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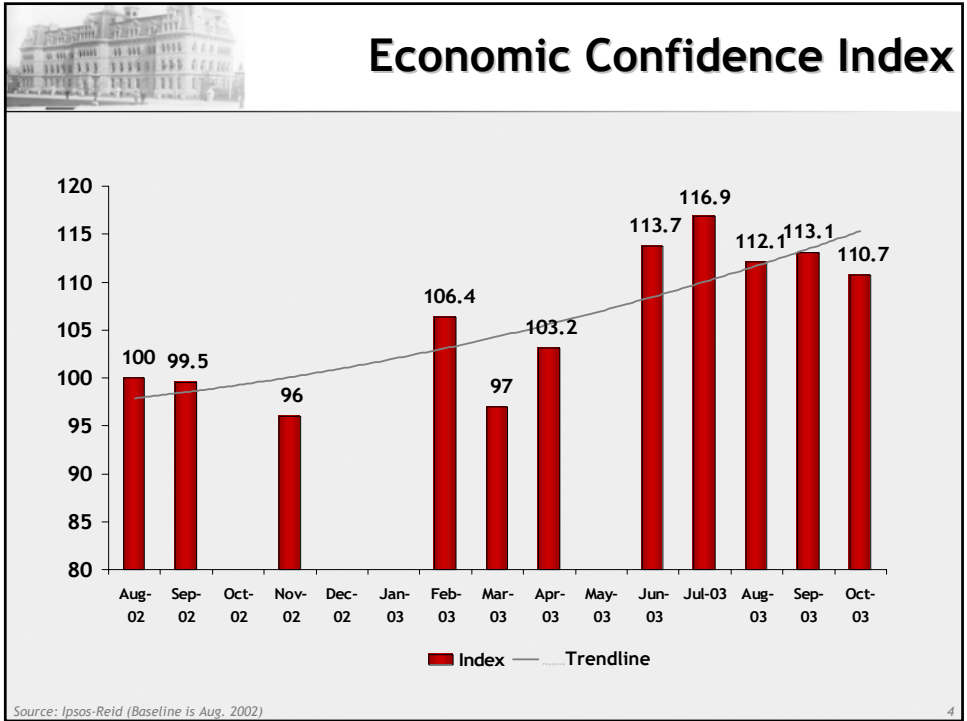
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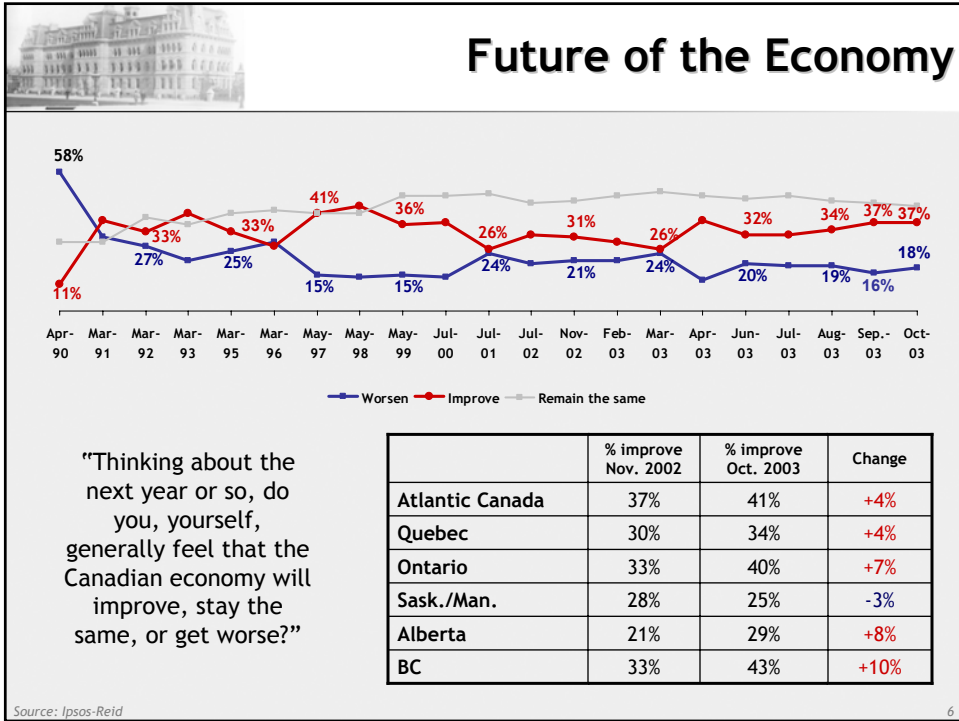
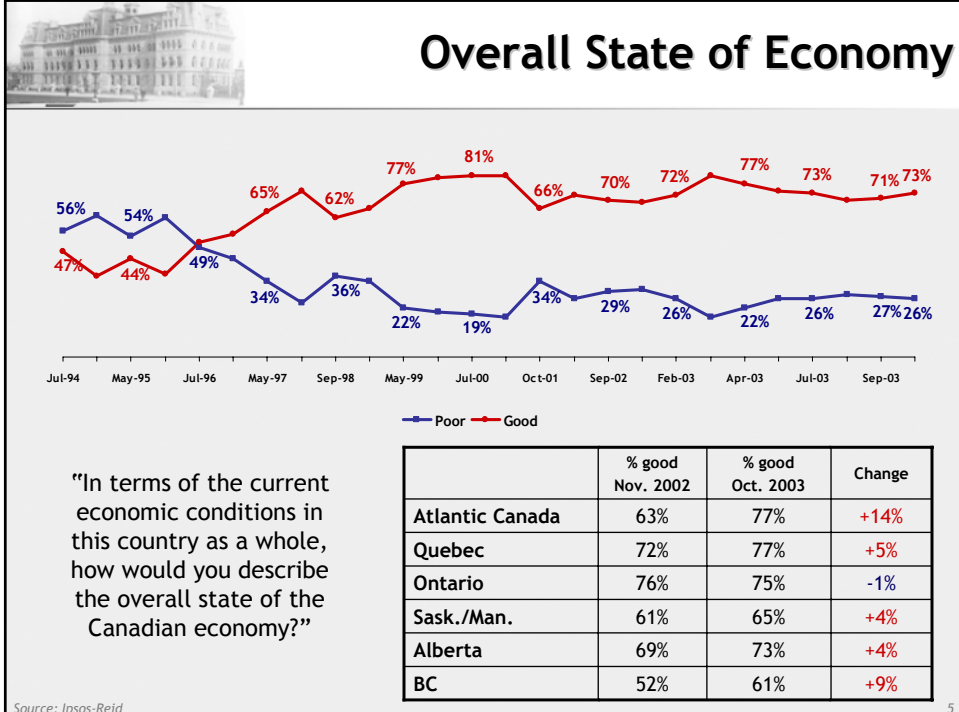
- This section presents an overview of the most recent publicly accessible data on public opinion regarding:
 - The Economy
 - Governance
 - Social Issues
 - Identity & attachment
 - Health care and prescription drugs
 - Foreign policy & security
 - Canada-US relations

