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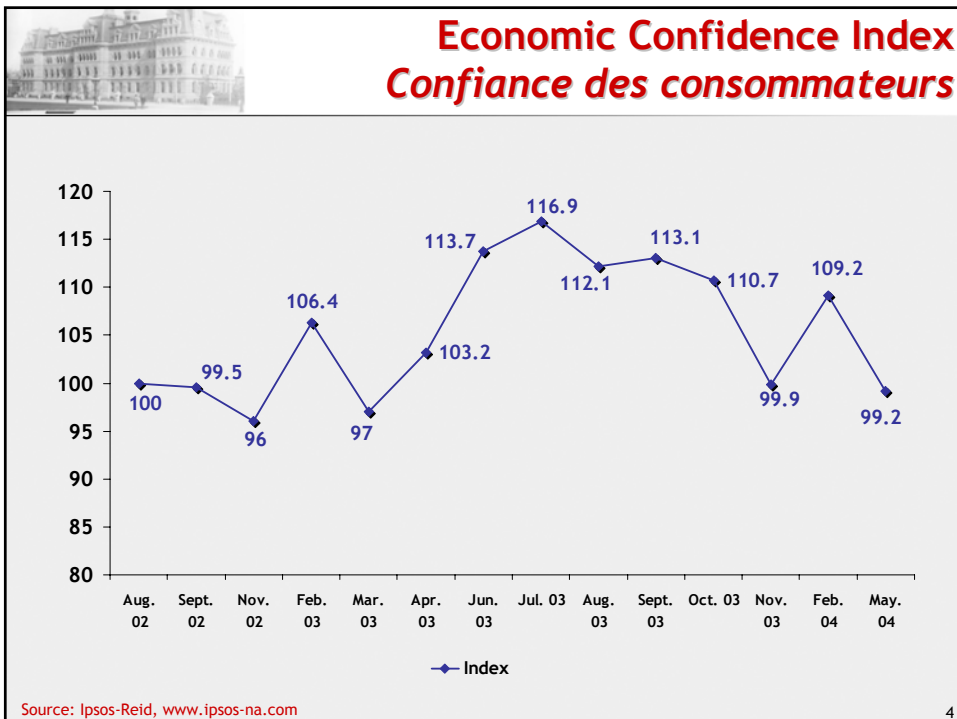
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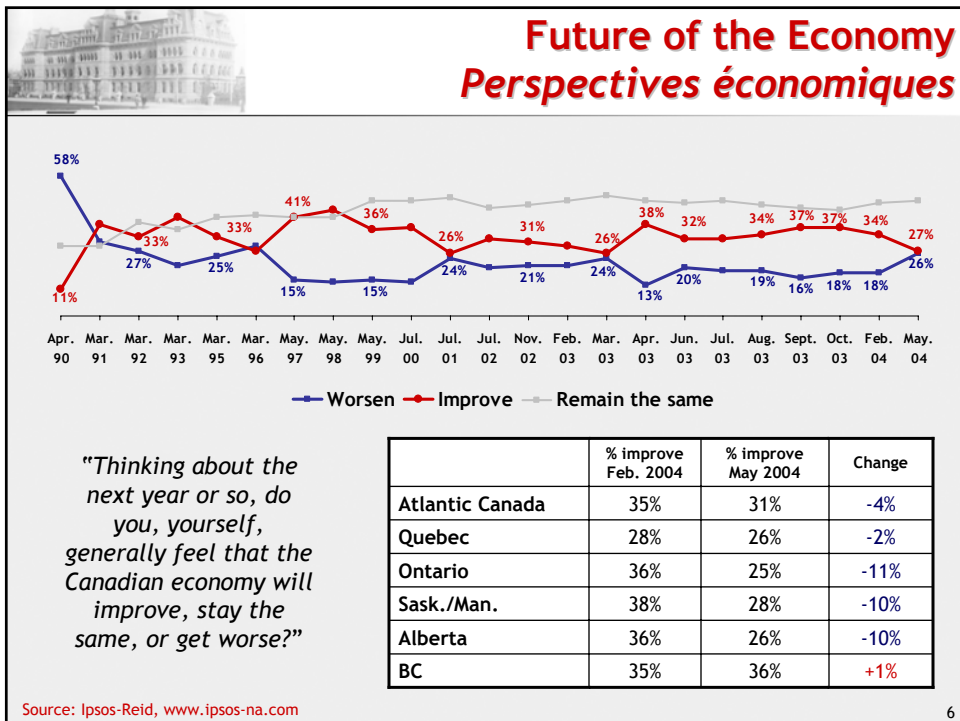
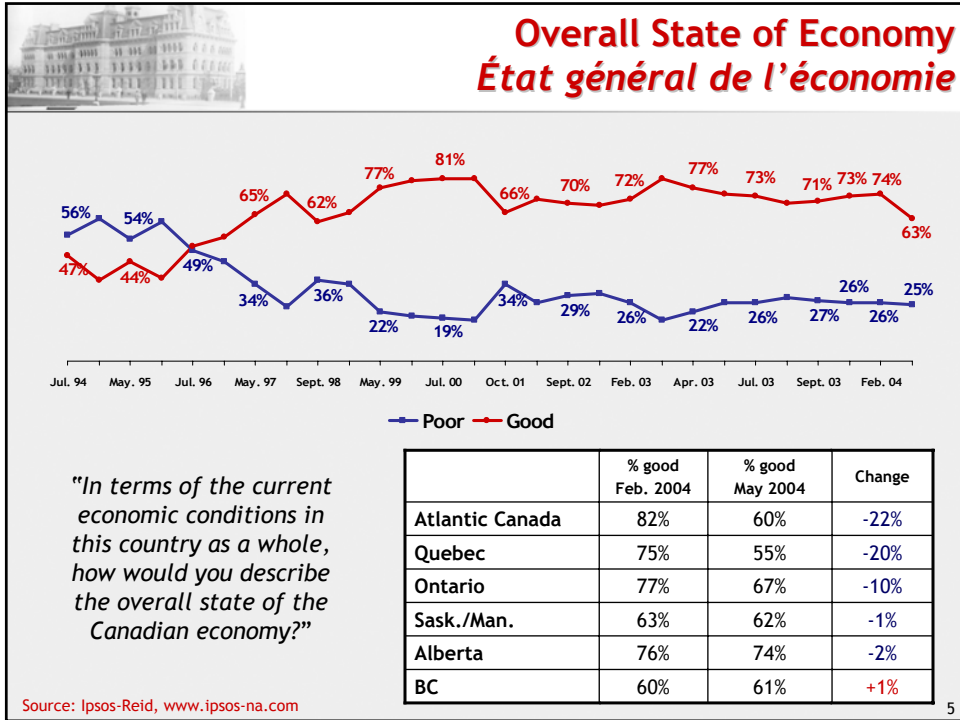


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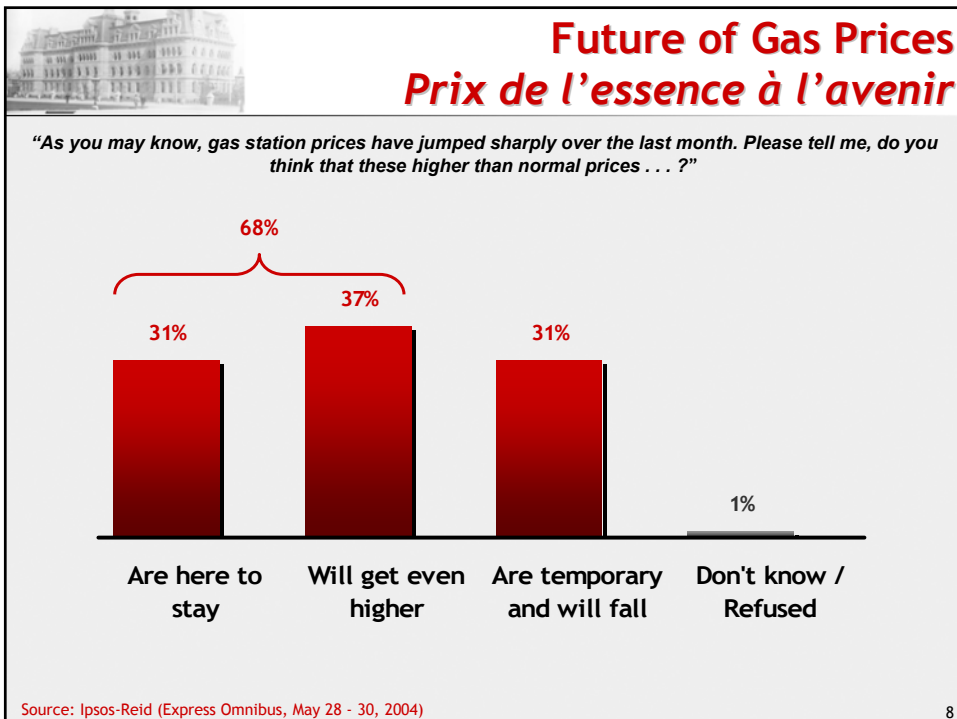




