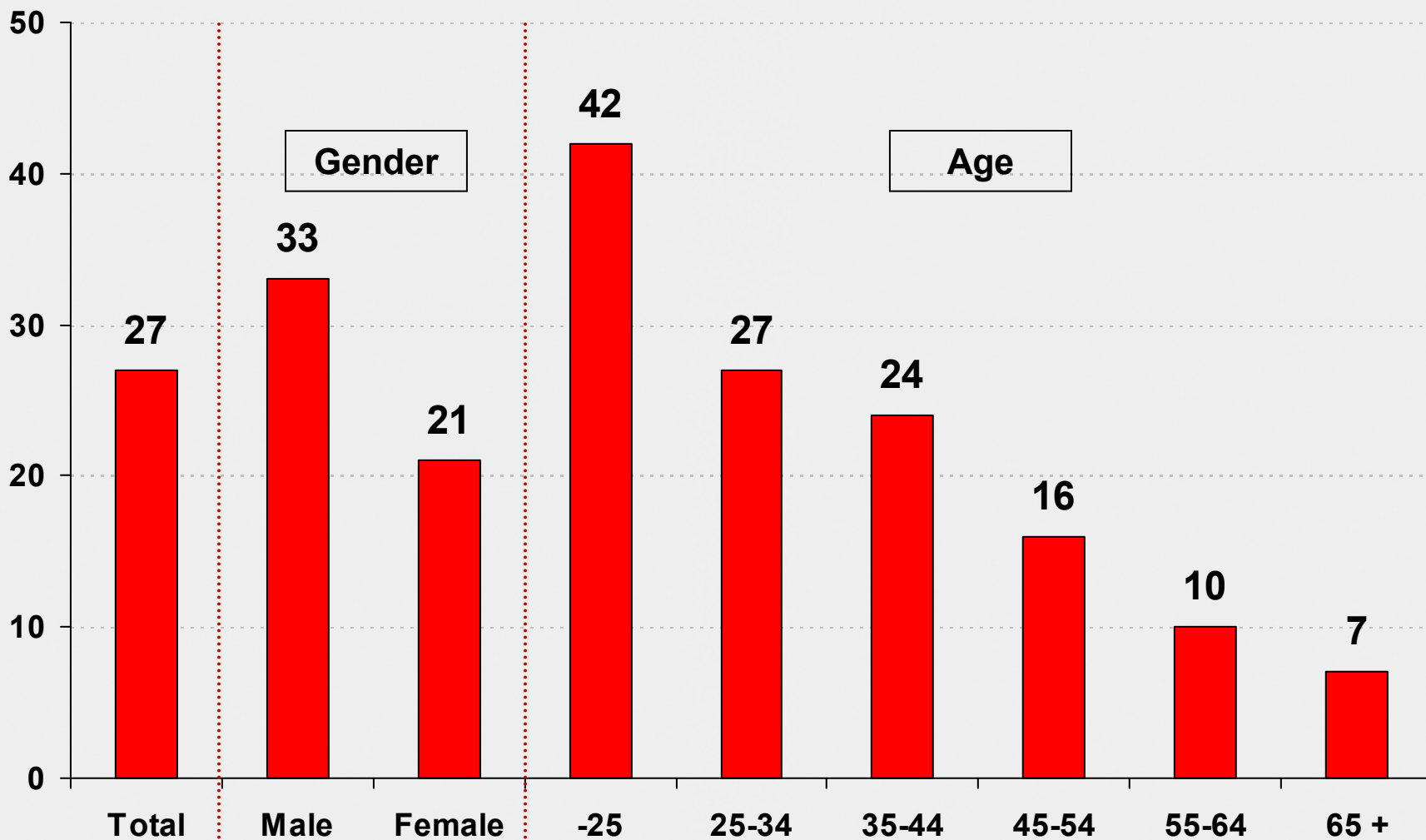
"How safe would you feel about using the Internet to provide the Government with this sort of personal information (credit card number, bank account number or annual income)?"