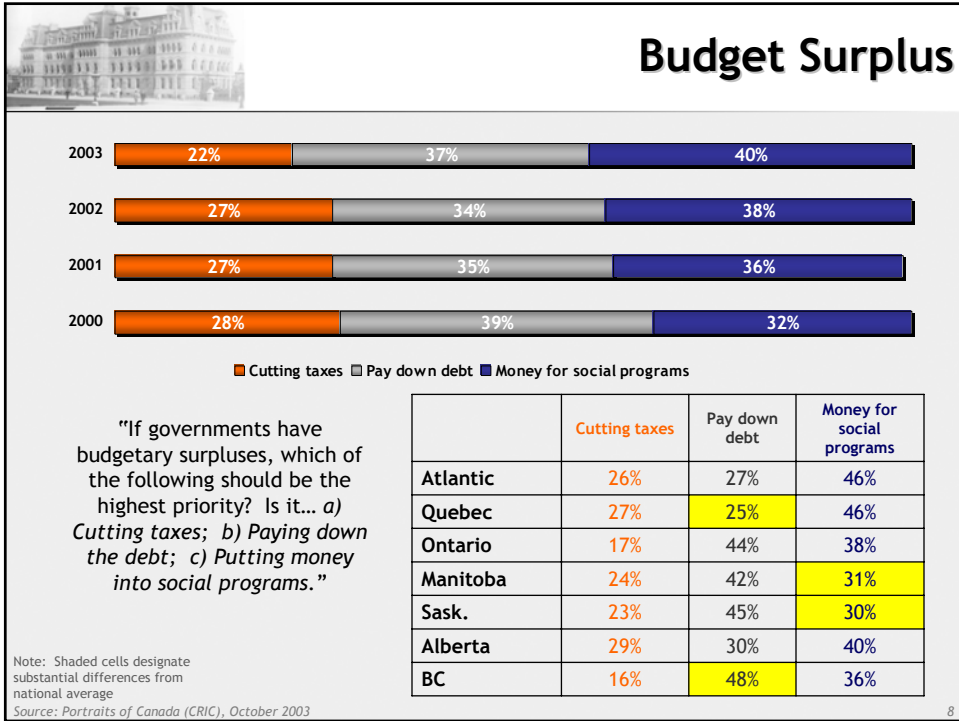
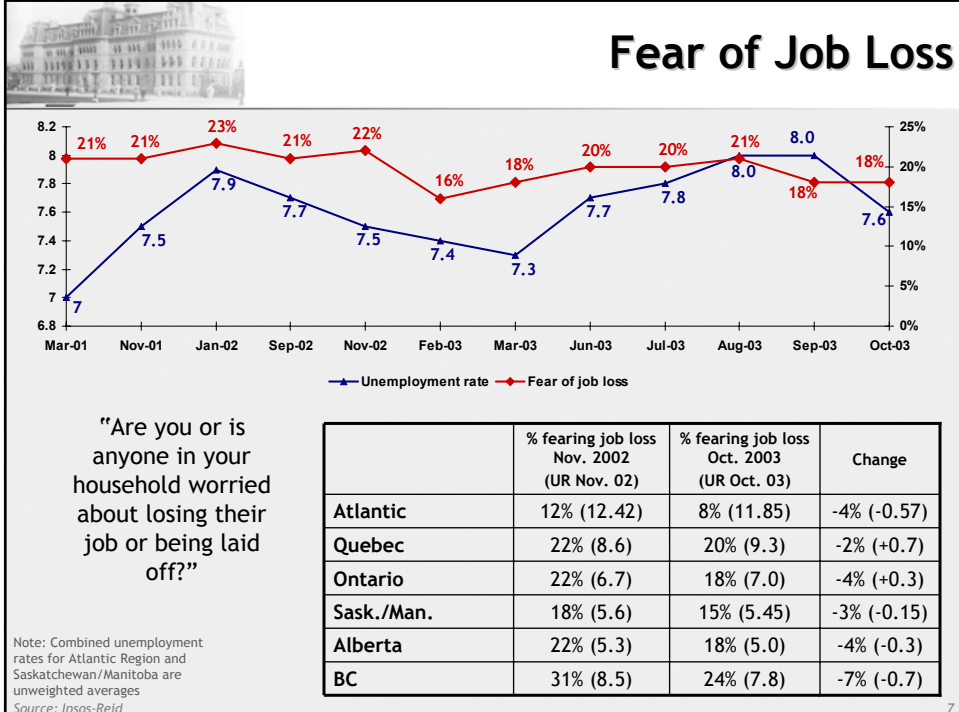
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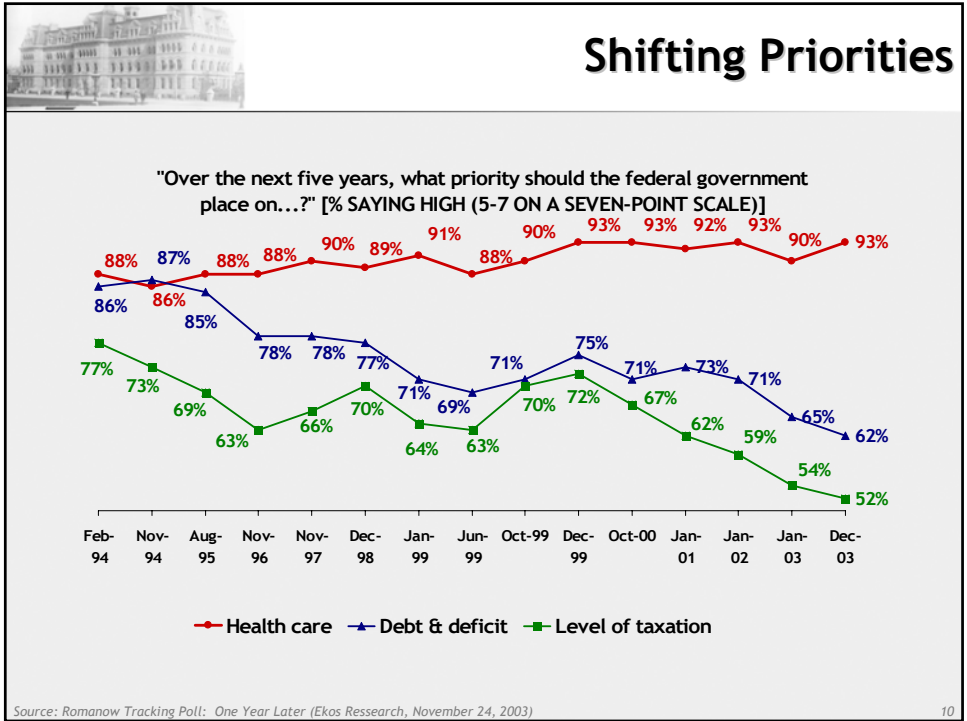


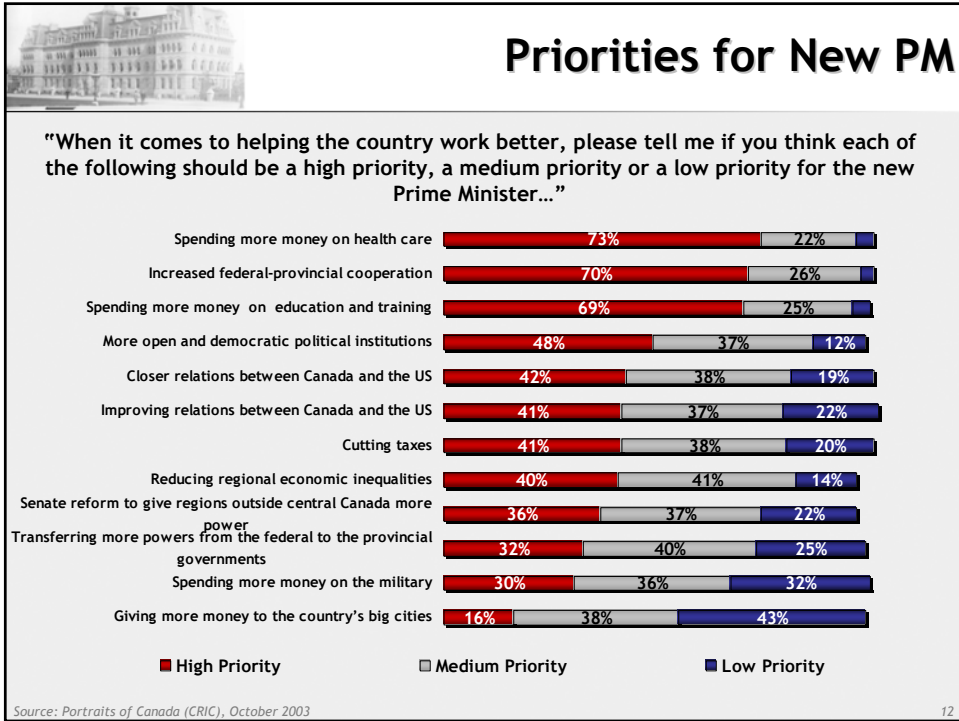
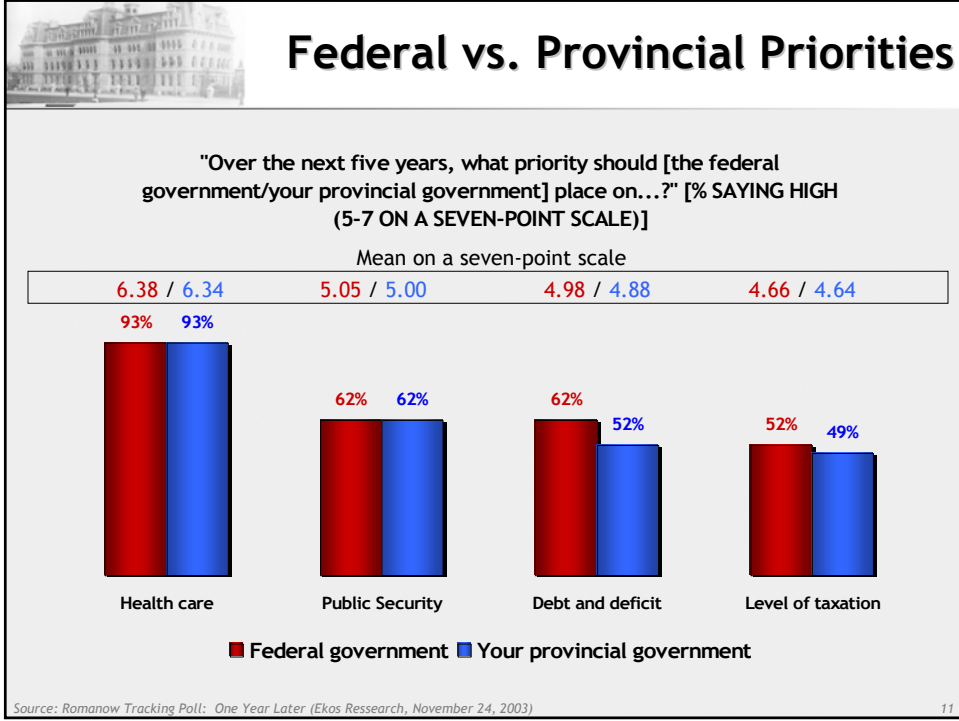