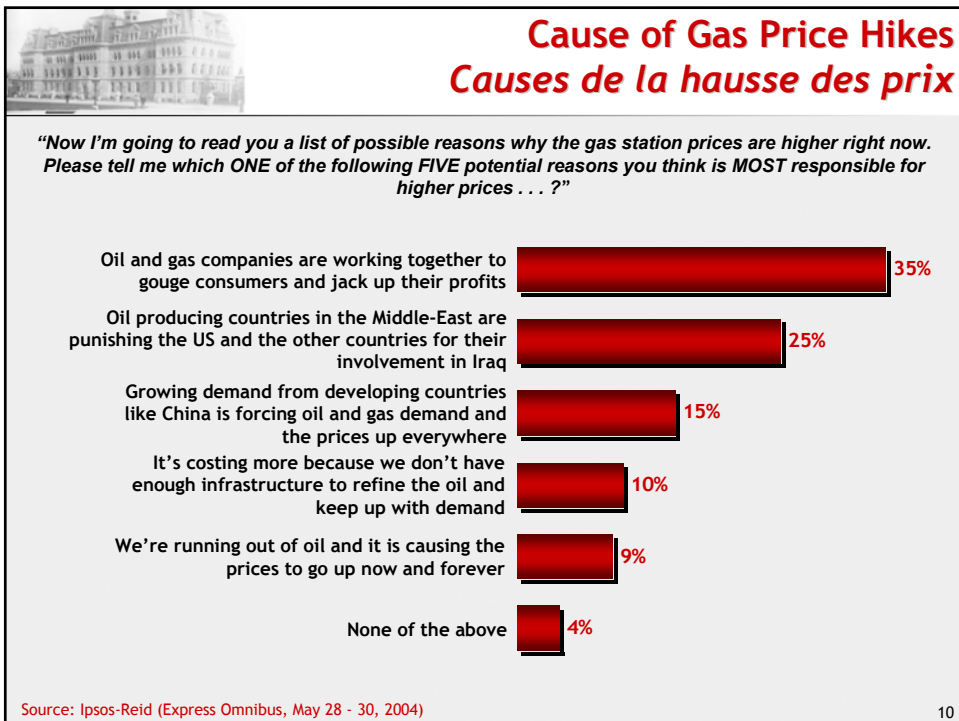
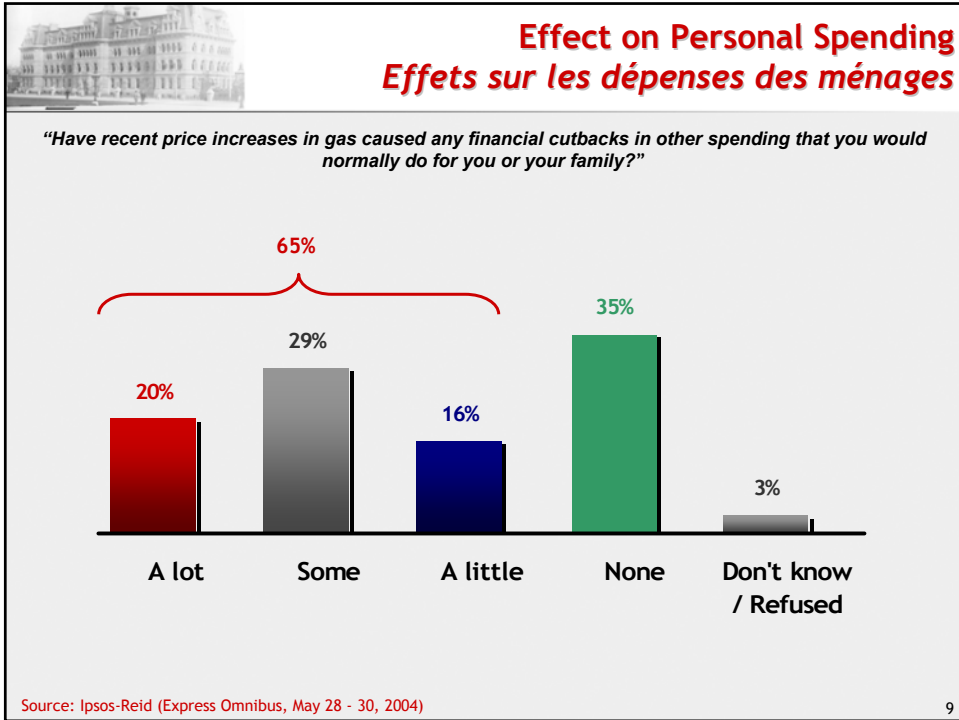
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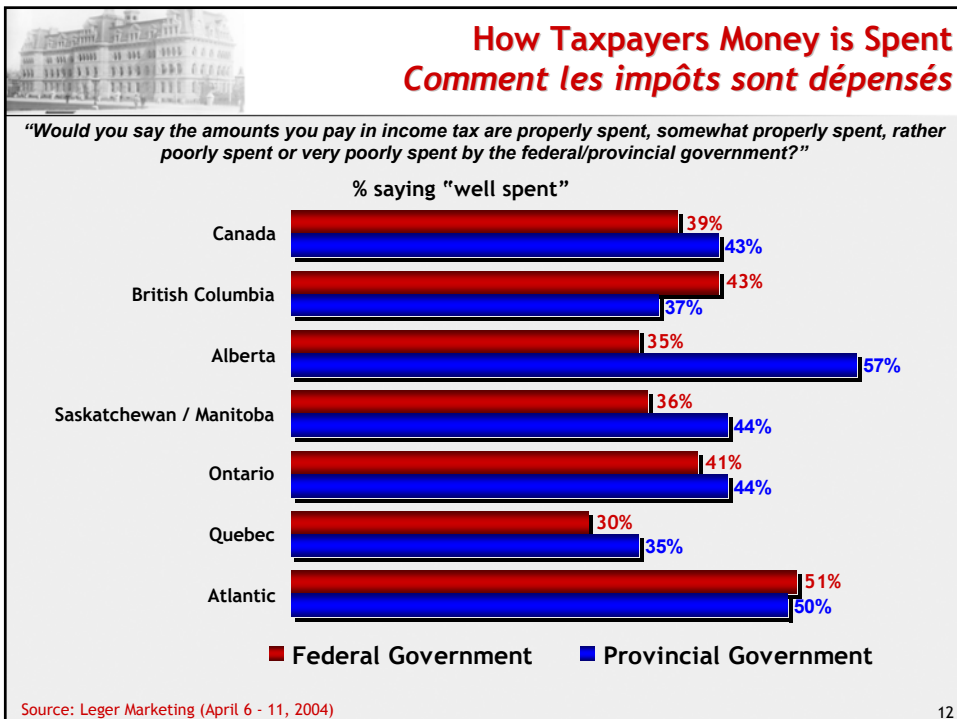
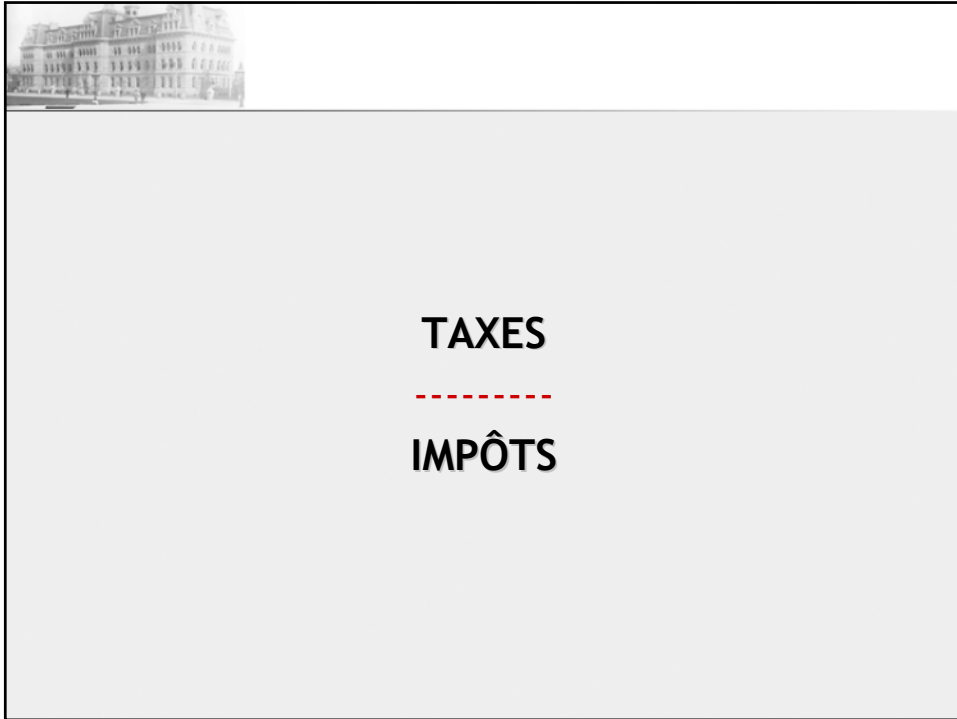
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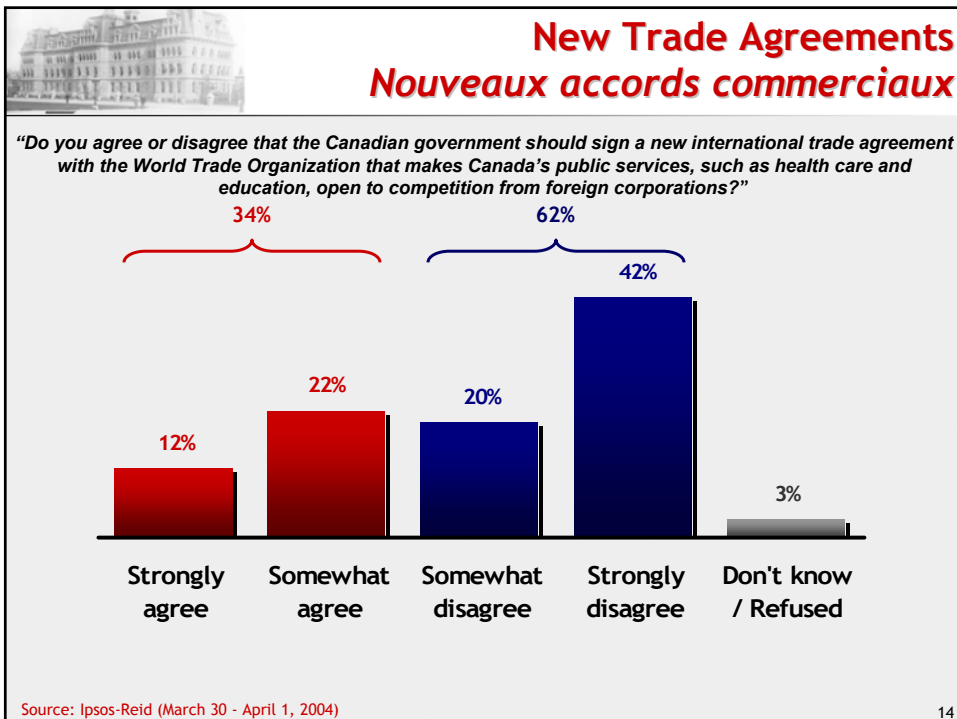
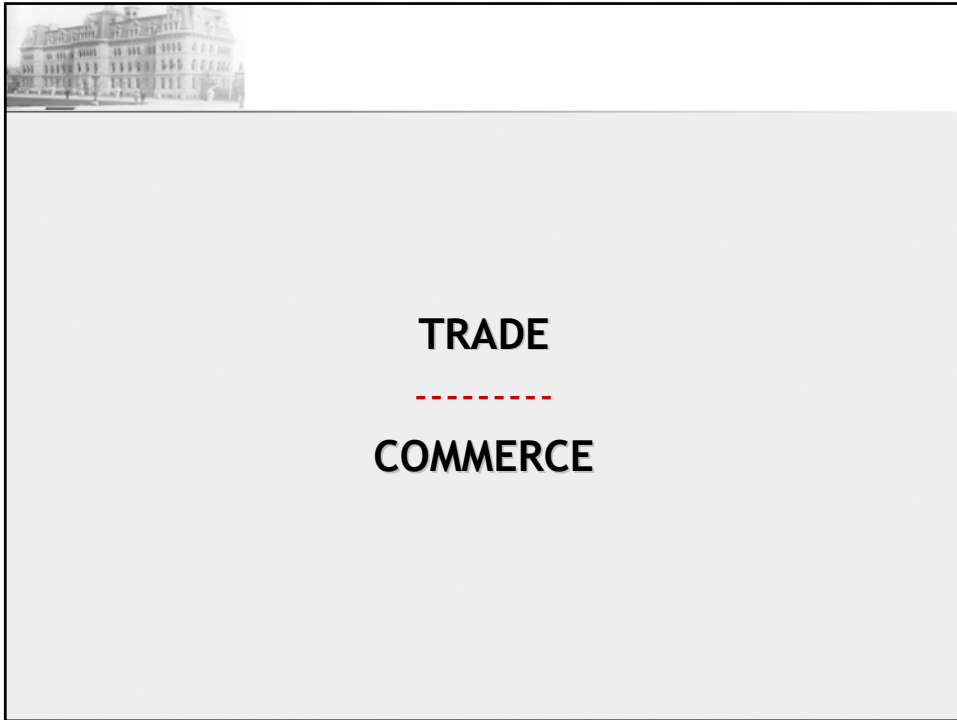
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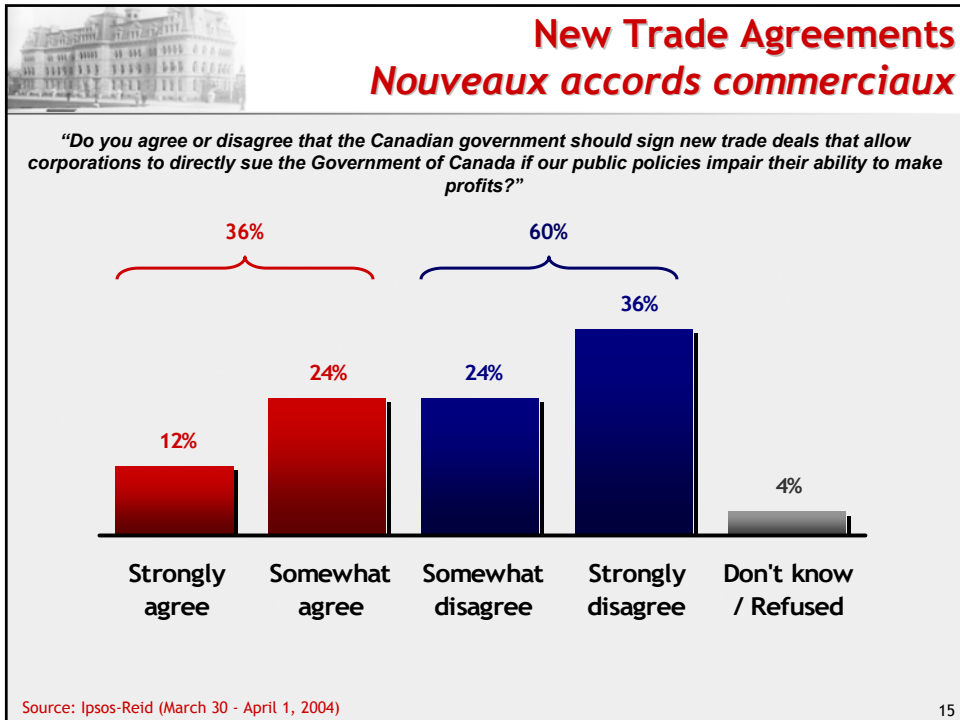








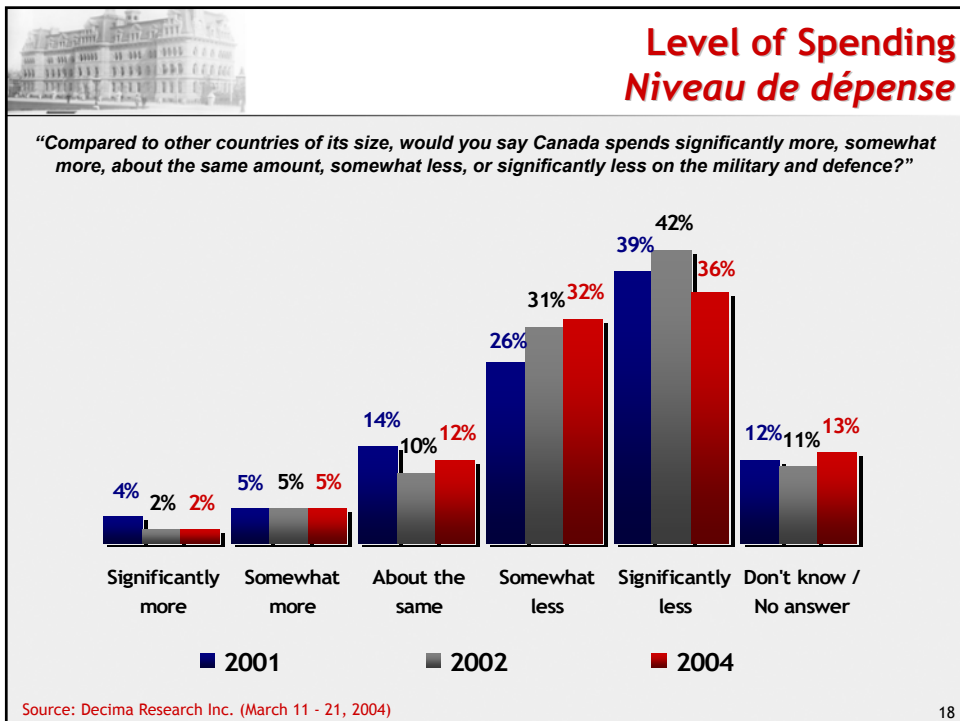
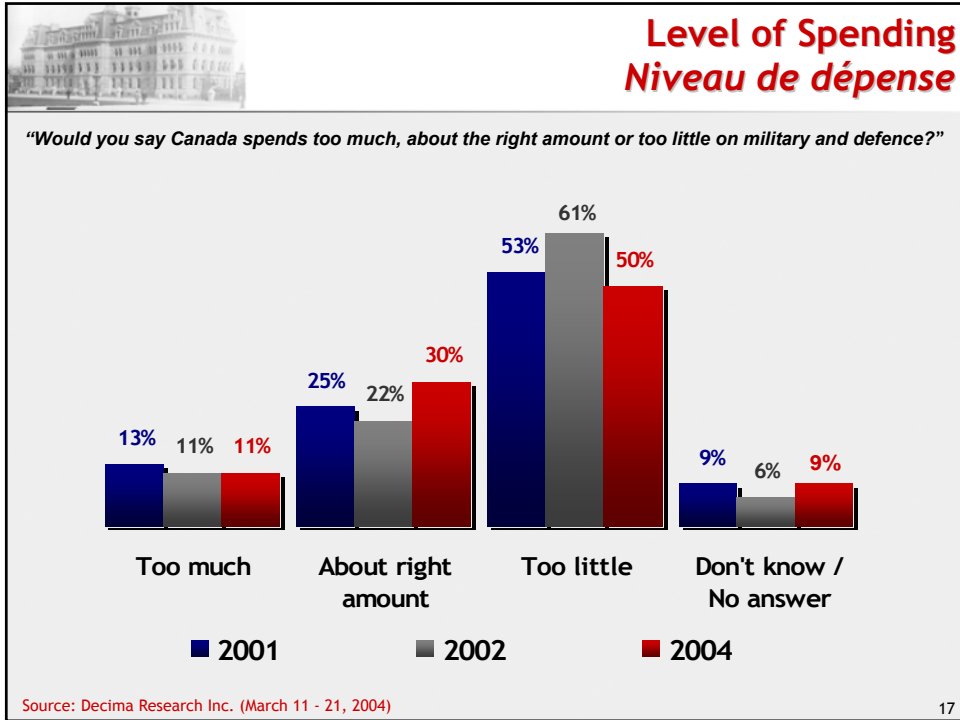