GO Safety

by Gender and Age





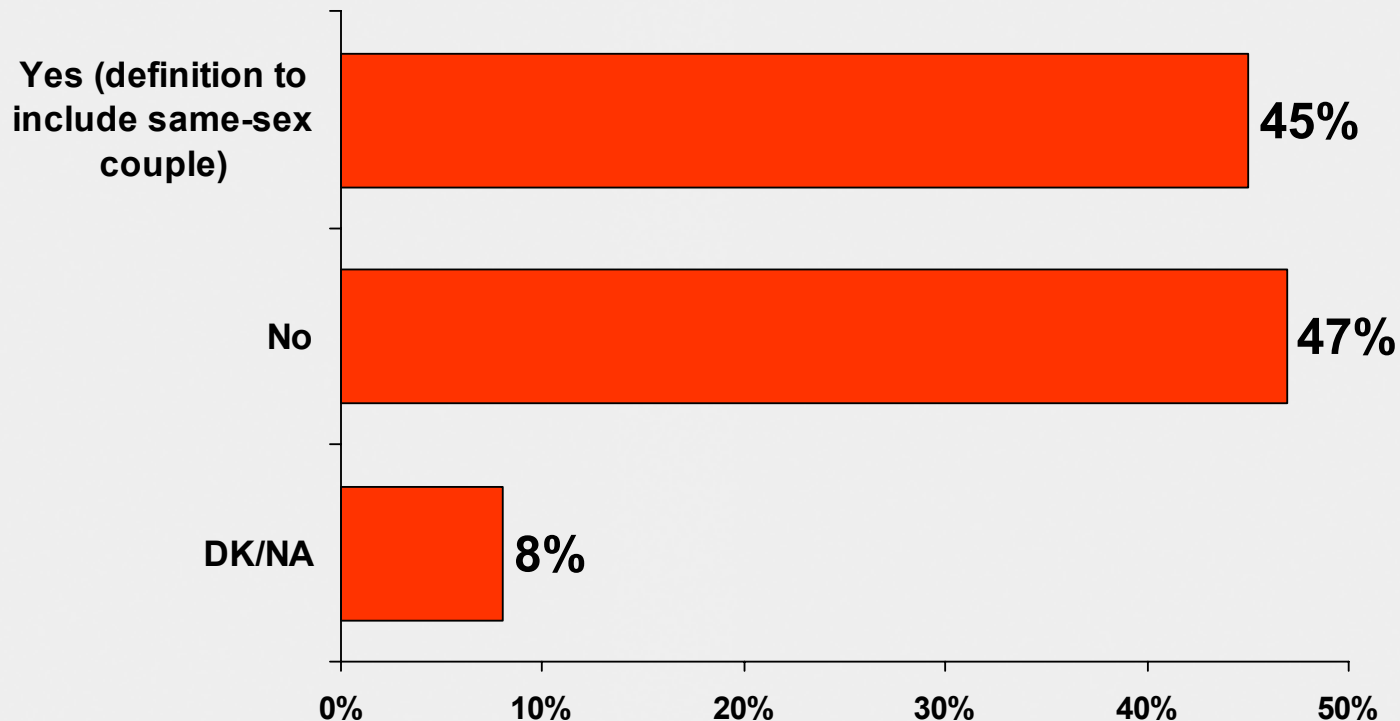
Marriage of Same-Sex Couples





Same-Sex Marriage

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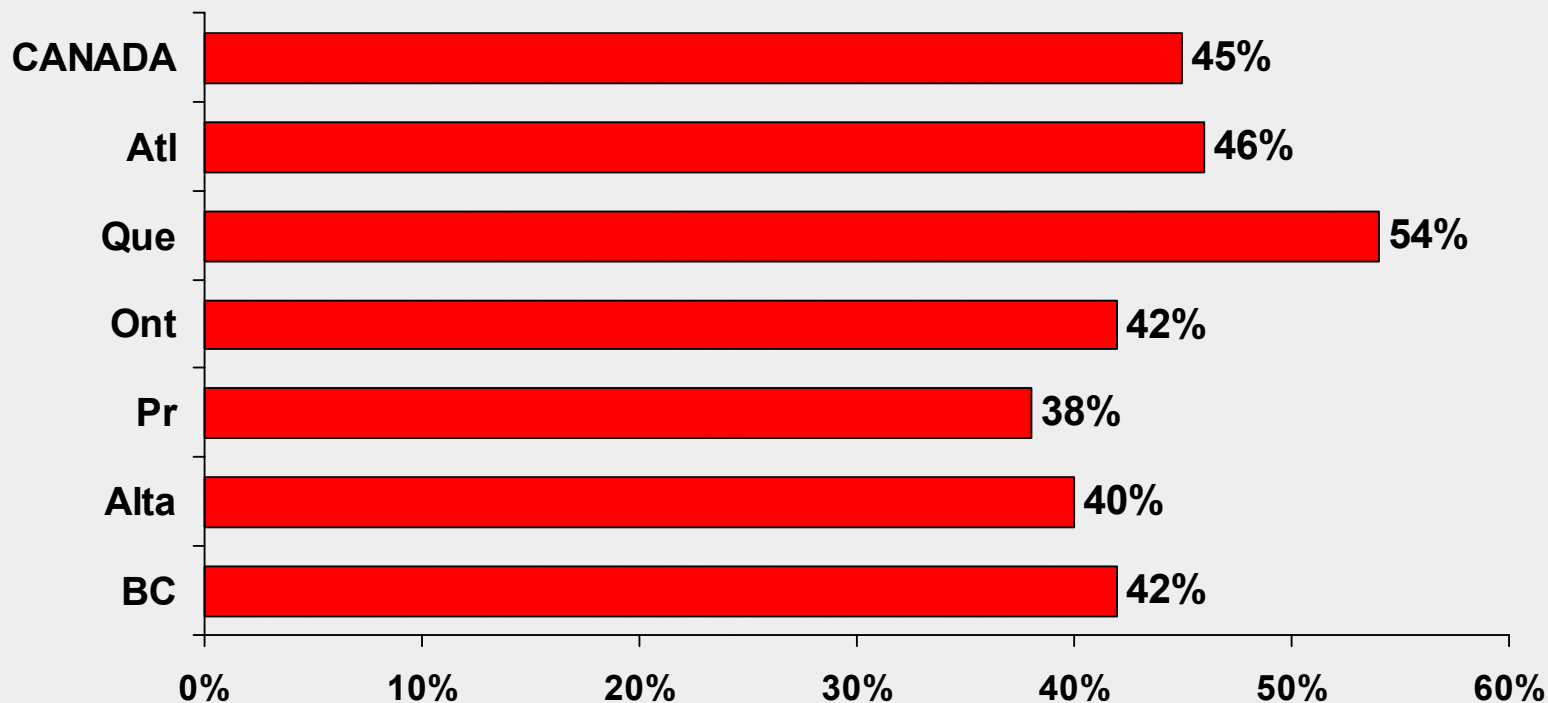