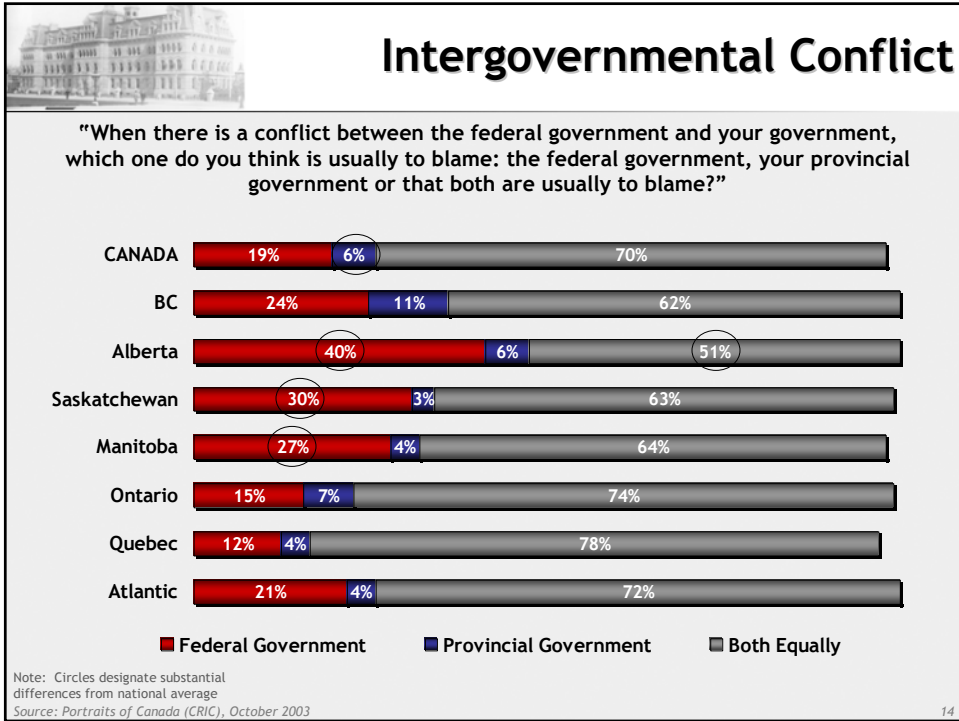
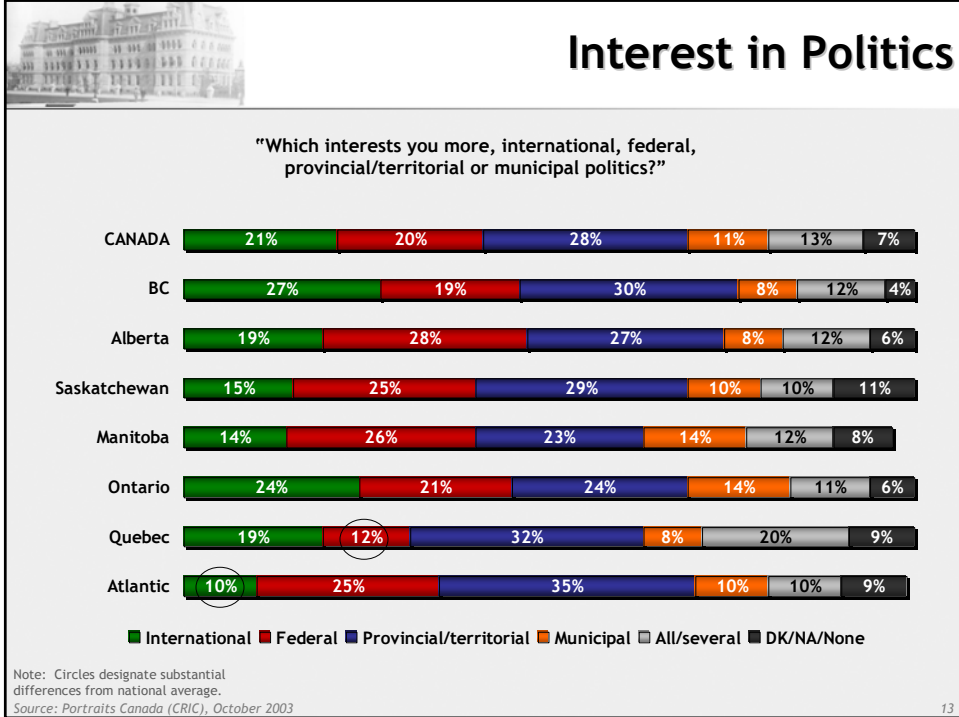


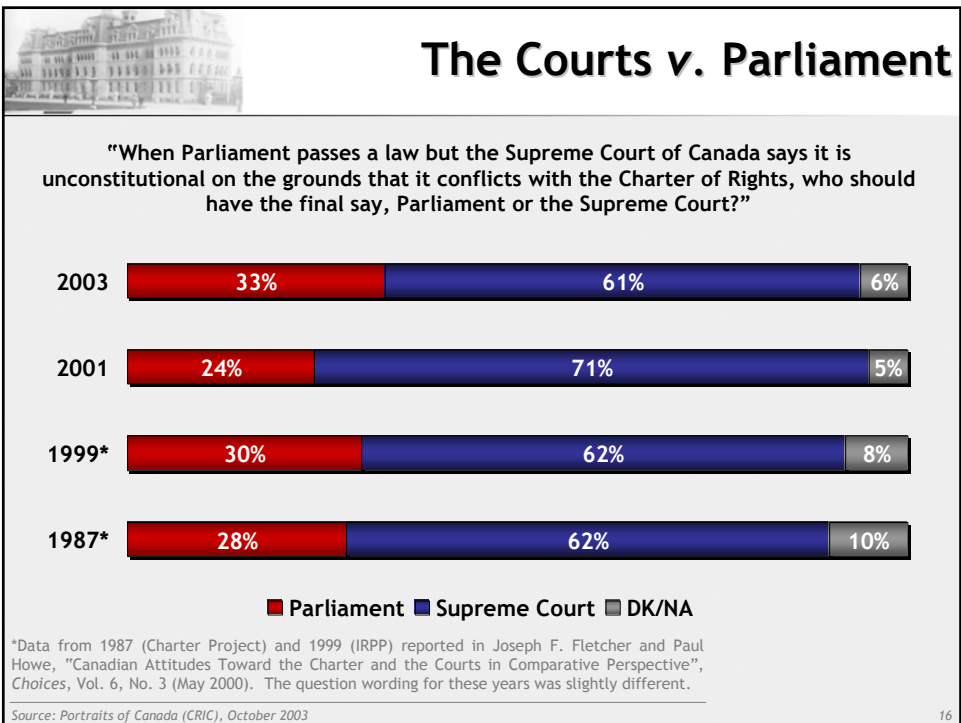
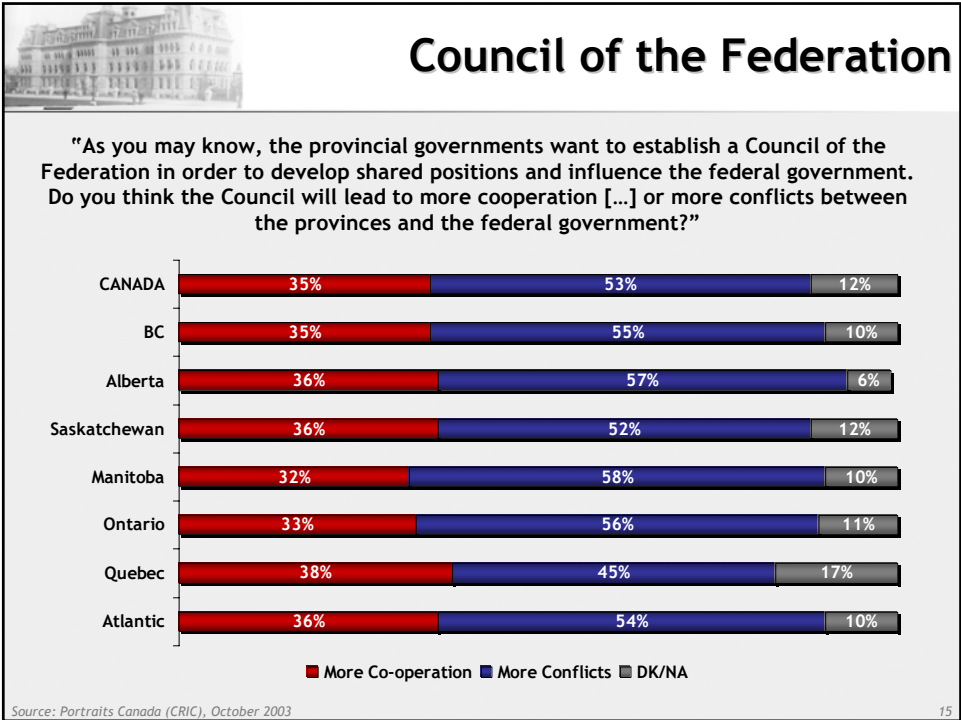