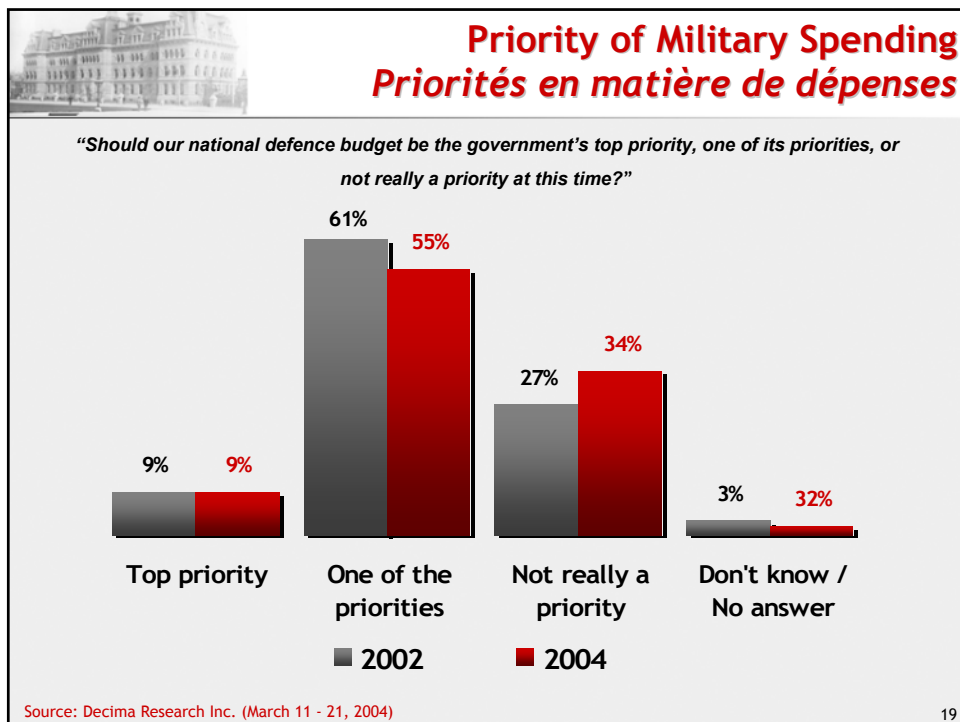


**MILITARY SPENDING**

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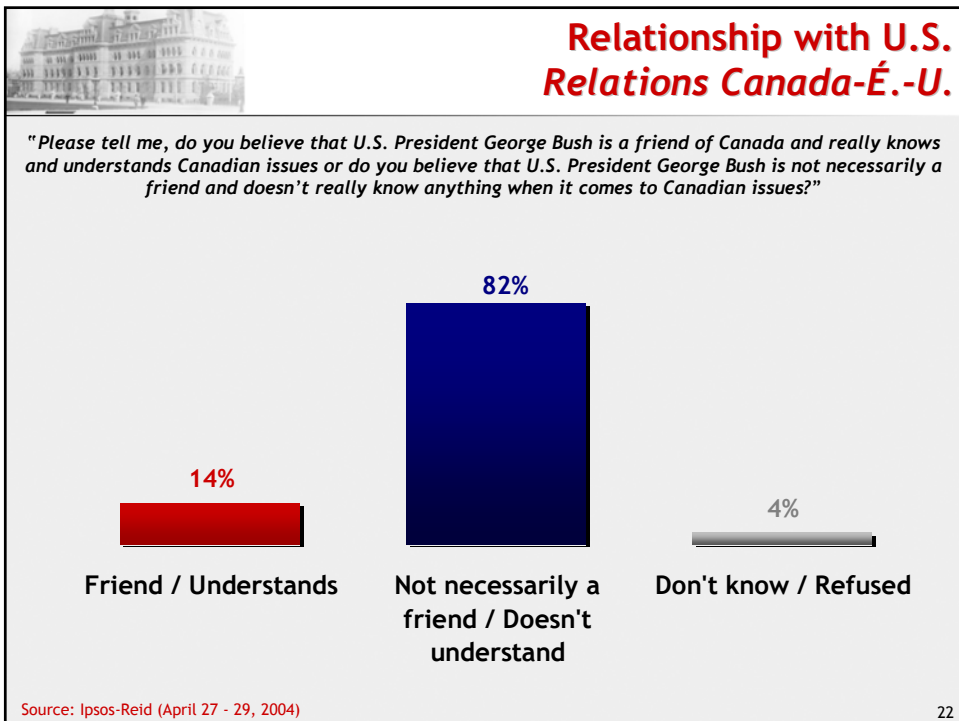
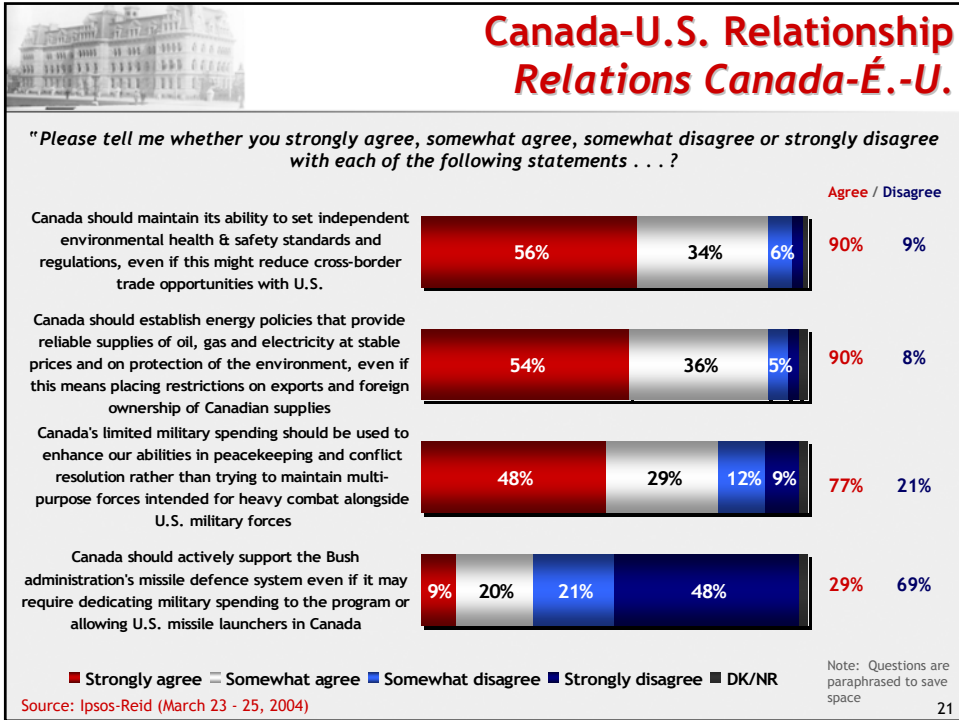




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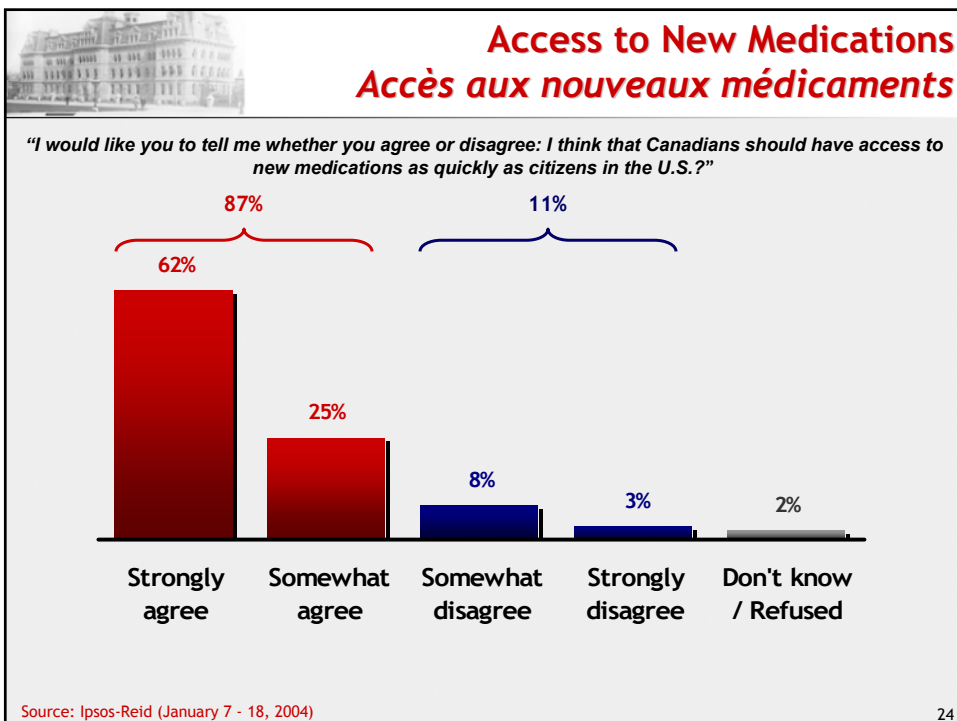




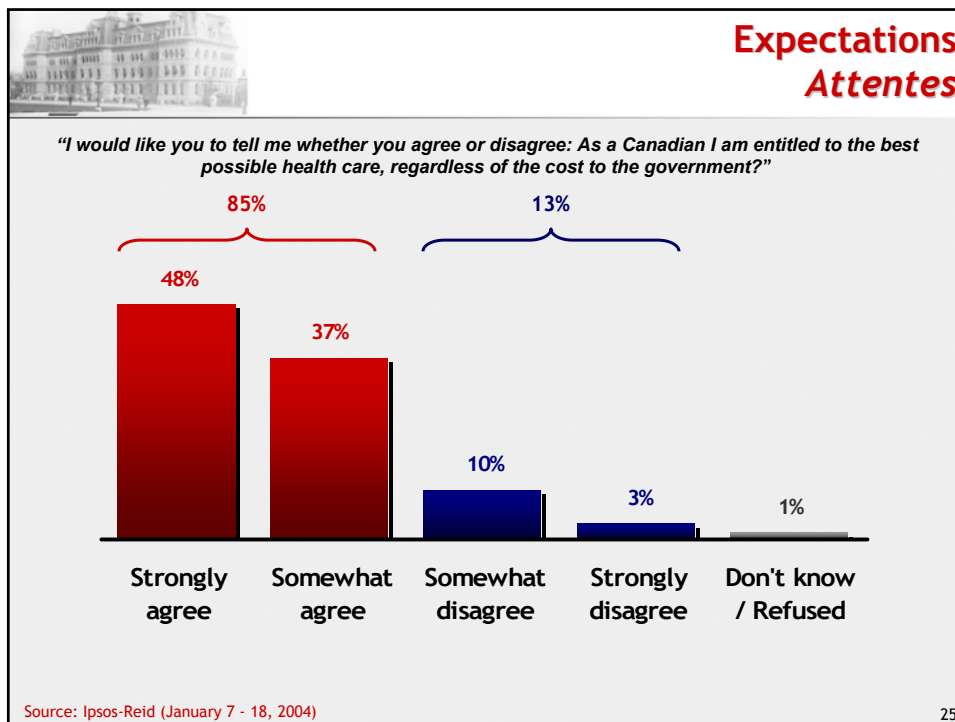
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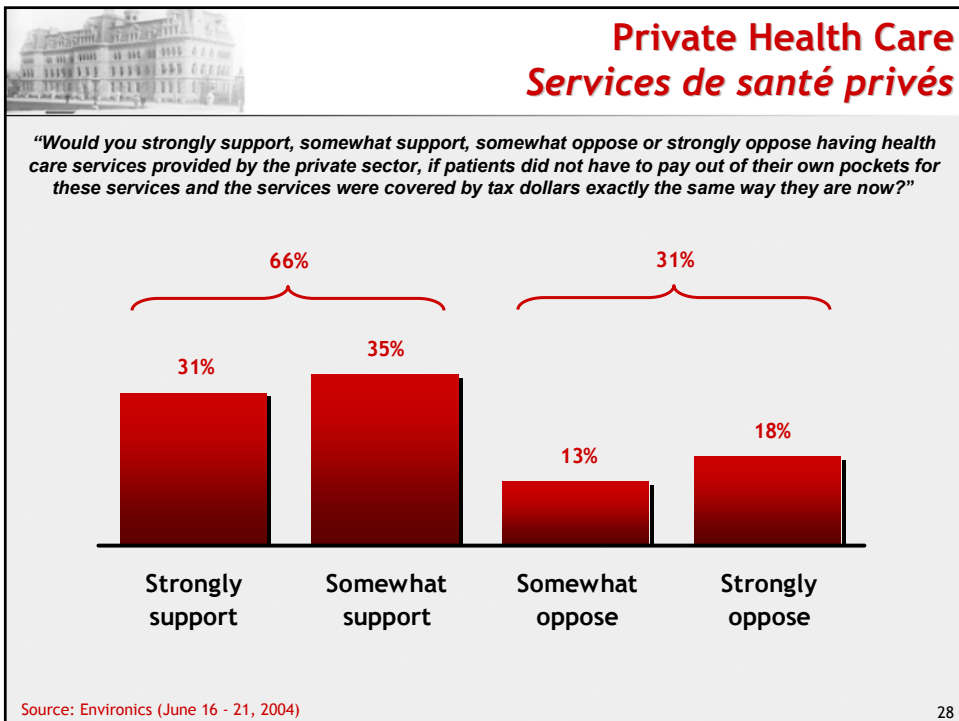
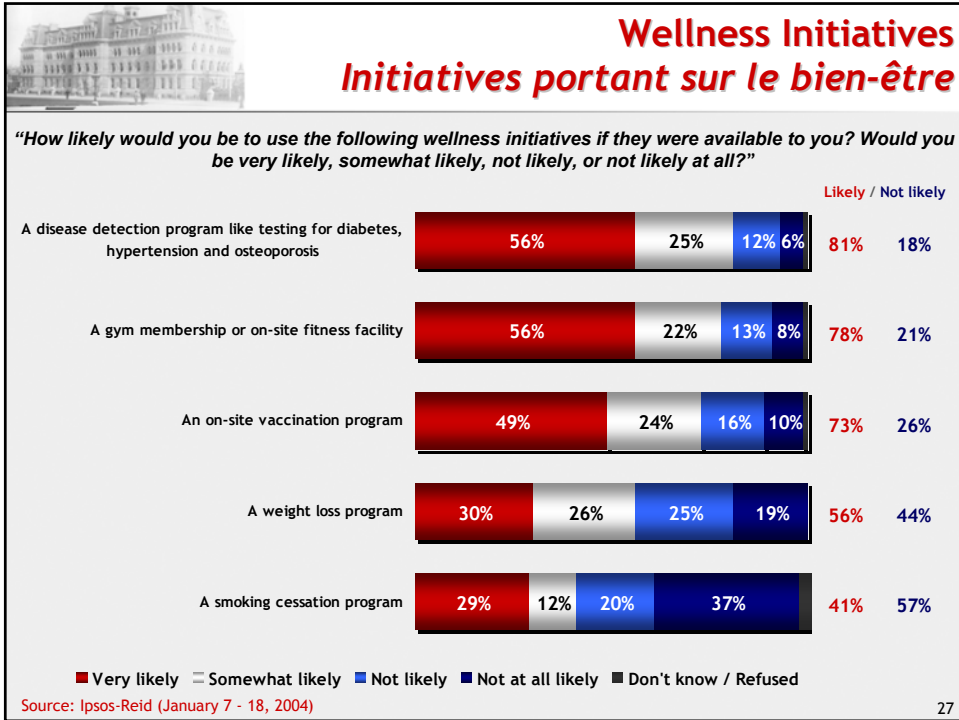
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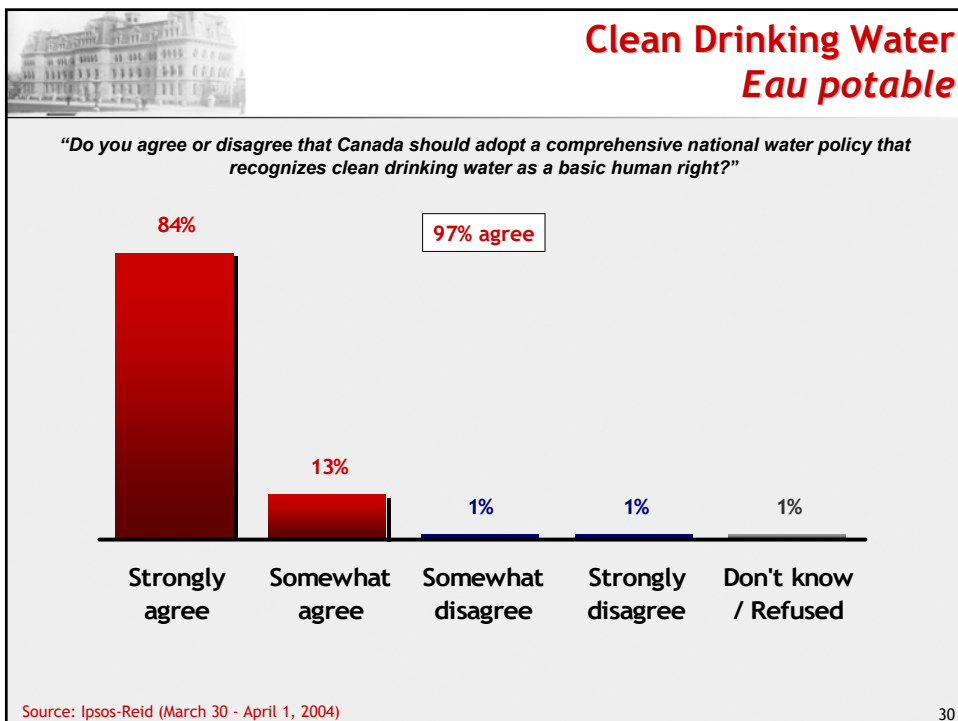
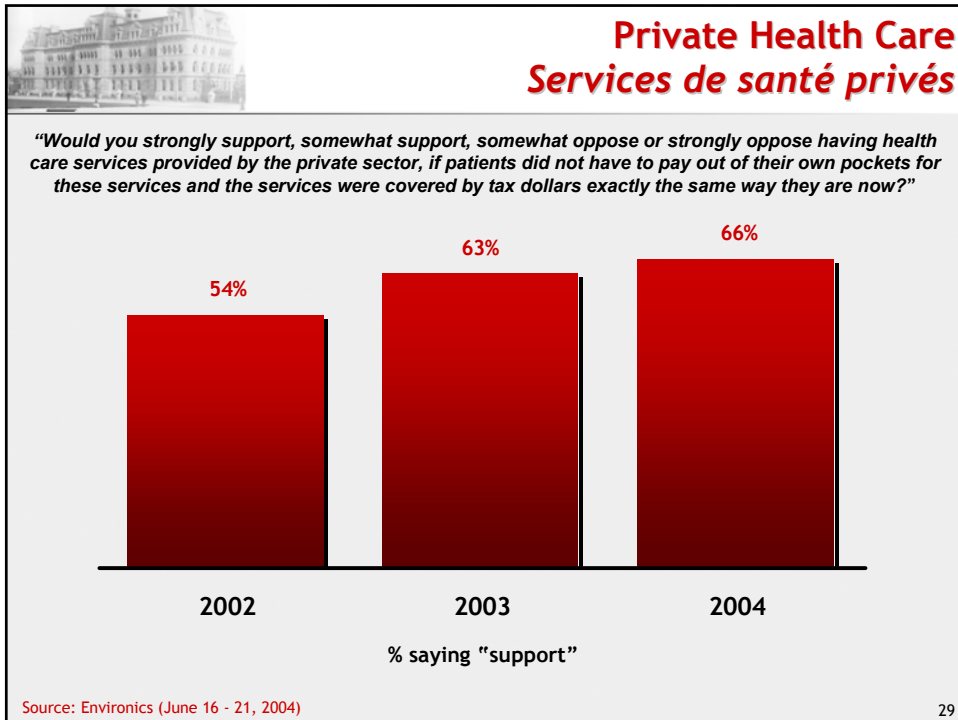
*"I would like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree: It is difficult to access the services available under my provincial health care system?"*