Same-Sex Marriage

By Region

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% "Yes" (definition to include same-sex couple)





UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
January 2003					
		1	2	3	4/5
6	7	8			11/12
13	14	15	16	17	18/19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoC Trade Mission to the Middle East (Jan. 18-29) National Non-Smoking Week (Jan. 19-25)
20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Aboriginal Health Organization holds first <i>Health-Get with It</i> conference and health fair in Ottawa (Jan. 21-23) Bank of Canada releases its decision on interest rates 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd regular session of the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism in San Salvador, Salvador (Jan. 22-24) 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Retreat in Ottawa Premiers' Meeting on Health Care in Toronto World Economic Forum in Davos, Switz. (Jan. 23-28) World Social Forum in Puerto Alegre, Brazil (Jan. 23-28) 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Democratic Party holds its leadership convention in Toronto (Jan. 24-26) 	25/26
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliament resumes Weapons Inspectors in Iraq provide update to UN Security Council 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Bush delivers his State of the Union address to Congress Israeli general elections 	29	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pres. Bush and PM Blair to meet at Camp David to discuss Iraq Opening of <i>Winter Cities 2003</i> in Sault Ste. Marie 	

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<h1>February 2003</h1>					
To be determined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Finance to table 2003 Budget • FPT Trade Ministers Meeting in Ottawa • Ministerial Council on Social Policy Renewal 					
3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Ministers Meeting in Ottawa (Feb. 4-5) 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (Feb. 6-9) in New Delhi, India 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistic Canada to release its labour force survey for January 2003 	8/9
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cdian Nursing Assn hosts the 2003 Nursing Leadership Conference (Feb. 10-11) in Ottawa 	11	12	13	14	15/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Flag of Canada Day (Feb. 15)
17	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FPT Ministers responsible for Sports, Fitness & Recreation (Feb. 19-21) in Bathurst, NB • National Aboriginal Business Summit (Feb. 19-20) in Toronto 	20	21	22/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2003 Canada Winter Games (Feb. 22 - Mar 8) in Campbellton, NB • Canada to present to UN its 5th report on implementation of the Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
24	25	26	27	28	

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<h1 data-bbox="128 191 478 248">March 2003</h1>					
3	4 <ul data-bbox="436 402 714 487" style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank of Canada to release its decision on interest rates 	5	6	7 <ul data-bbox="1356 402 1642 516" style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistic Canada to release its labour force survey for February 2003 	1/2 <ul data-bbox="1663 215 1969 354" style="list-style-type: none"> • Weapons Inspectors provide update to UN Security Council (Mar 1) • International Women's Week (Mar 2-8)
10	11	12	13	14	15/16 <ul data-bbox="1663 597 1969 735" style="list-style-type: none"> • World Water Council to host the 3rd World Water Forum (March 16-23) in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka, Japan
17	18	19	20	21 <ul data-bbox="1356 784 1627 1039" style="list-style-type: none"> • FPT Meeting of Ministers responsible for Culture and Heritage (March 21-23) in Hamilton, Ont. • International Day for the Elimination of Racism Racial Discrimination 	22/23
24	25 <ul data-bbox="436 1101 714 1239" style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Canada Trade Mission to the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Italy (March 25-April 4) 	26	27	28	29/30
31					<ul data-bbox="1663 1328 1969 1466" style="list-style-type: none"> • World Conference on Anti-Doping in Sport in Copenhagen, Denmark • FPT Housing Ministers Meeting in Winnipeg

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<h1 data-bbox="128 191 434 253">April 2003</h1>					
	1	2	3	To be determined: <ul data-bbox="1360 212 1953 293" style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd National Rural Conference in Red Deer, AB • FPT Ministers responsible for Internal Trade meet in Fredericton, NB 	5/6
7	8	9	10	4 <ul data-bbox="1360 402 1640 488" style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistic Canada to release its labour force survey for March 2003 	12/13
14	15 <ul data-bbox="438 786 709 867" style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank of Canada to release its decision on interest rates 	16	17	18	19/20
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
28 <ul data-bbox="128 1166 384 1222" style="list-style-type: none"> • OECD Forum (April 28-29) in Paris 	29 <ul data-bbox="438 1166 695 1247" style="list-style-type: none"> • OECD Ministerial meeting (April 29-30) in Paris 	30			