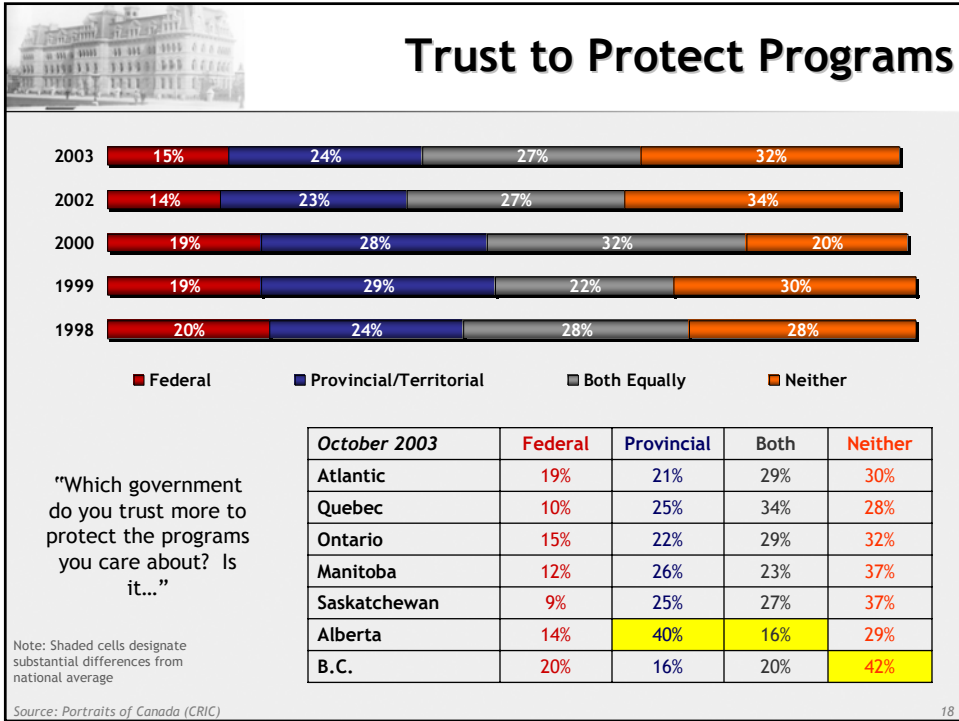
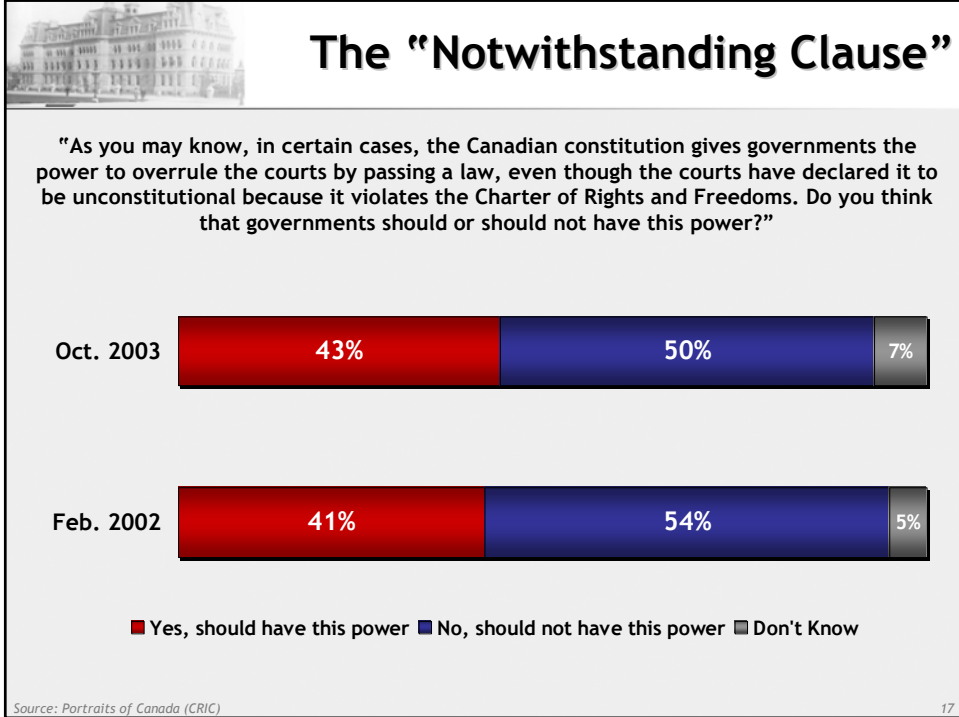
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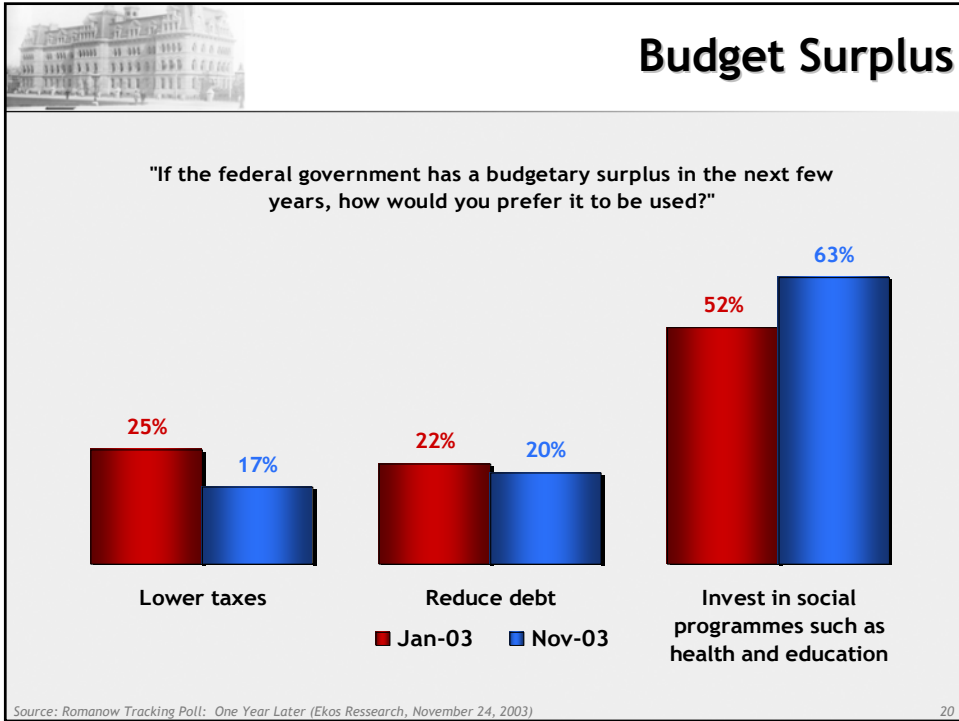
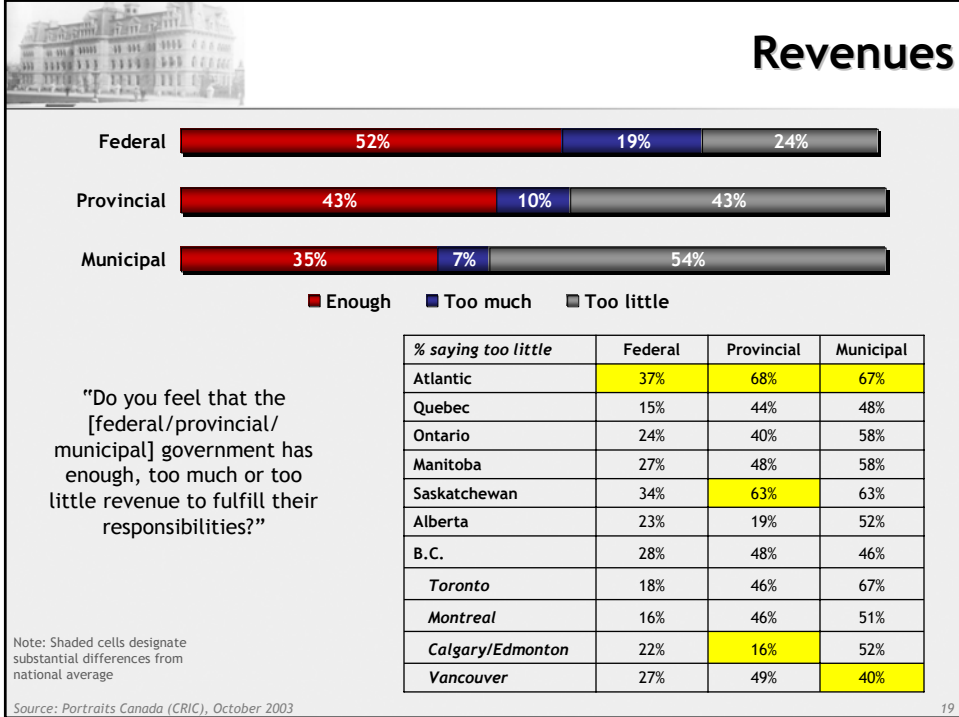


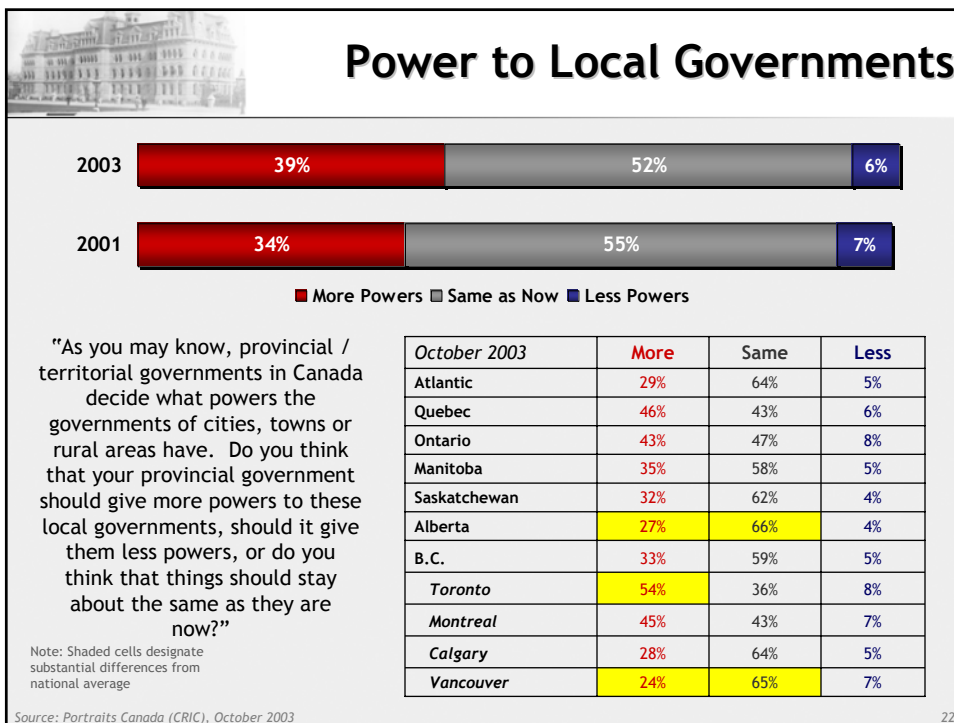
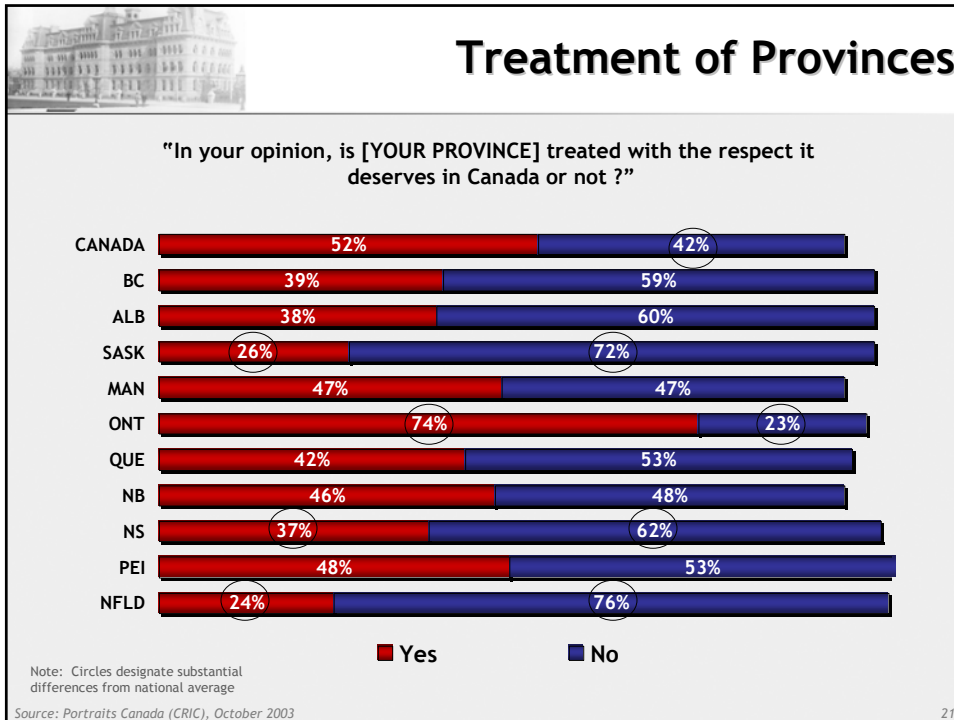