	CAN.	BC	AB	SK/MB	ON	QC	ATL.
Strongly agree	16%	13%	8%	18%	16%	21%	14%
Somewhat agree	37%	38%	38%	44%	33%	38%	46%
Somewhat disagree	29%	34%	28%	23%	31%	23%	27%
Strongly disagree	16%	14%	19%	13%	16%	17%	14%
Don't know / Refused	2%	2%	6%	2%	3%	0%	-
<b>Agree</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>41%</b>

NOTE: Shaded cells denote substantive differences from national average.

Source: Ipsos-Reid (January 7 - 18, 2004) 26



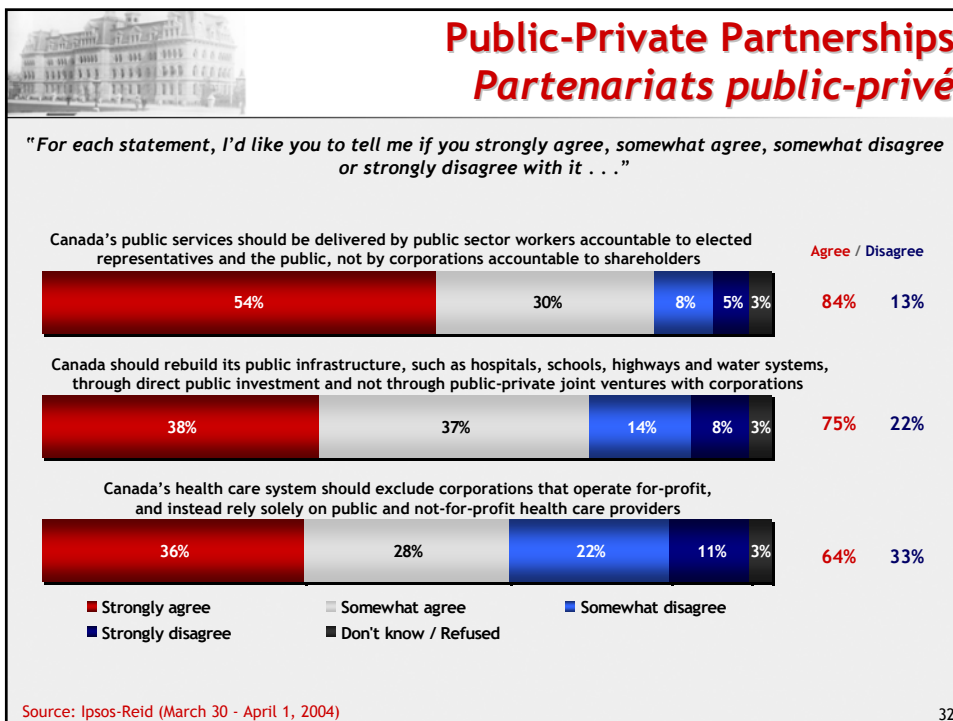




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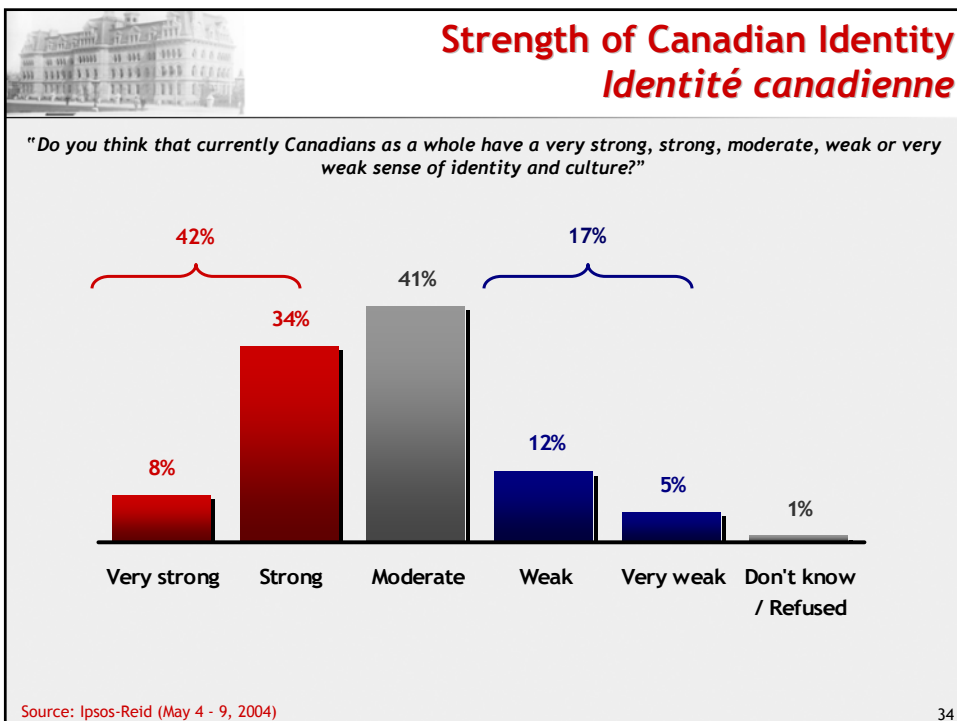


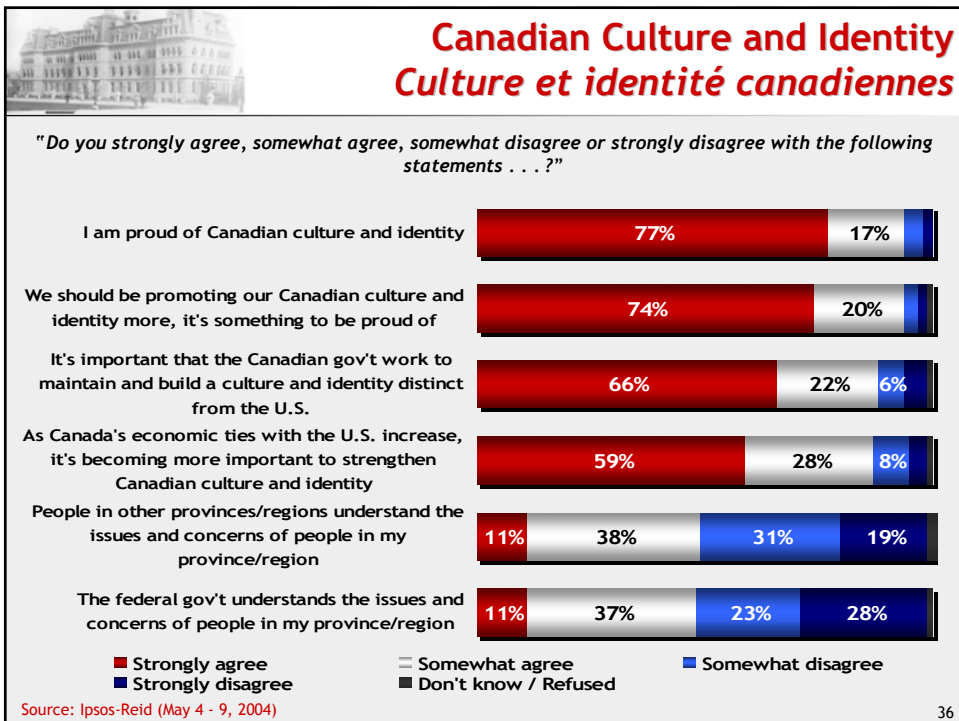
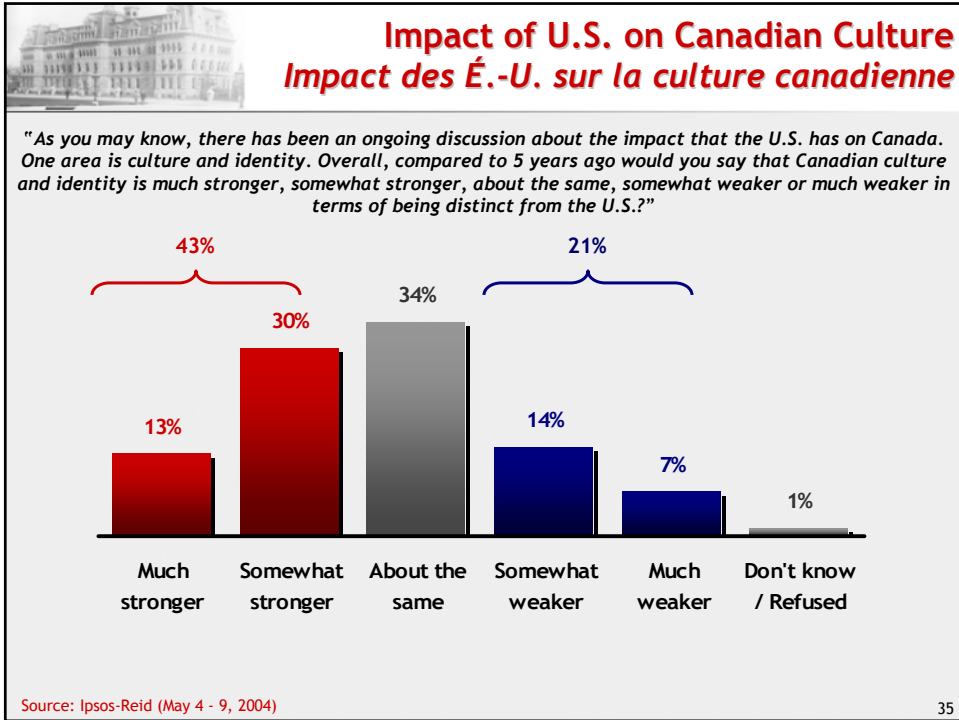


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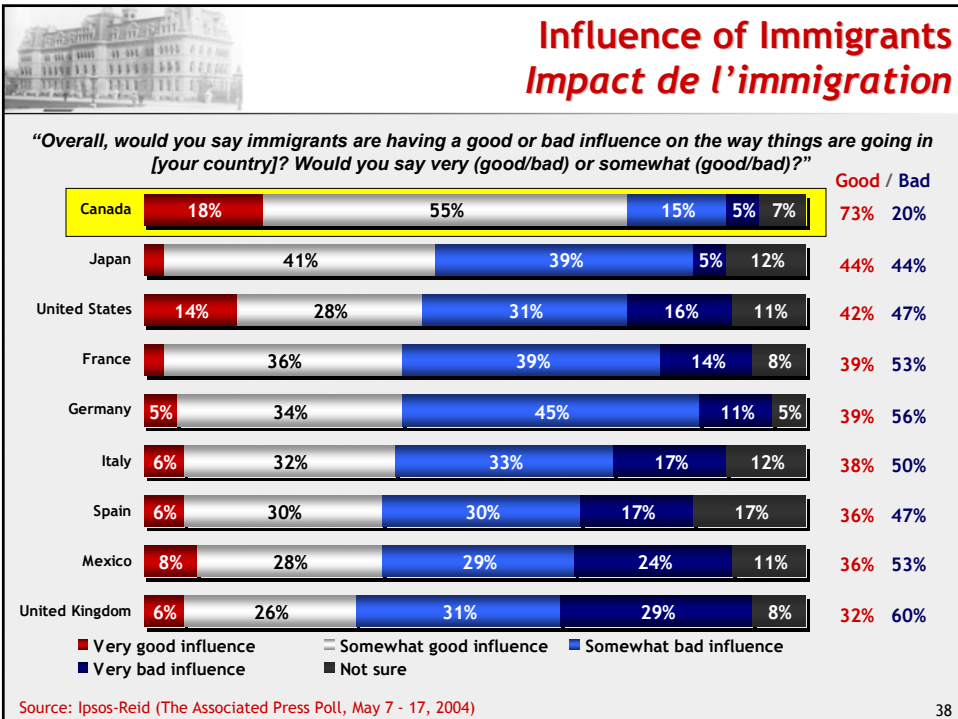