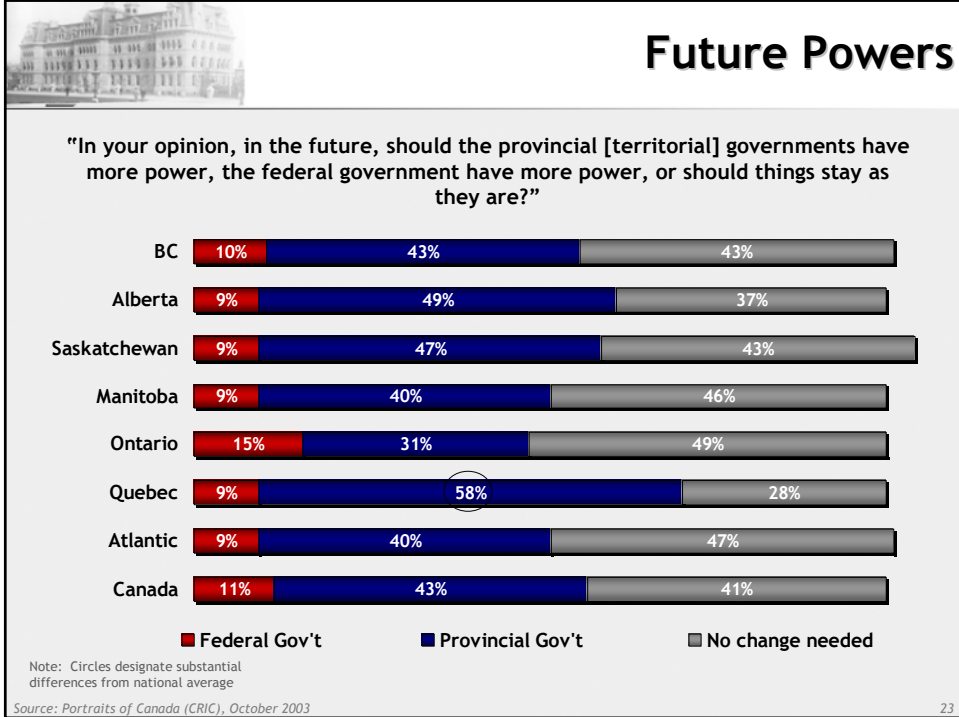




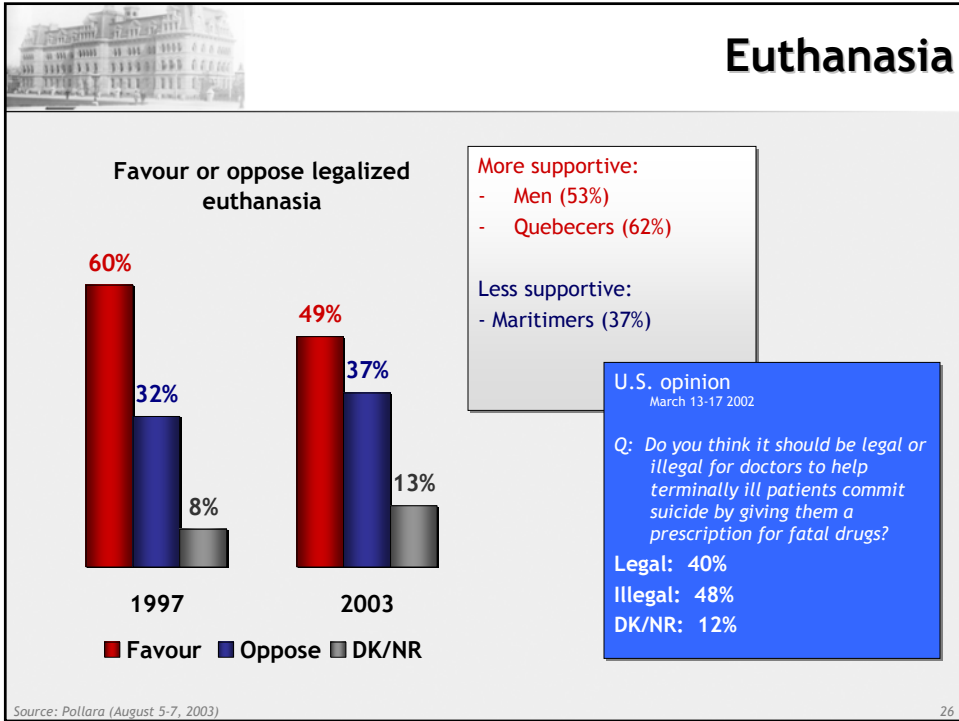
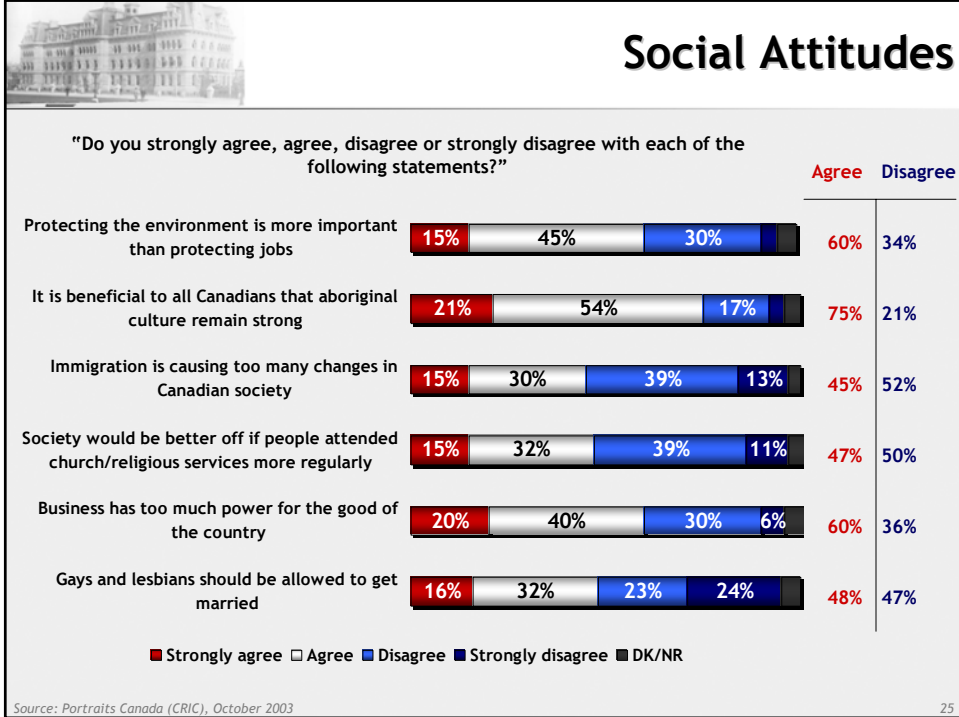


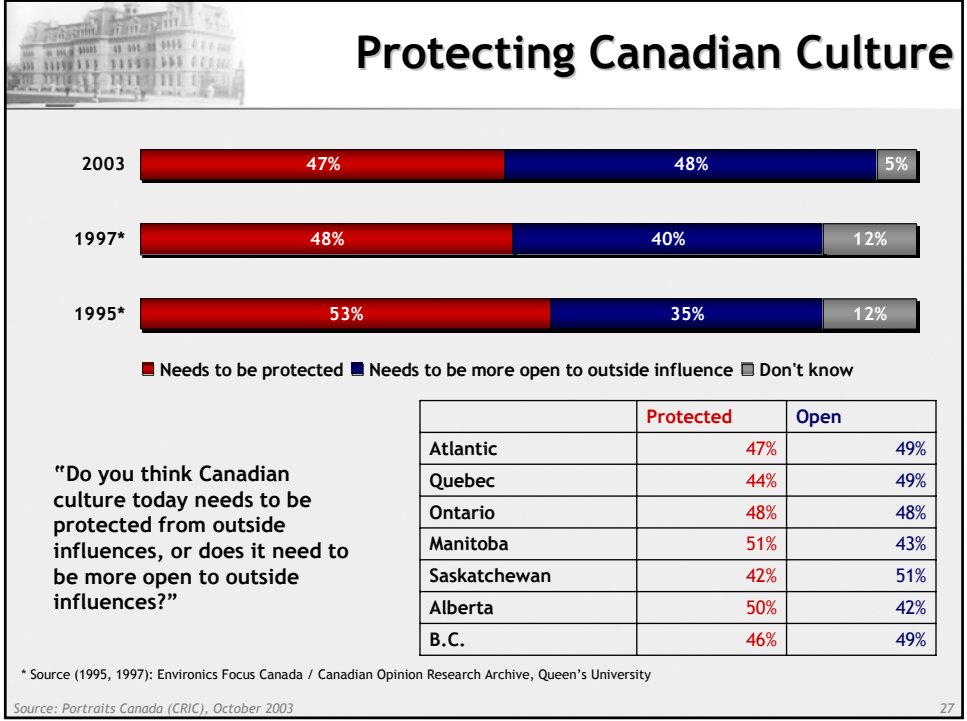




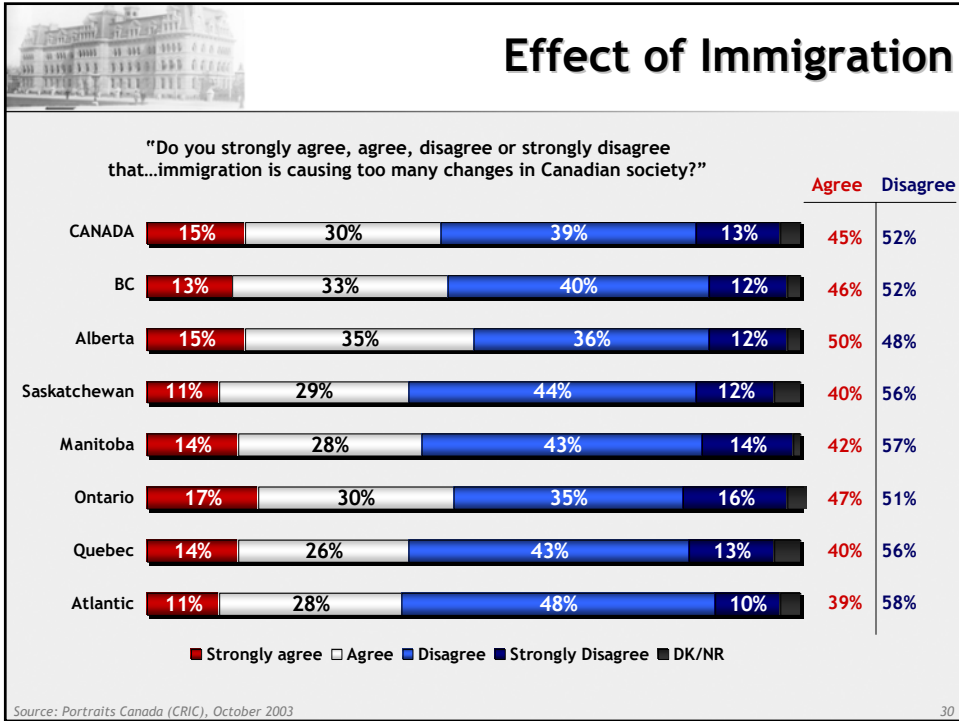
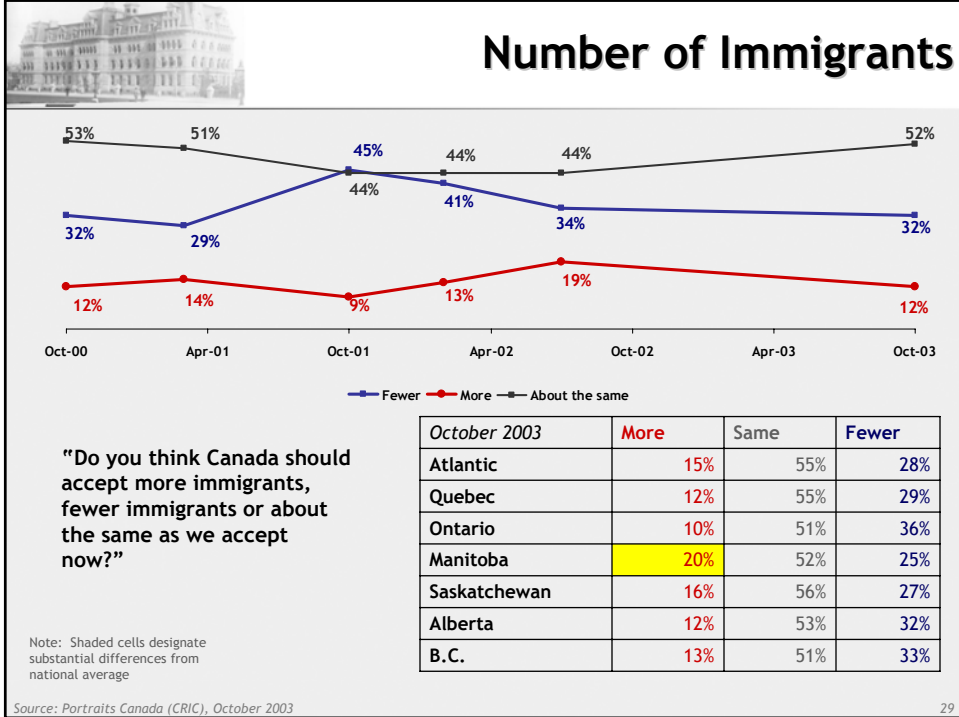


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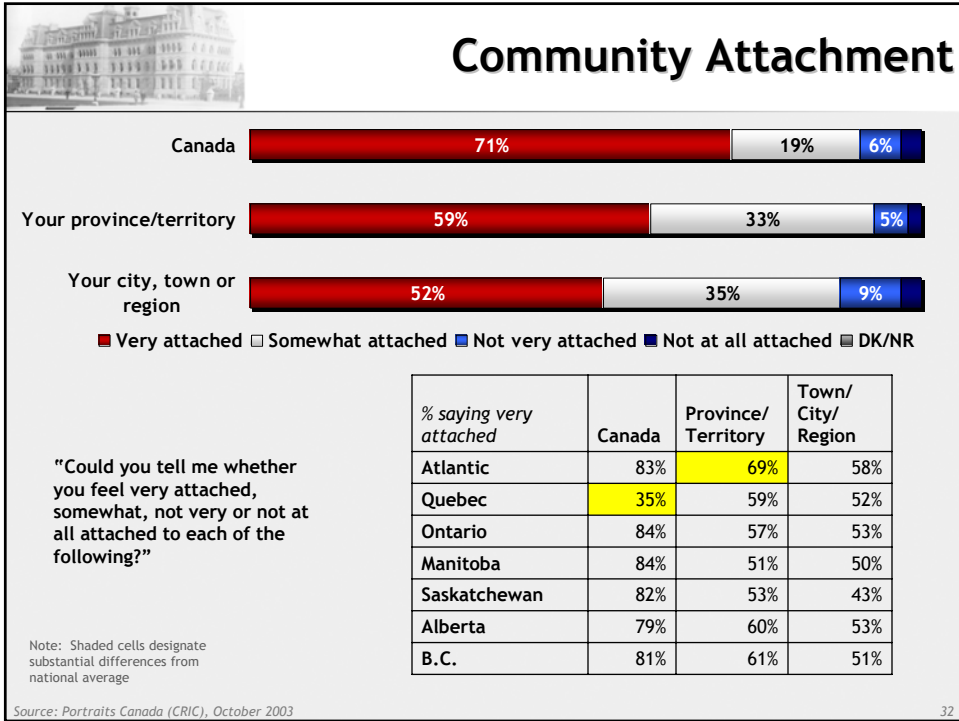


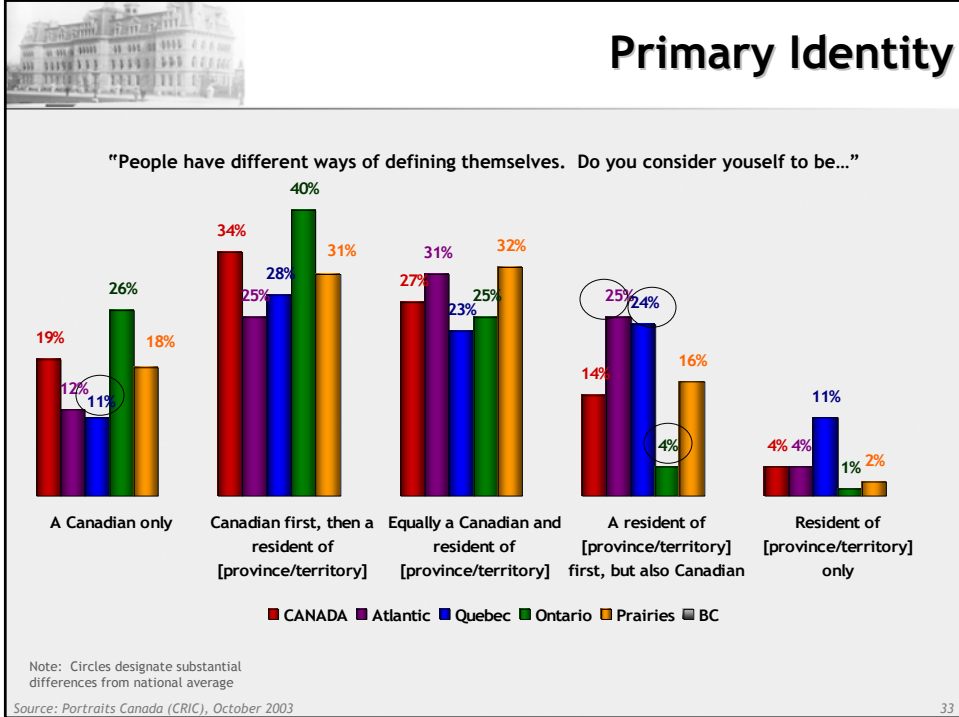
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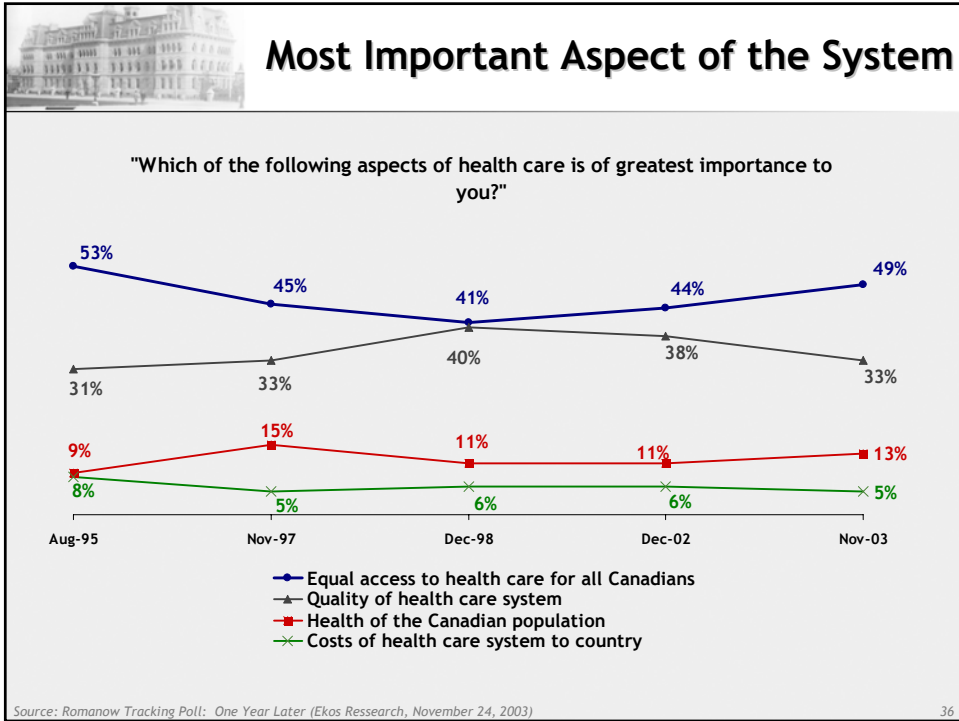
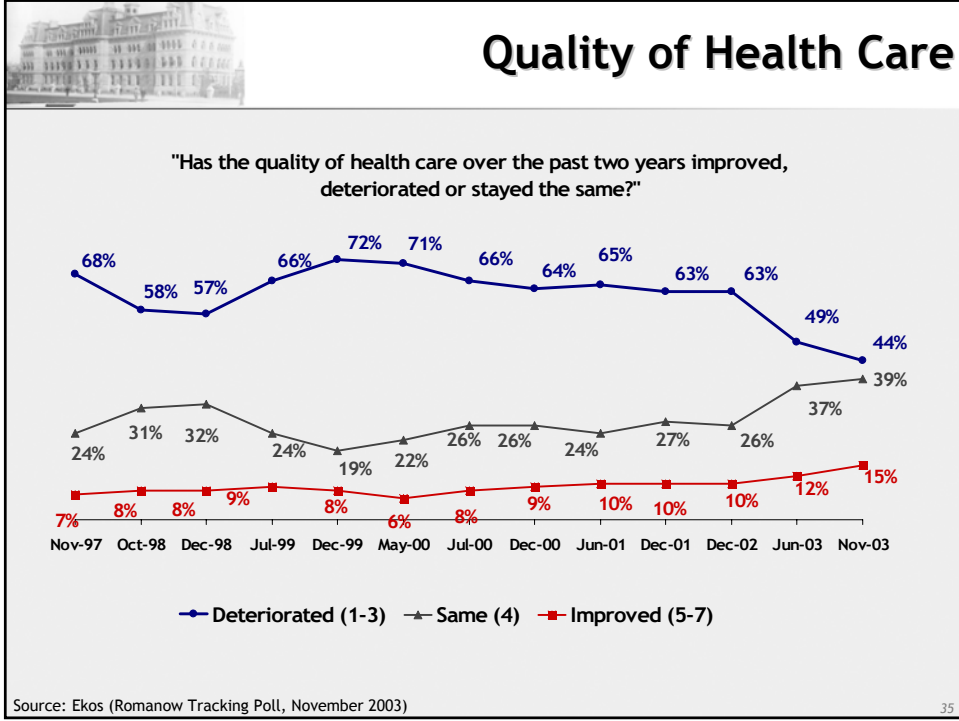