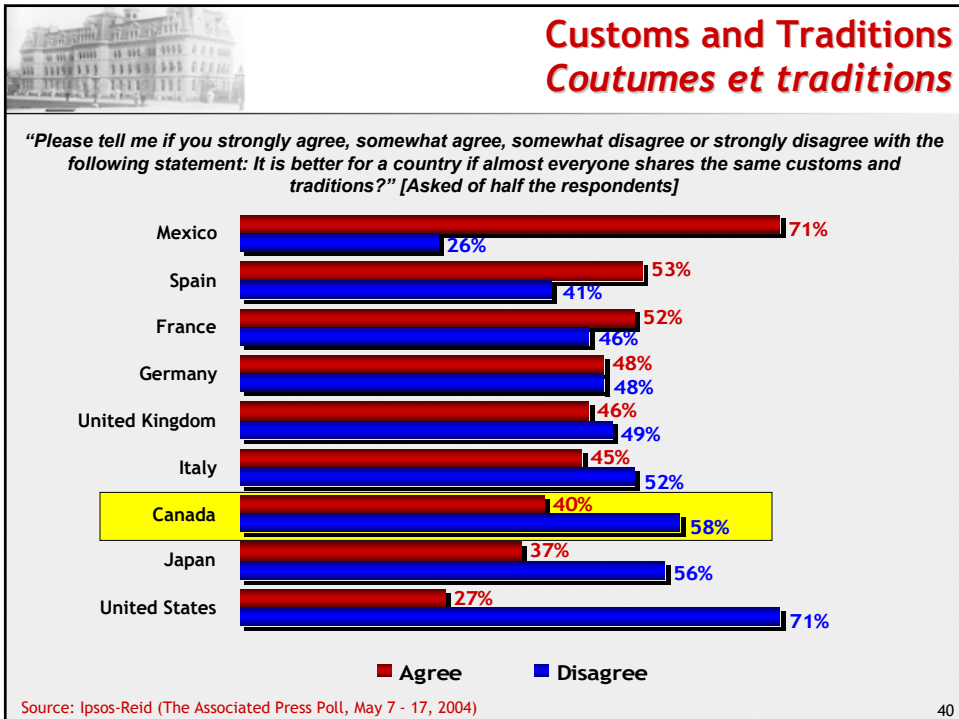
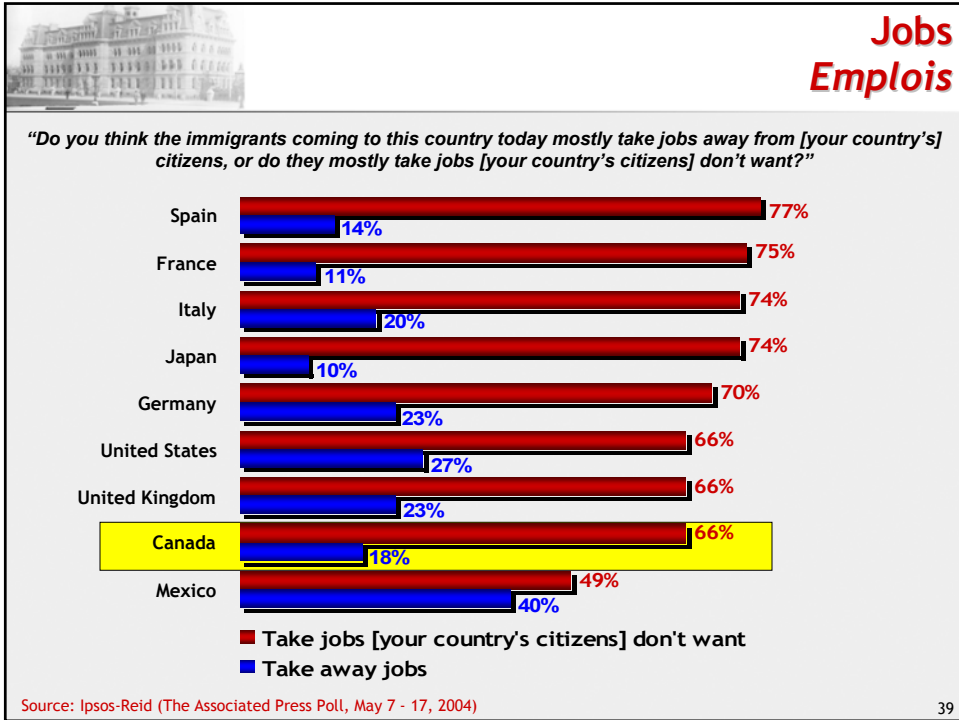


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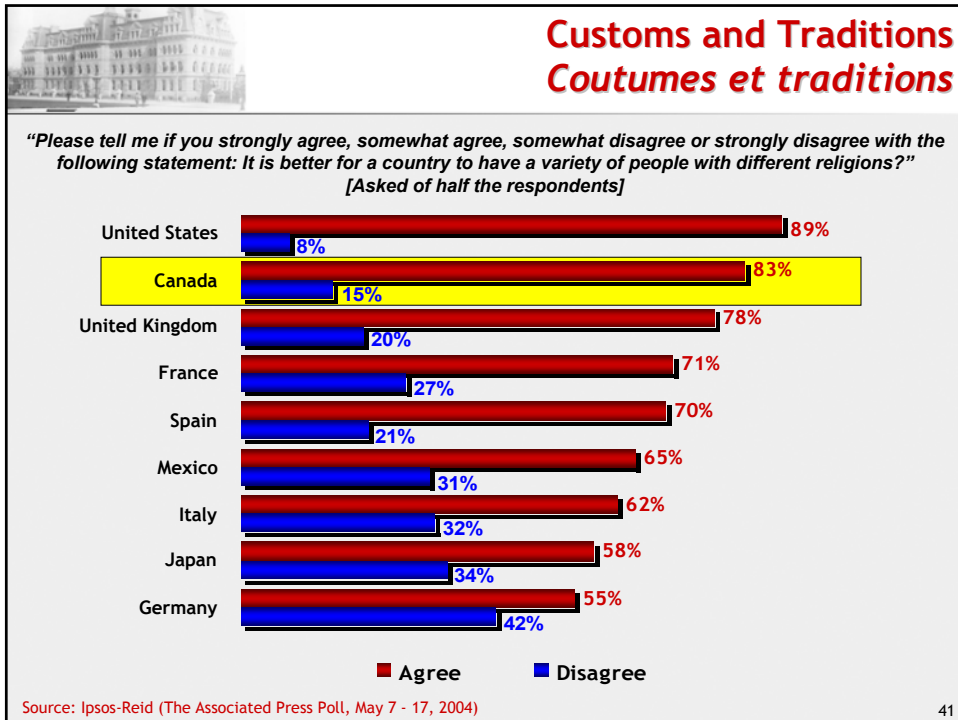
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## IMMIGRATION ET DIVERSITÉ










**RIGHTS OF HOMOSEXUALS**

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**DROITS DES HOMOSEXUELS**



## Same-Sex Rights Droits des homosexuels


*"Do you think homosexuals should have the same rights as heterosexuals?"*

	CAN.	ATL.	QC	ON	PRAI.	AB	BC
Yes	74%	76%	77%	71%	81%	70%	78%
No	20%	17%	18%	23%	14%	23%	18%
Don't know / Refusal	6%	8%	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%

More likely to say "yes":

- people of 44 years old or less (82%)
- respondents with a gross annual household income of \$80K and over, professionals (81%)
- students (86%) and
- respondents with a university degree (82%).

Source: Leger Marketing (April 6 - 11, 2004) 43



## Same-Sex Marriages Mariages entre personnes de même sexe


*"Are you in favour of same-sex marriages?"*

	CAN.	ATL.	QC	ON	PRAI.	AB	BC
In favour	43%	42%	51%	40%	38%	36%	47%
Not in favour	47%	48%	40%	49%	50%	56%	43%
Don't know / Refusal	9%	11%	9%	11%	12%	8%	10%

More likely to say "no":

- men (51%)
- allophones (60%)
- respondents 55 years of age and older (58%) and
- retirees (63%)

Source: Leger Marketing (April 6 - 11, 2004) 44



## Adoption


**“Are you in favour or not with same-sex couples adopting children?”**

	CAN.	ATL.	QC	ON	PRAI.	AB	BC
<b>In favour</b>	46%	45%	45%	44%	44%	41%	55%
<b>Not in favour</b>	47%	48%	47%	47%	49%	57%	37%
<b>Don't know / Refusal</b>	8%	7%	7%	10%	6%	2%	8%

More likely to say “no”:

- men (51%)
- allophones (60%)
- respondents 55 years of age and older (59%) and
- retirees (60%)

Source: Leger Marketing (April 6 - 11, 2004) 45



## Homophobia Homophobie

**“Personally, do you think being homophobic is . . . ?”**

	CAN.	ATL.	QC	ON	PRAI.	AB	BC
<b>Worse than being racist or anti-Semitic</b>	5%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%
<b>As bad as being racist or anti-Semitic</b>	58%	53%	58%	59%	59%	47%	65%
<b>Not as bad as being racist or anti-Semitic</b>	24%	28%	26%	23%	20%	27%	18%
<b>Don't know / Refusal</b>	14%	15%	12%	12%	16%	22%	12%

Those more likely to agree that being homophobic is as bad as being racist or anti-Semitic:

- young people (69%)
- Canadians with gross annual household income of \$80K and over (69%)
- professionals (71%)
- those with a college (64%) or university (69%) education

Source: Leger Marketing (April 6 - 11, 2004) 46




## Consequences Conséquences

*"Would you be totally in favour, somewhat in favour, somewhat opposed or totally opposed to insults or homophobic name calling being as severely reprimanded as racist or anti-Semitic insults?"*

	CAN.	ATL.	QC	ON	PRAI.	AB	BC
In favour	58%	52%	75%	52%	52%	54%	51%
Opposed	28%	32%	15%	33%	33%	29%	27%
Don't know / Refusal	14%	15%	10%	15%	14%	17%	21%

Source: Leger Marketing (April 6 - 11, 2004)


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## Methodology

- Data on newspaper headlines, editorial content and television newscasts were collected between March and June 2004, and coded according to pre-determined categories.
- A list of the sources that make up the sample and a list of the categories can be found at the end of this section.

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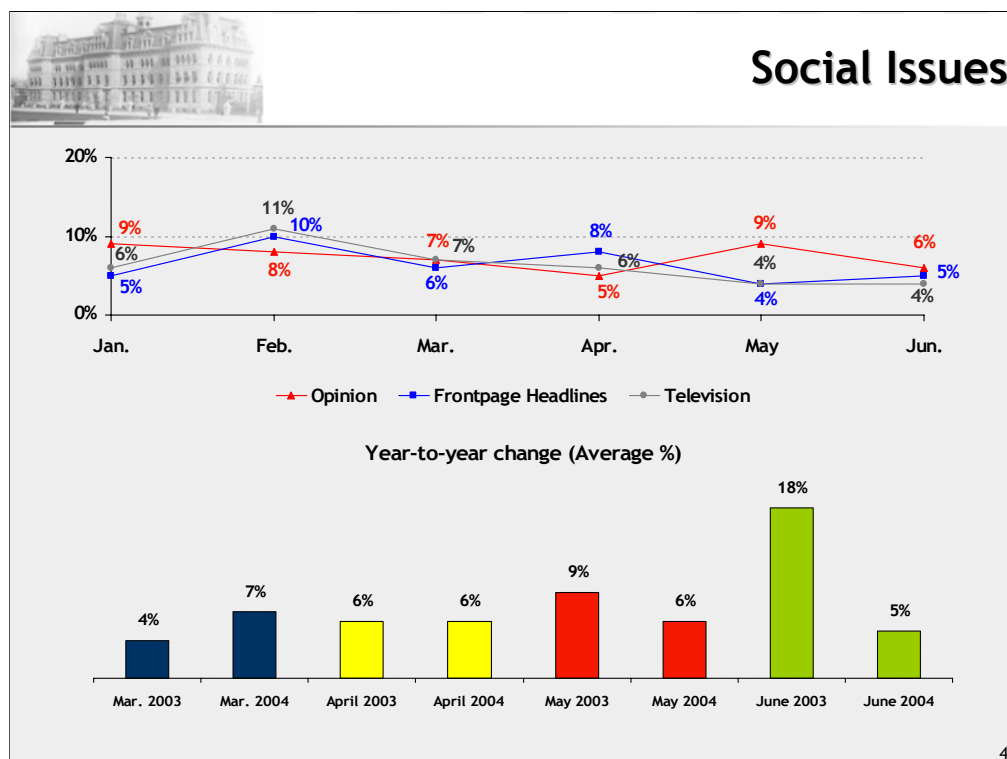


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March - June 2004

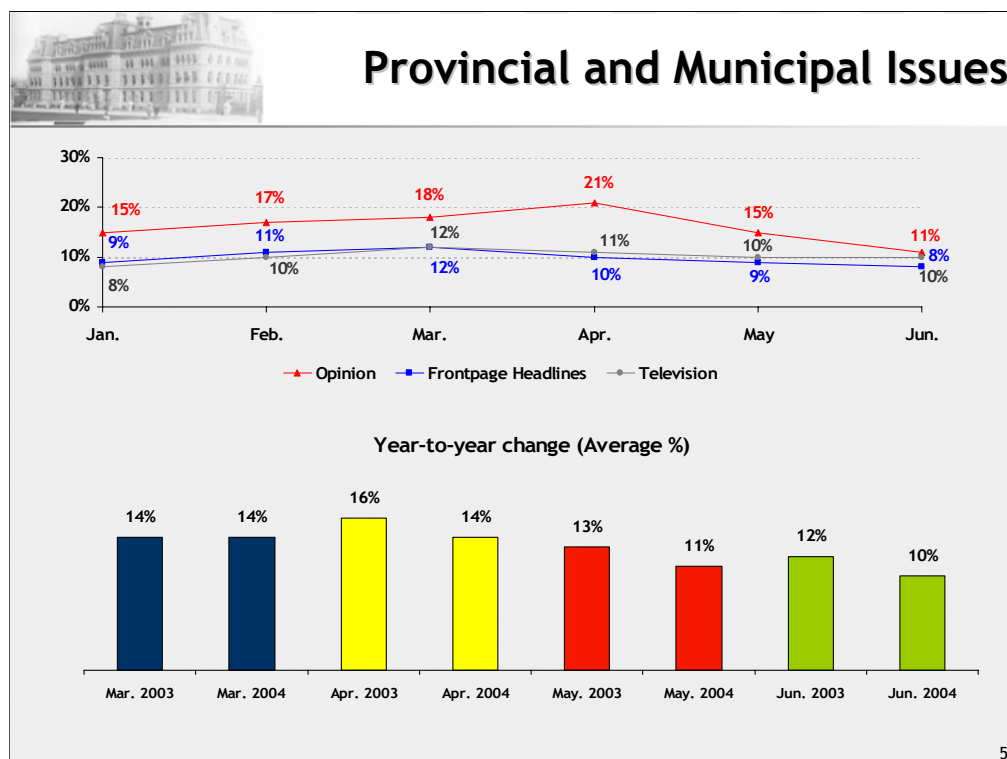
Issue	Average	Editorial	Headline	TV News Story
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Economy	9%	10%	7%	9%
Foreign Policy	4%	4%	3%	4%
Global Security	11%	7%	10%	15%
Governance	8%	12%	6%	6%
Health	5%	6%	6%	3%
International Affairs	7%	5%	4%	14%
Miscellaneous	14%	2%	27%	12%
Natural Resources	2%	3%	3%	1%
Party Politics	15%	20%	10%	15%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	12%	16%	10%	11%
Public Safety	5%	6%	7%	3%
Social Issues	6%	7%	6%	5%
Unity	0%	1%	0%	0%