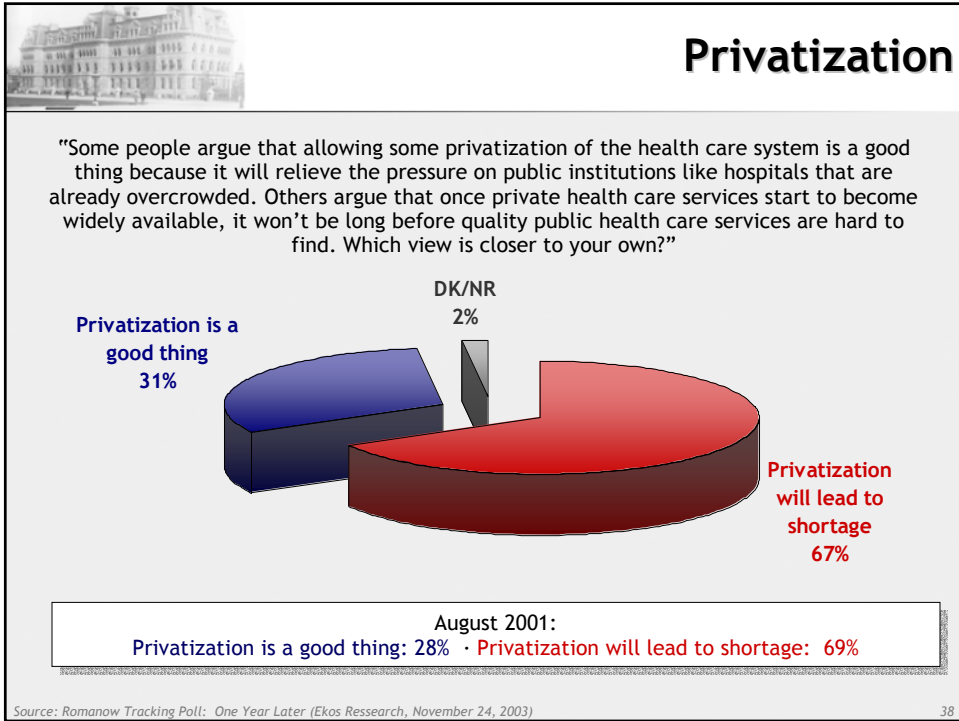
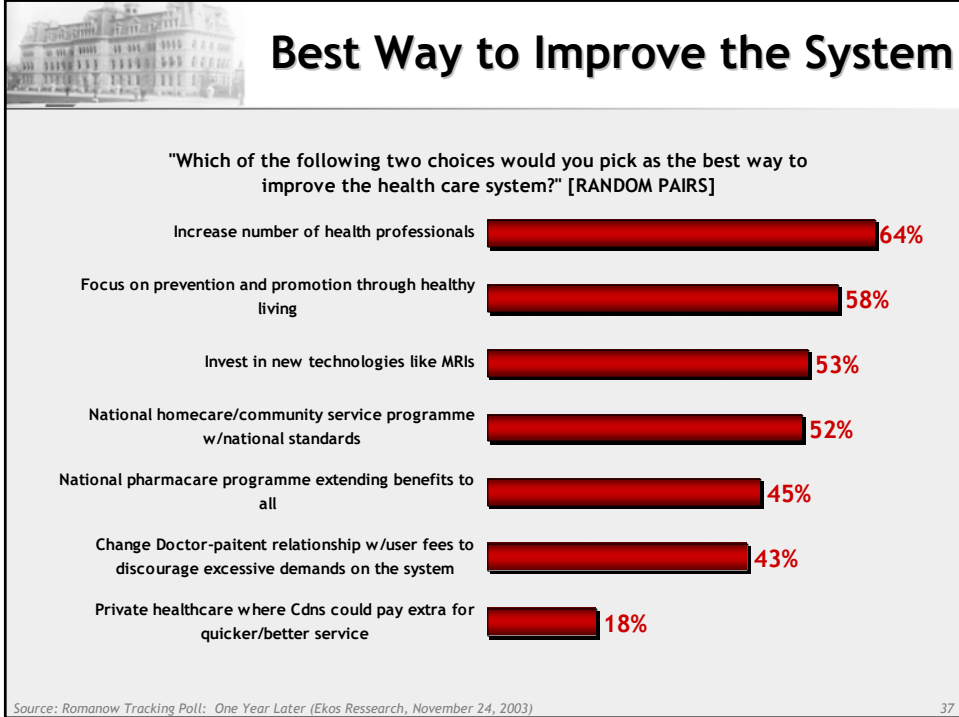
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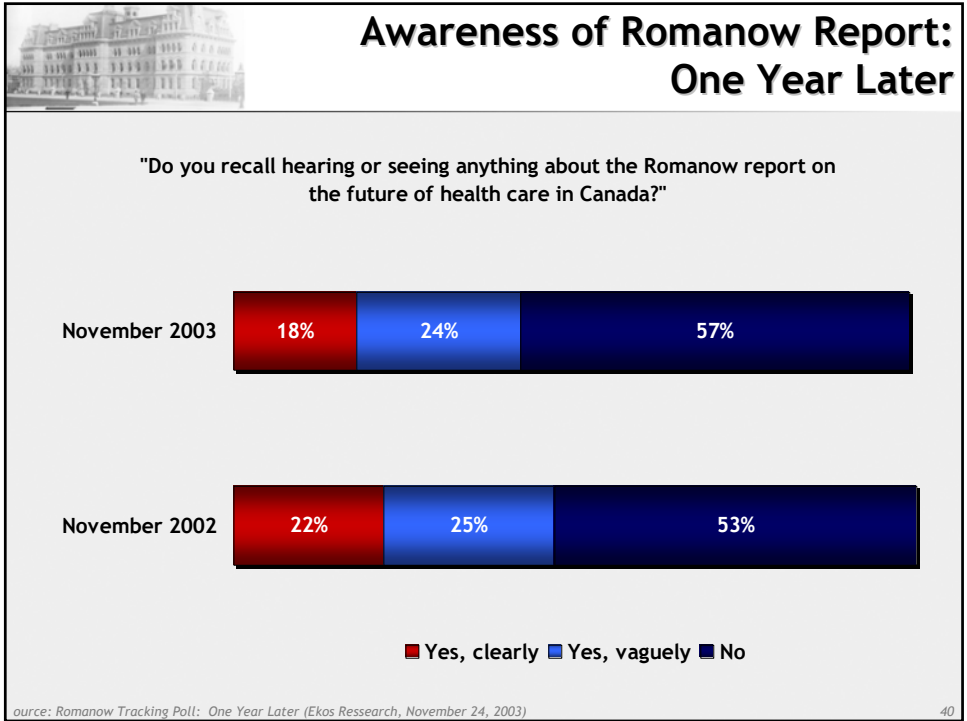
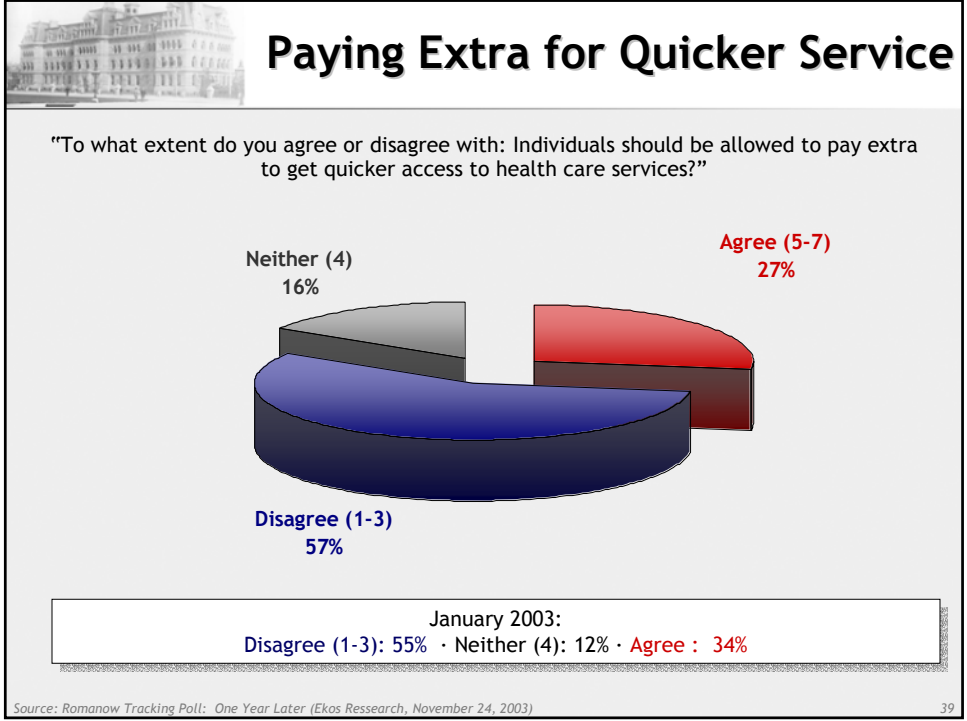