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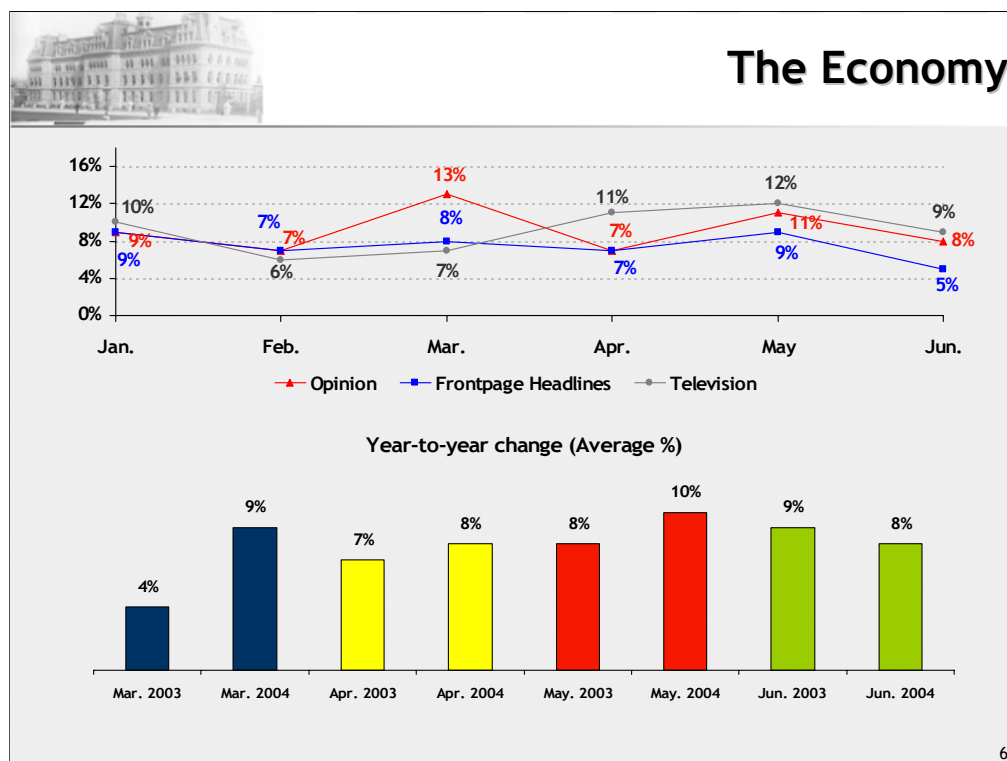
- May 08: Report says conditions apply to Ottawa funding of Museum for Human Rights
- May 09: Two Chinese schools licensed to teach British Columbia curriculum
- May 10: The passing of The Honourable Eric Kierans
- May 27: NDP leader Layton blames PM for homeless deaths
- May 30: Repeated failures prompt review of bilingualism training in GoC
- May 31: Conservative critic calls for new abortion rules
- Jun 01: PM pledges \$2.5B for seniors
- Jun 02: PM outlines \$5B daycare plan
- Jun 09: Aliant strikers mark seventh week off the job
- Jun 17: St. F.X. tuition goes up 8.3%
- Jun 20: Statistics Canada report says quality of life declining in Vancouver
- Jun 21: Ontario gov't plans to quadruple number of teachers of English and writing
- Jun 23: Ontario universities reach record enrollment level
- Jun 26: 400th anniversary of French settlers on St. Croix Island



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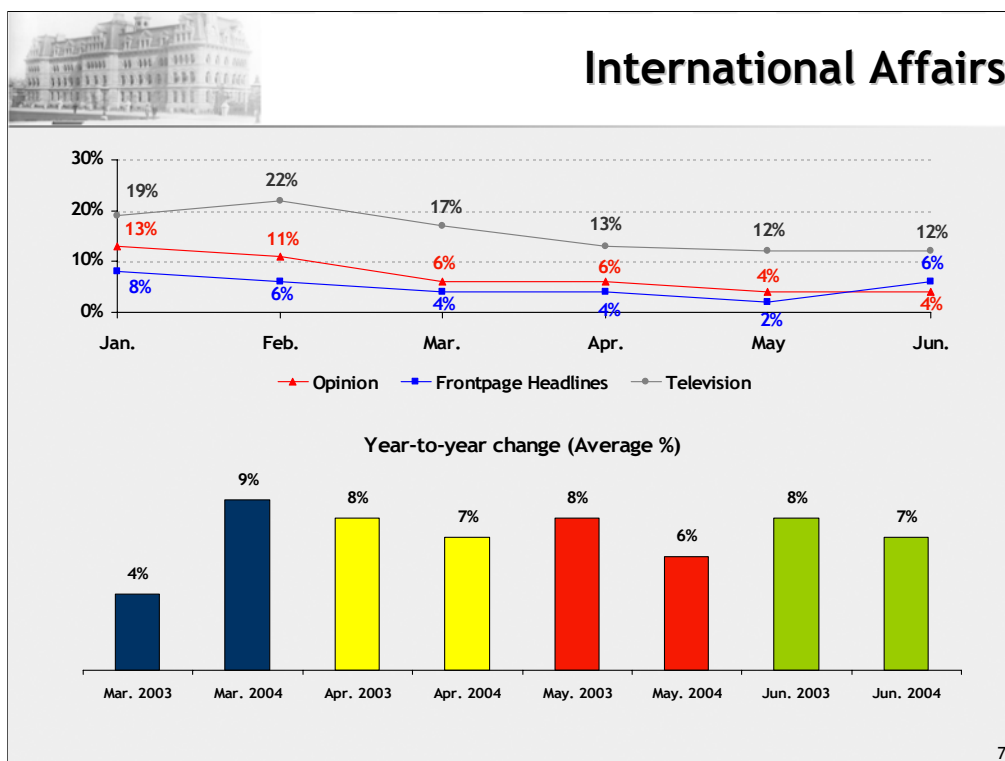
- May 05: Premier Campbell says look to Ottawa for reason for soaring gas prices
- May 11: Nova Scotia budget survives vote
- May 18: Ontario budget health premium to raise \$2.4B
- May 30: Federation of Canadian Municipalities says Canada's municipalities have a \$60B deficit in infrastructure repairs
- Jun 01: Ontario bill proposes election date for Oct. 4, 2007
- Jun 08: New Brunswick releases provincial health care plan
- Jun 09: Premier Hamm welcomes PM's offshore promise to Newfoundland and Labrador
- Jun 16: Premier Lord says he'll hold vote for elected Senate if Harper wins
- Jan 17: Saskatchewan anti-smoking law passes, takes effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005
- Jun 18: Premier Klein lashes back at PM attack on health care / Victoria declares RAV line dead
- Jun 22: Landry says Bloc sweep will hasten referendum/ Atlantic Premiers meet in Nova Scotia
- Jun 23: Klein postpones plan to reform health care / New Brunswick ban on smoking set for Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Jun 27: New Brunswick report says public auto insurance may cost too much





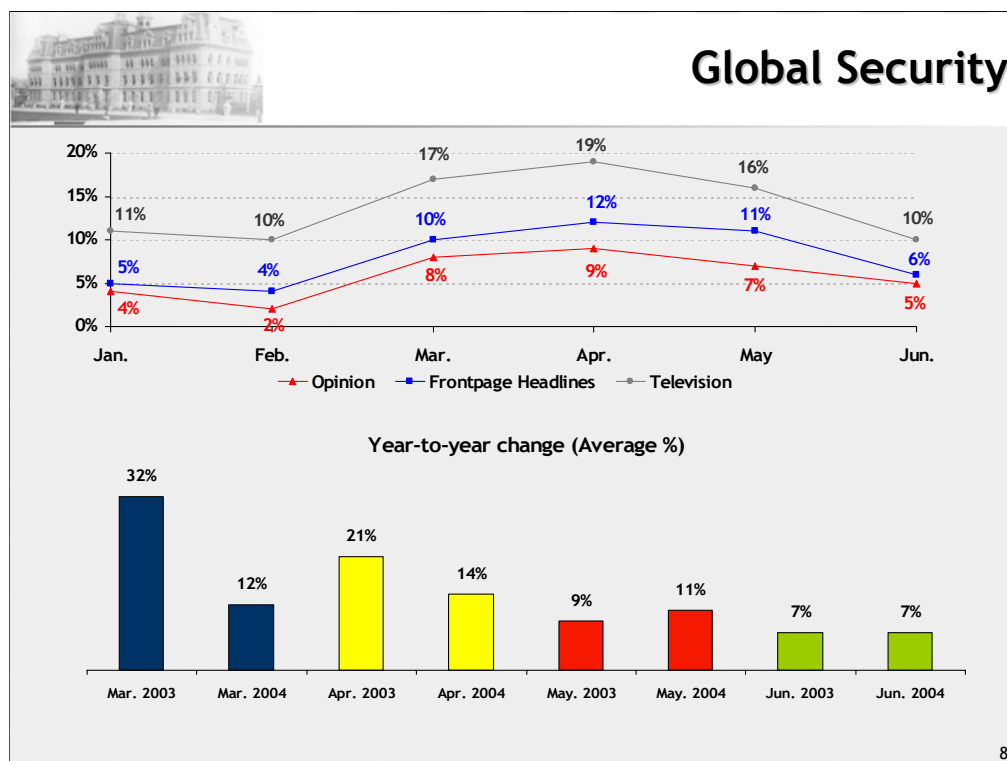
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- May 05: Gas prices soar across the country
- May 11: Oil at \$40 costly to consumers and the economy
- May 17: Goodale promises gas tax windfall will go to health care
- May 19: Ontario judge tries to broker CAW-Air Canada deal
- May 26: NDP leader Layton proposes inheritance tax
- May 28: PM pledges to share gas tax with cities
- May 30: Former New Brunswick premier McKenna says Ottawa should restrict the role of ACOA
- Jun 03: Conservatives offer tax cuts in party platform
- Jun 04: Jobless rate 7.2% (down .1), 56,000 new jobs in May
- Jun 11: Newfoundland and Labrador power rates to jump 10% on July 1st / Nova Scotia Power loses Supreme Court tax battle
- Jun 14: Ottawa invests \$500M into auto industry
- Jun 17: British Columbia housing boom expected to last past 2005
- Jun 18: Air rates beat Marine Atlantic / Nortel considers Ottawa as corporate HQ
- Jun 23: Nova Scotia Power utility plans to hike rates by 14%
- Jun 24: Bay street bemoans prospect of a minority government



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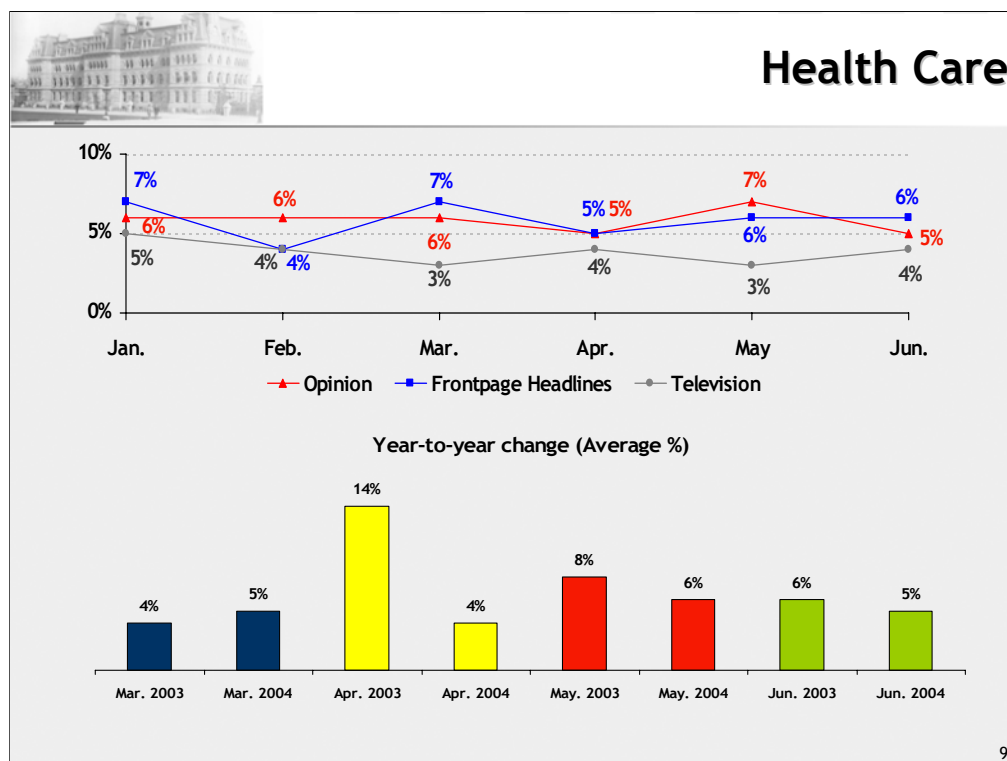
- May 13: India picks Sonia Gandhi as next PM
- May 17: Business nervous as Gandhi prepares to take power
- May 18: Gandhi refuses PM job
- May 23: Dr. Manmohan Singh sworn-in as India's Prime Minister
- May 26: Amnesty International releases annual report on Human Rights
- May 28: Flooding in Haiti, Dominican Rep. leaves thousands homeless
- May 29: Earthquake in Iran
- Jun 04: 15th Anniversary of Tiananmen Square massacre
- Jun 05: Death of former US President Ronald Reagan
- Jun 06: World leaders attend D-Day ceremonies
- Jun 09: G8 at Sea Island, Georgia
- Jun 13: Polish election
- Jun 18: Sudan crisis compared to Rwanda
- Jun 26: Animal in the US tests positive in preliminary test for BSE
- Jun 27: Pakistan's PM resigns



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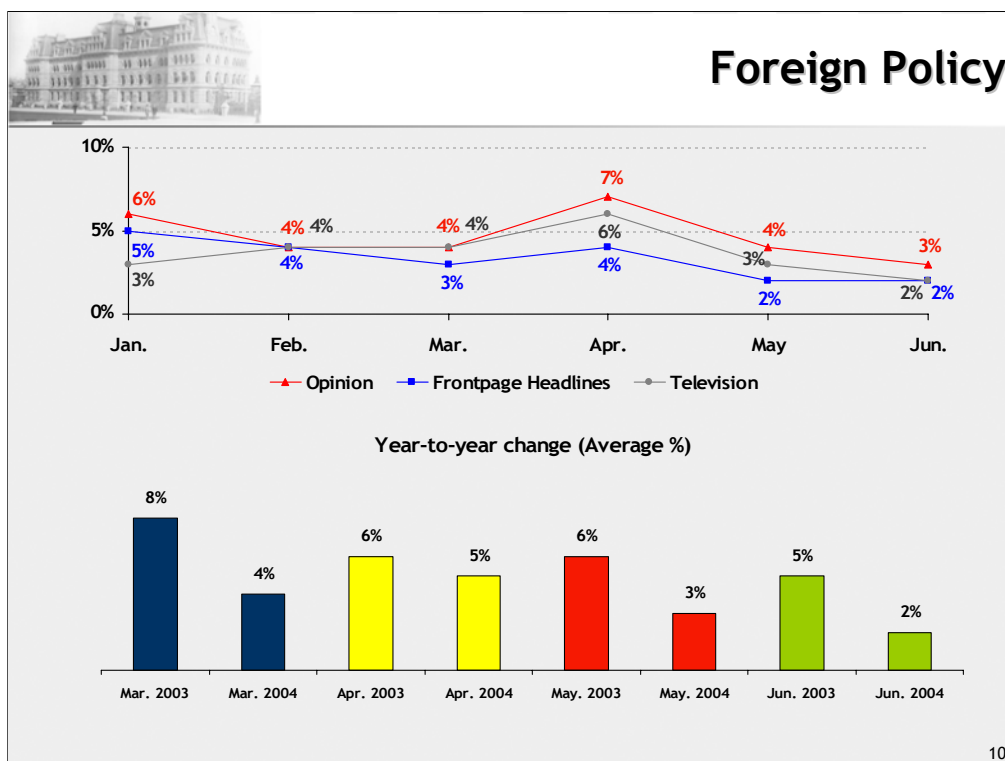
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- May 06: Bush apologizes to Iraqi detainees abused at Abu Ghraib prison
- May 07: Rumsfeld warns of more torture photos from Abu Ghraib prison
- May 11: Terrorists in Iraq behead an American engineer
- May 18: Khadr daughter chides Canada over brother's treatment
- May 29: Terrorists kill 16 in attack on Saudi complex
- Jun 02: Iraq has new interim Government sworn in
- Jun 03: CIA chief Tenet quits
- Jun 04: US President Bush visits Italy
- Jun 08: UN Security Council resolution recognizes Iraqi state, US-led force /  
Attorney General Ashcroft testifies before Senate Com over military's rules on torture
- Jun 12: Iran refuses demands to scale back its nuclear program
- Jun 15: Iraqi leaders demand custody of Saddam Hussein
- Jun 16: 9/11 Commission of Inquiry says Iraq not linked to Sept. 11 in US
- Jun 17: Canada declines US request to extend troops' Afghan mission / Independent panel says US air defences weren't prepared for 9/11
- Jun 18: Terrorists in Iraq behead US hostage
- Jun 22: Korean hostage beheaded in Iraq
- Jun 27: Terrorists threaten to behead 3 Turkish nationals
- Jun 30: US hands over Saddam Hussein to Iraq



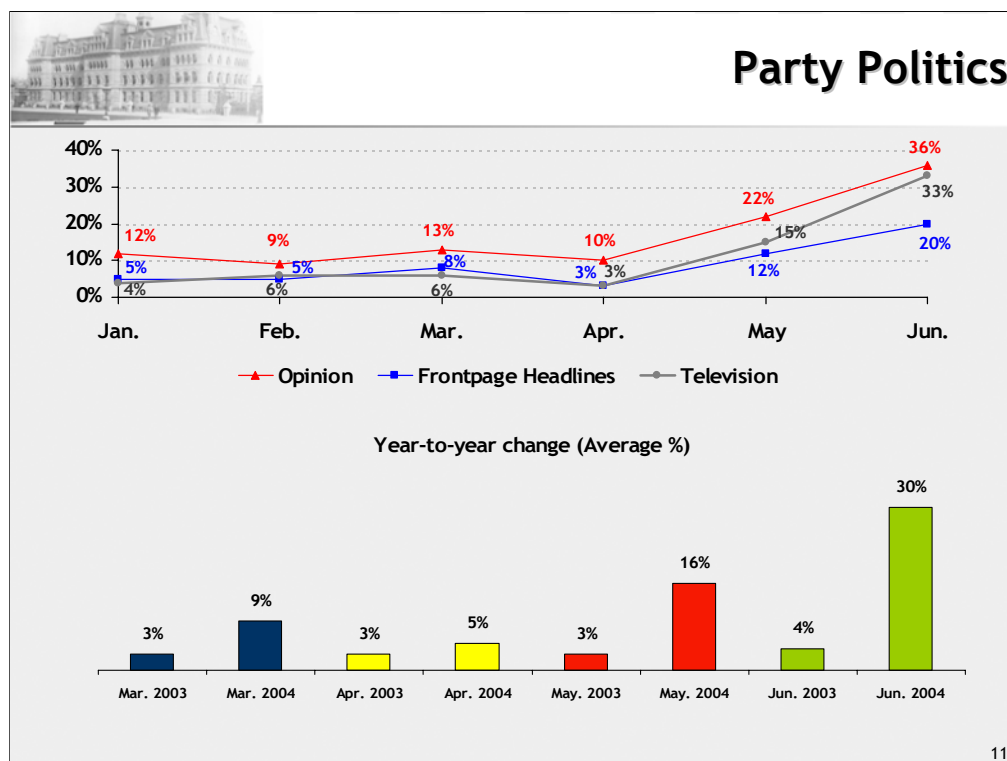
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- May 7: Ottawa Citizen story says PM uses private Medisys clinic
- May 18: Health Canada issues antidepressant warning / Morning-after pill to be available over the counter
- May 25: PM releases health care platform
- Jun 04: West Nile virus reported in Regina / New Brunswick says it plans to reduce surgery wait times
- Jun 07: Canadian Medical Association Journal study says private hospitals would add \$7B to yearly health cost
- Jun 08: British Columbia patients warned after fault found in dialysis machines
- Jun 09: Canadian Institute for Health Information study says millions of Canadians report medical mistakes / Hospital closures in New Brunswick spark protests
- Jun 10: Depression drugs linked to suicides in teens
- Jun 15: Statistics Canada says 3.6M Canadians have no family doctor
- Jun 16: Halifax QEII dialysis patients warned of infection
- Jun 23: Ottawa tracks OxyContin use in Atlantic Canada



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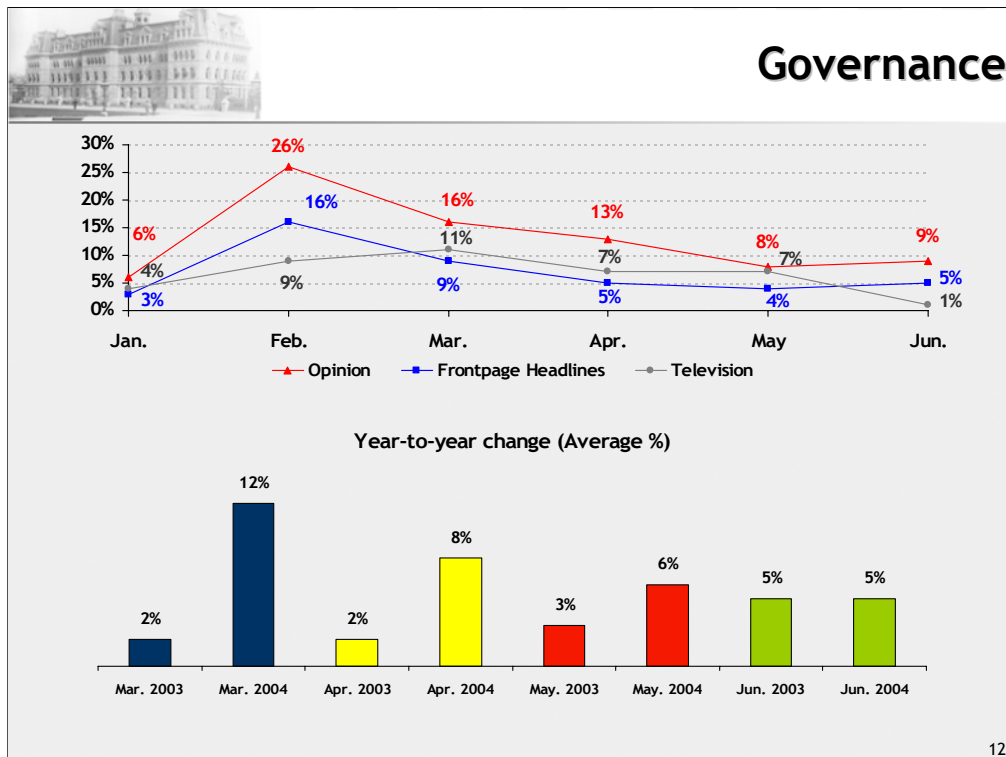
- Apr 14: PM gives speech at CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick
- Apr 20: Amendments to Bill C-9, the "Jean Chretien Pledge To Africa" Act announced
- Apr 29: PM announces new secretariat at the Canadian Embassy in Washington
- Apr 29-30: PM meets President Bush in Washington
- May 10: Julie Payette and Gordon Smith named co-chairpersons of Canada Corps
- Jun 04: PM vows to review Pecelj sanctuary case
- Jun 06: PM gives speech at 60th Anniversary of D-Day at the Juno Beach Centre
- Jun 8-9: PM attends G8 Summit at Sea Island, Georgia
- Jun 11: GG attends State Funeral for former US President Reagan
- Jun 27-29: Foreign Affairs Minister Graham attends NATO Summit in Istanbul



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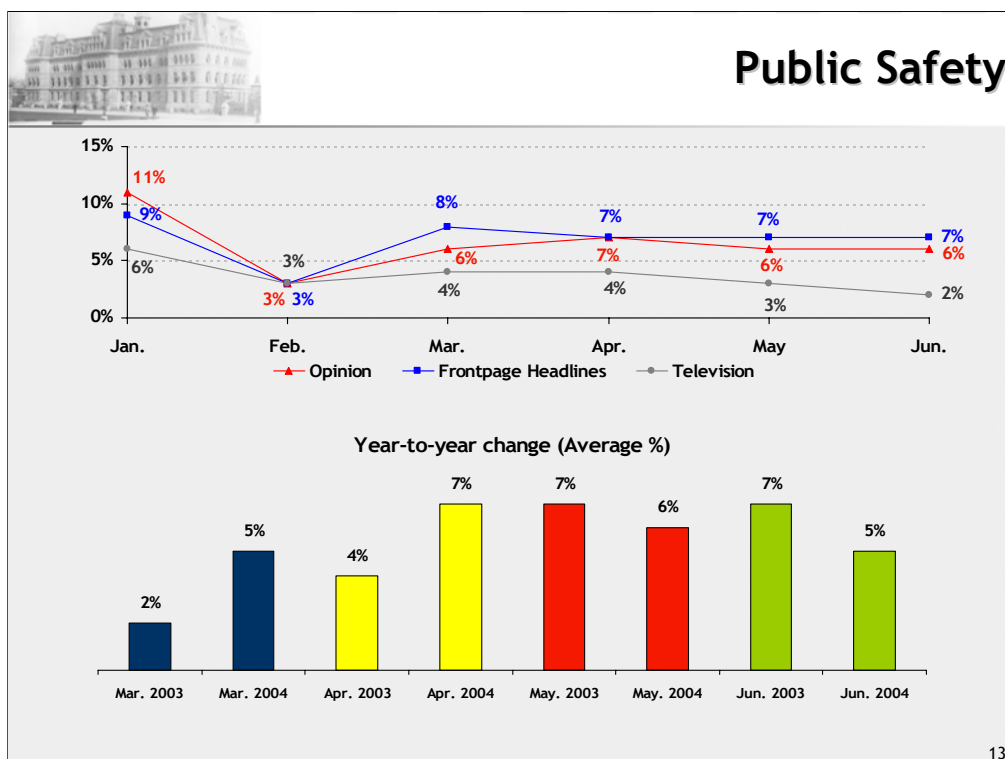
- May 27: NDP releases party platform
- May 28: NDP leader Layton says he would repeal the Clarity Act
- May 29: PM promises not to raise taxes; says politicians must honour promises
- May 31: Harper releases defense platform / Crosbie decides against political comeback
- Jun 03: PM releases \$27B party platform
- Jun 05: Conservatives release \$58B party platform
- Jun 14: French-language televised leaders' debate
- Jun 15: English-language televised leaders' debate
- Jun 16: Conservative leader Harper predicts majority
- Jun 17: PM says Klein-Harper will not defend medicare
- Jun 18: Conservatives ask if PM backs child porn
- Jun 19: Harper-led gov't would eliminate Air Canada Public Participation Act
- Jun 21: NDP opens up minority bargaining
- Jun 24: Duceppe says he will back party with the best blueprint for Quebec
- Jun 29: NDP leader Layton lays out conditions on minority



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### Notable Headlines

- May 6: New Comptroller General for Canada appointed
- May 7: Justice Gomery's opening statement at sponsorship inquiry /  
John Harvard appointed Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
- May 10: RCMP lay fraud charges in sponsorship scandal
- May 11: MPs block fast report on sponsorship scandal
- May 12: New Brunswick court throws out new electoral map
- May 27: Former Minister Gagliano launches lawsuit against Government of Canada
- Jun 08: Former PM Chrétien on list for inquiry into sponsorship
- Jun 12: Auditor General Fraser wants audit reports "depoliticized"; to be called performance reports
- Jun 24: Elections Canada says it has cleaned up voters' list
- Jun 28: Liberals win minority Government
- Jun 29: PM rules out formal coalition




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### Notable Headlines

- Apr 27: Deputy PM McLellan tables Canada's first national security policy
- May 06: CSIS director Elcock warns of al-Qaeda attack on Canada
- May 07: RCMP statistics show more drivers are being caught without insurance
- May 10: Study says crackdown hasn't cut drug use in Downtown Eastside
- Jun 02: Air India witness admits he sold drugs, lied under oath
- Jun 03: National survey of police says Saskatchewan has most youth gang members per capita
- Jun 07: Harper advocates hate-crime revisions / PM attacks Harper on Charter of Rights
- Jun 17: Holly Jones's killer blames child porn
- Jun 21: Saskatchewan police probe finds anti-native prejudice
- Jun 22: Former CSIS director Elcock testifies at Arar inquiry
- Jun 23: Supreme Court rejects secrecy in anti-terrorism hearings
- Jun 24: Toronto police services board does not renew Chief Fantino's contract






## Frontpage Coverage by Region

March - June 2004

Issue	Atlantic	Québec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
Aboriginals	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
Economy	9%	9%	6%	7%	7%
Foreign Policy	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%
Global Security	3%	12%	16%	7%	6%
Governance	4%	5%	8%	4%	3%
Health	7%	3%	6%	7%	7%
International Affairs	2%	11%	4%	2%	5%
Miscellaneous	29%	23%	24%	41%	27%
Natural Resources	5%	1%	1%	3%	8%
Party Politics	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	14%	15%	8%	9%	7%
Public Safety	7%	2%	9%	5%	10%
Social Issues	9%	6%	4%	4%	9%
Unity	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

Note: Totals exclude Globe & Mail and National Post

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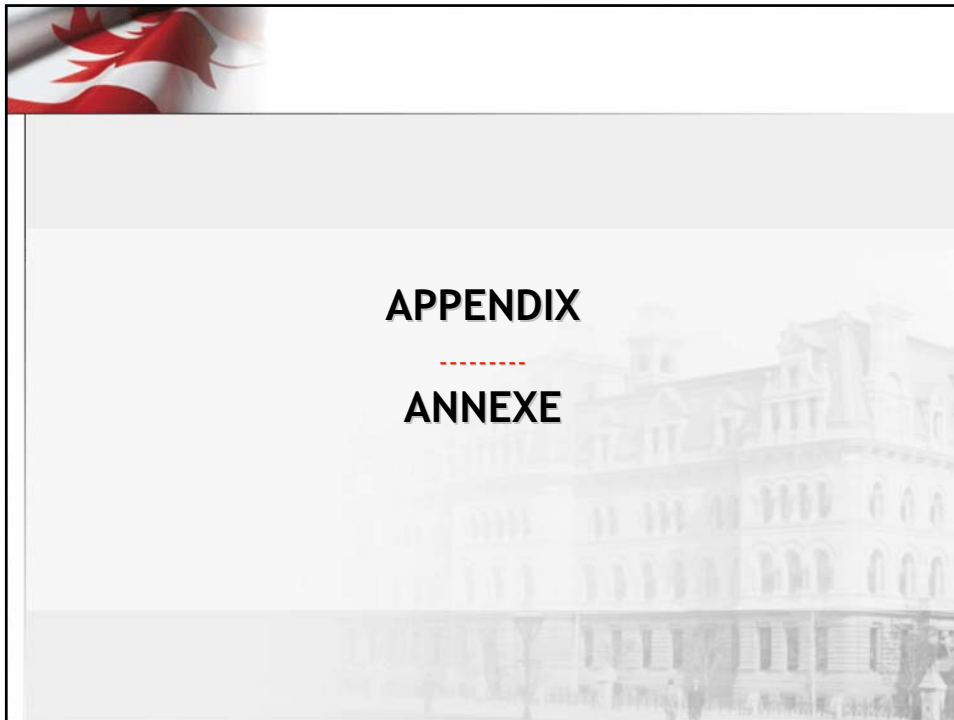
## Editorial Coverage by Region

March - June 2004

Issue	Atlantic	Québec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
Aboriginals	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%
Economy	13%	8%	10%	8%	11%
Foreign Policy	2%	2%	4%	9%	6%
Global Security	2%	7%	7%	7%	3%
Governance	12%	12%	10%	12%	14%
Health	8%	1%	7%	8%	9%
International Affairs	1%	7%	6%	4%	2%
Miscellaneous	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%
Natural Resources	5%	0%	3%	2%	4%
Party Politics	21%	28%	18%	17%	20%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	23%	25%	14%	15%	9%
Public Safety	4%	1%	9%	8%	8%
Social Issues	7%	5%	8%	5%	9%
Unity	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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## Sources and Sample Details

<b>National</b>	<b>Ontario</b>	<b>Television News</b>
Globe and Mail	The Toronto Star	CBC News
National Post	The Ottawa Citizen	CTV News
		SRC - Le Téléjournal
		TVA Réseau
<b>Atlantic Canada</b>	<b>Prairies</b>	
Charlottetown Guardian	The Calgary Herald	
Halifax Chronicle Herald	The Winnipeg Free Press	
New Brunswick Telegraph Journal	The Regina Leader Post	
St. John's Telegram		
<b>Québec</b>	<b>British Columbia</b>	
La Presse	The Vancouver Sun	
Le Journal de Montréal		

**Sample Sizes**

	March 2004	April 2004	May 2004	June 2004
<b>Frontpage Headlines</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1790</b>	<b>1763</b>	<b>1734</b>
<b>Editorial/Opinion</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>758</b>
Television	1690	1325	1752	1582



## Media Categories

<b>Aboriginals</b>	First Nations politics / Governance / Land Claims / Residential Schools
<b>The Economy</b>	Economy / Jobs / Fiscal issues / Taxes / Innovation & Skills / R&D / Industry / Transportation and Infrastructure
<b>Foreign Policy</b>	Foreign Policy / International Assistance / Immigration / Defence (including preparedness)
<b>Global Security</b>	Terrorism / War in Iraq / Canada -US border
<b>Governance</b>	Governance / Parliament / Ethics / Appointments / ATIP
<b>Health</b>	Health care services / Renewal / SARS / West Nile
<b>International Affairs</b>	International events that are political in nature or that have public policy implications (other than Terrorism and Iraq)
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Miscellaneous
<b>Natural Resources</b>	Natural Resources / Environment / Climate Change / Energy / Fisheries / Agriculture
<b>Party Politics</b>	Partisan politics at federal level
<b>Prov. &amp; Munic</b>	Provincial and municipal affairs / politics
<b>Public Safety</b>	Public safety / Justice / Organized crime / Security
<b>Social issues</b>	Social issues / Education / Culture / Same-Sex marriage
<b>Unity</b>	Unity / Federal-provincial relations / Fiscal federalism



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August - December 2004

# CALENDRIER D'ÉVÉNEMENTS

Août à décembre 2004



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<h1>August / Août 2004</h1>					
2.	3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK, US, Australia &amp; Canada Quadrilateral Meeting on IT - San Francisco, CA (US) (3-4)</li> <li>6th World Congress on Aging &amp; Physical Activity - London, ON (3-7)</li> </ul>	4.	5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Couchiching Conference on Religion, Pluralism &amp; Secular State - Couchiching Lake, ON</li> </ul>	6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>African Canadian Disability Community Association Conference - Toronto (6-8)</li> </ul>	7/8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unveiling of the newly constructed Peacekeeping Park - Calgary (8)</li> </ul>
9. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of the World's Indigenous People</li> </ul>	10.	11.	12. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth Sport Ministers meeting - Athens, Greece</li> <li>International Youth Day</li> </ul>	13. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2004 Summer Olympic Games - Athens, Greece (13-29)</li> </ul>	14/15. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15th International AIDS Conference - Toronto (15-20)</li> <li>Canadian Bar Association annual general meeting - Winnipeg (15)</li> </ul>
16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Welfare League of Canada's Conference on Promoting Resilient Development in Children Receiving Care - Ottawa (16-20)</li> <li>World Water Week (16-20)</li> </ul>	17.	18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expo-Quebec - Quebec City (18-29)</li> </ul>	19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Roundtable on the Environment &amp; the Economy - Regina (19-20)</li> </ul>	20. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian National Exhibition - Toronto (Aug 20-Sept 6)</li> </ul>	21/22. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference - Ottawa (22-25)(T)</li> <li>New England &amp; Eastern Canadian Premiers' Conference - St. John's (22-23)</li> </ul>
23. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2nd meeting of the OAS Ministers of Culture - Mexico City, Mexico (23-24)</li> <li>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade &amp; its Abolition</li> </ul>	24.	25.	26. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference on Global Demographic Change, Economic Impacts &amp; Policy Challenges - Jackson Hole, Wyoming (US) (26-28)</li> </ul>	27. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Elders Summit 2004 - Ohsweken, ON</li> </ul>	28/29. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2004 Summer Olympic Games' closing ceremony - Athens, Greece (29)</li> </ul>
30. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Republican Party's National Convention - New York (Aug 30-Sept 2)</li> <li>Action for sustainable development of Small Island States' International Meeting - Mauritius (Aug 30-Sept 3)</li> </ul>	31.				

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<h1>September / Septembre 2004</h1>					
		<p>1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th APEC Finance Ministers meeting - Santiago, Chile (1-3)</li> </ul>	<p>2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Movements &amp; Immigration World Congress - Barcelona, Spain (2-5)</li> </ul>	<p>3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merchant Navy Veterans' Day</li> </ul>	<p>4/5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19th World Energy Congress &amp; Exhibition - Sydney, Australia (5-9)</li> <li>• Global Aging - Sustaining Development's 7th Global Conference - Singapore (5-8)</li> </ul>
<p>6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official closing of the Canadian War Museum building on Sussex Drive - Ottawa</li> <li>• Labour Day (Canada &amp; US)</li> </ul>	<p>7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th annual African Computing &amp; Telecommunications Summit - Mauritius (7-9)</li> </ul>	<p>8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank of Canada to announce its decision on interest rates</li> <li>• Opening of the Canadian Pavillion at ITU Telecom Asia 2004 Conference - Busan, South Korea (8-12)</li> <li>• International Literacy Day</li> </ul>	<p>9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach-First Conference on Mental Health &amp; Deafness - Ottawa (9-11)</li> <li>• WIPO meeting on intellectual property, dialogue, internet, cultural diversity &amp; media - Barcelona, Spain (9-11)</li> </ul>	<p>10.</p>	<p>11/12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd National Conference on Coastal &amp; Estuarine Habitat Restoration - Seattle, Washington (US) (12-15)</li> <li>• International Social Security Association's General Assembly - Beijing, China (12-18)</li> </ul>
<p>13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Ministers Meeting on health care - Ottawa (13-15)</li> <li>• Canada's OECD Economic &amp; Development Committee Review (T)</li> <li>• World Urban Forum - Barcelona, Spain (13-17)</li> </ul>	<p>14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN General Assembly opens - New York</li> <li>• Canadian Council of Forest Ministers - Whitehorse, YT (14-16)</li> </ul>	<p>15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F/P/T Northern Development Ministers' Forum - Chibougamou, QC (15-17) (T)</li> </ul>	<p>16.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer</li> </ul>	<p>17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paralympic Games - Athens, Greece (17-28)</li> </ul>	<p>18/19</p>
<p>20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Union of BC Municipalities 2004 Annual Convention - Kelowna (20-24)</li> </ul>	<p>21.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12th annual EXPO COMM - Buenos Aires, Argentina</li> <li>• World Day of Peace</li> </ul>	<p>22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G-20 Workshop on Regional Integration - Beijing, China (22-23)</li> </ul>	<p>23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F/P/T meeting of the Council of Ministers responsible for Transportation &amp; Highway Safety - Quebec City</li> </ul>	<p>24.</p>	<p>25/26.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual meeting of Lieutenant Governors (26-28) (T)</li> </ul>
<p>27.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd international conference on Natural Channel Systems - Ottawa (27-30)</li> </ul>	<p>28.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlantic Economic Summit - Moncton</li> <li>• BioJapan 2004 - Tokyo, Japan</li> </ul>	<p>29.</p>	<p>30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F/P/T meeting of Ministers responsible for the Status of Women - Nfld&amp;L</li> <li>• Western Canadian Music Week (Sept 30-Oct 3)</li> </ul>		

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<h1>October / Octobre 2004</h1>					
				1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Day of Older Persons</i></li> <li>• <i>International Music Day</i></li> <li>• <i>Women's History &amp; Stamp Month</i></li> </ul>	2/3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2004 - Brazil (2-17)</i></li> </ul>
4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Return of Parliament</i></li> <li>• <i>New MP Code of Conduct comes into effect</i></li> <li>• <i>Annual meeting of the G-10 Finance Ministers, World Bank Group &amp; IMF - Washington , DC (US) (4-5)</i></li> </ul>	5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Speech from the Throne</i></li> <li>• <i>International World Teachers' Day</i></li> </ul>	6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Supreme Court of Canada's Fall Session - Ottawa</i></li> <li>• <i>F/P/T meeting of Ministers responsible for Innovation - Moncton (6-7)</i></li> </ul>	7.	8.	9/10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>World Post Day (9)</i></li> <li>• <i>World Mental Health Day (10)</i></li> </ul>
11. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thanksgiving Day (Canada)</i></li> <li>• <i>National Citizenship Week (11-17)</i></li> </ul>	12.	13. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>F/P/T Immigration Ministers meeting - Fredericton, NB (13-14)</i></li> </ul>	14. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>F/P/T Justice Ministers meeting - Whitehorse, YK (14-15)</i></li> <li>• <i>Conférence ministérielle F/P/T sur les affaires francophones - Moncton (14-15)</i></li> </ul>	15.	16/17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>World Food Day (16)</i></li> <li>• <i>Week of the Child (16-24)</i></li> <li>• <i>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17)</i></li> </ul>
18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>GTEC Week - Ottawa (18-20)</i></li> <li>• <i>National Persons Case Day</i></li> </ul>	19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bank of Canada to announce its decision on interest rates</i></li> </ul>	20.	21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Family Service Canada National Conference 2004</i></li> <li>• <i>2004 National Rural Conference - Red Deer, AB (21-23)</i></li> </ul>	22.	23/24. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>UN Day (24)</i></li> <li>• <i>World Development Information Day (24)</i></li> <li>• <i>Disarmament Week (24-30)</i></li> </ul>
25.	26.	27.	28. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Conférence nationale des parents francophones - Winnipeg (28-29)</i></li> </ul>	29. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>F/P/T Culture &amp; Heritage Ministers meeting - Halifax (29-30)</i></li> <li>• <i>Sport Leadership Conference - Ottawa (29-31) (T)</i></li> </ul>	30/31. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Halloween (31)</i></li> <li>• <i>Daylight Savings Time ends (31)</i></li> </ul>

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<h1>November / Novembre 2004</h1>					
1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Cooperation Days (1-3)</i></li> <li>• <i>Adoption Awareness Month</i></li> </ul>	2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>US Presidential &amp; Legislative Elections</i></li> </ul>	3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>WHO Global Forum on Integrated Non-communicable Disease Prevention &amp; Control - Ottawa (3-6)</i></li> </ul>	4.	5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Veterans' Week (5-11)</i></li> </ul>	6/7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War &amp; Armed Conflict (6)</i></li> <li>• <i>National Seniors' Safety Week (6-12)</i></li> </ul>
8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Youth Appreciation Week (8-14)</i></li> <li>• <i>National Aboriginal Health Organization's 2nd National Conference &amp; Health Information Fair - Winnipeg (8-10)</i></li> </ul>	9.	10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Earth Sciences Information Centre's 150th Anniversary - Ottawa</i></li> </ul>	11. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Remembrance Day</i></li> </ul>	12.	13/14. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Restorative Justice Week (14-20)</i></li> </ul>
15. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>National Standards System Conference - Calgary (15-17)</i></li> <li>• <i>China Mining 2004 - Beijing, China (15-18)</i></li> </ul>	16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Day of Tolerance</i></li> </ul>	17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>16th APEC Joint Ministerial meeting - Santiago, Chile</i></li> <li>• <i>3rd World Conservation Congress - Thailand (17-25)</i></li> </ul>	18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>National Roundtable on the Environment &amp; the Economy (Plenary Sessions) - Ottawa (18-19)</i></li> </ul>	19.	20/21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>APEC Economic Leaders' Summit - Santiago, Chile (20-21)</i></li> <li>• <i>G-20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors meeting - Berlin, Germany (20-21)</i></li> <li>• <i>National Child's Day (20)</i></li> </ul>
22.	23. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ontario Public Health Associations' 55th Annual Conference - Toronto (23-24)</i></li> </ul>	24. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>National Symposium on Genomics &amp; Proteomics - Vancouver (24-25)</i></li> <li>• <i>Arctic Council Ministerial meeting - Ottawa (24-25) (T)</i></li> <li>• <i>National AIDS Awareness Week (Nov 24-Dec 1)</i></li> </ul>	25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>US Thanksgiving Day</i></li> <li>• <i>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</i></li> </ul>	26. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>10e Sommet de la Francophonie - Burkina Faso (26-27)</i></li> </ul>	27/28. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prix Gémeaux (27-28)</i></li> </ul>
29. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People</i></li> </ul>	30.				



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<i>December / Décembre 2004</i>					
		1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>World AIDS Day</i></li> </ul>	2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Canada-EU Summit - The Hague, Netherlands (T)</i></li> <li>• <i>International Day for the Abolition of Slavery</i></li> </ul>	3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Day of Disabled Persons</i></li> </ul>	4/5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>6th National Immunization Conference - Montreal (5-8)</i></li> <li>• <i>International Volunteer Day (5)</i></li> </ul>
6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meeting of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change - Buenos Aires, Argentina (6-17)</i></li> </ul>	7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bank of Canada to announce its decision on interest rates</i></li> </ul>	8.	9.	10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>World Human Rights Day</i></li> </ul>	11/12.
13. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gemini Awards Gala - Toronto</i></li> </ul>	14.	15.	16.	17.	18/19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Migrants Day (18)</i></li> </ul>
20.	21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Winter Solstice</i></li> </ul>	22.	23.	24.	25/26.
27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	