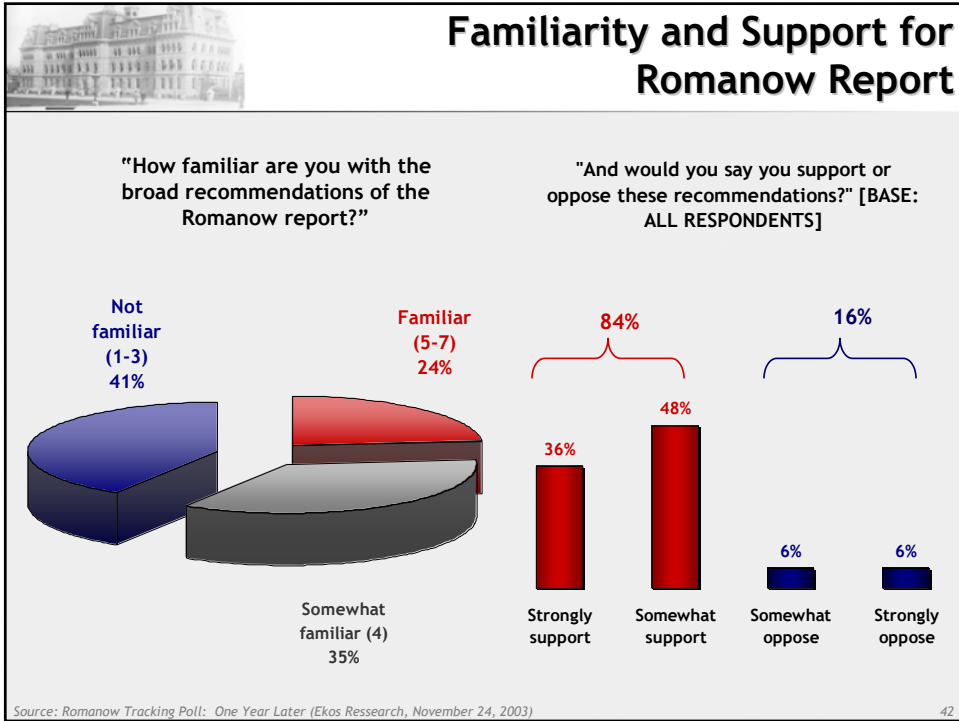
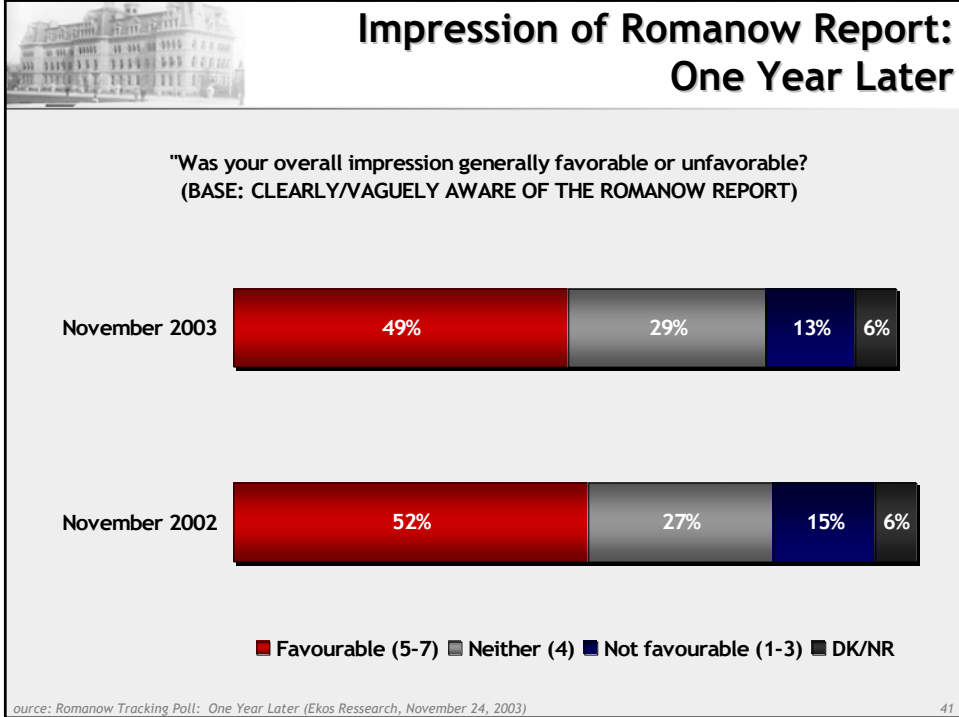


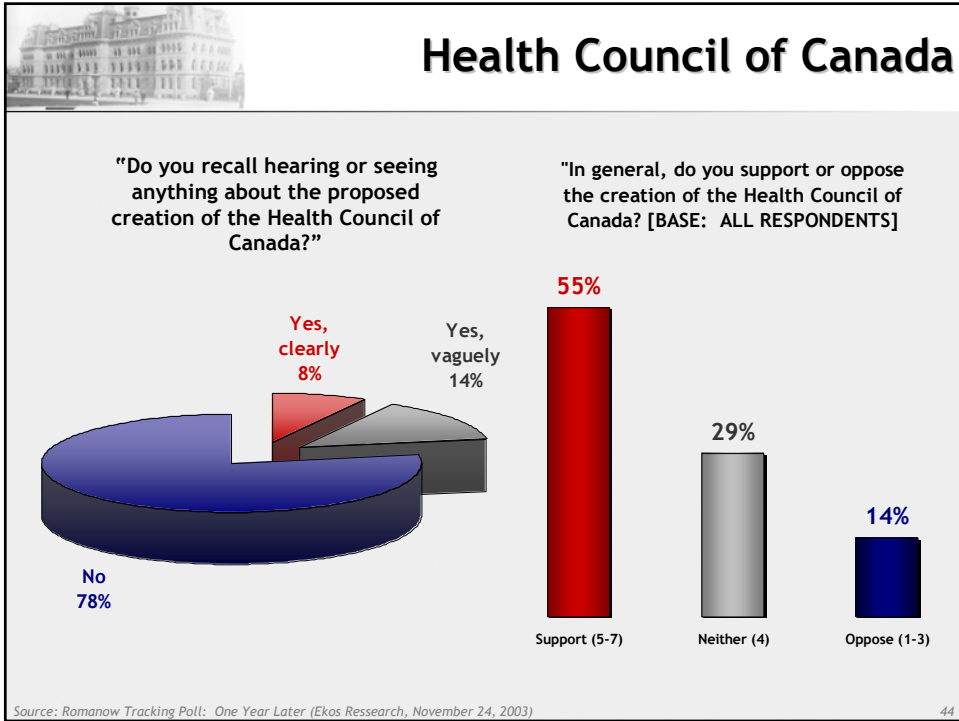
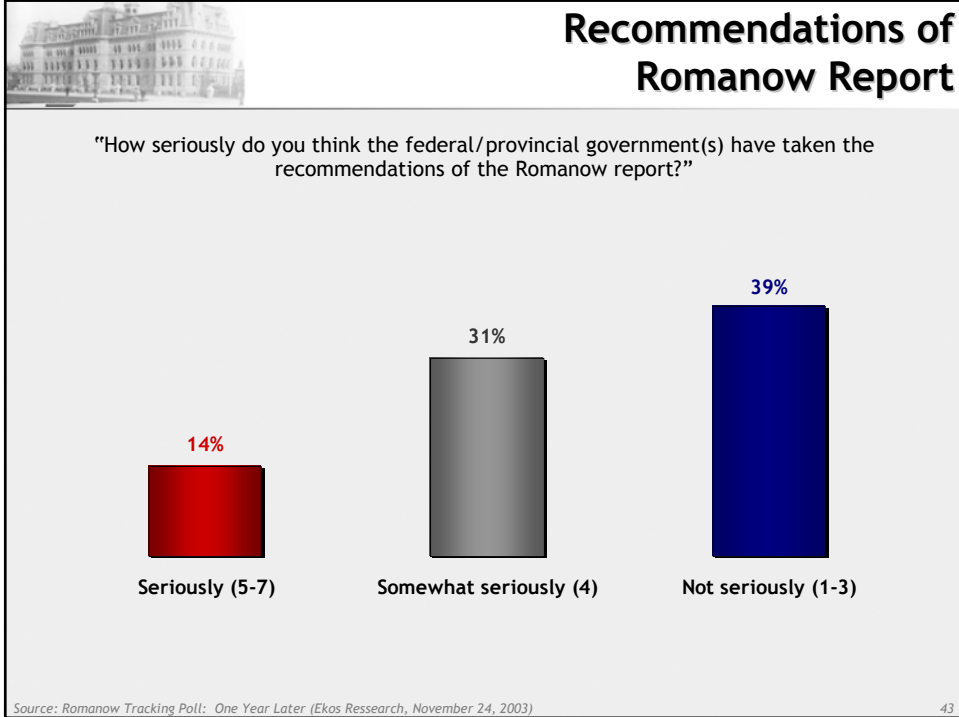
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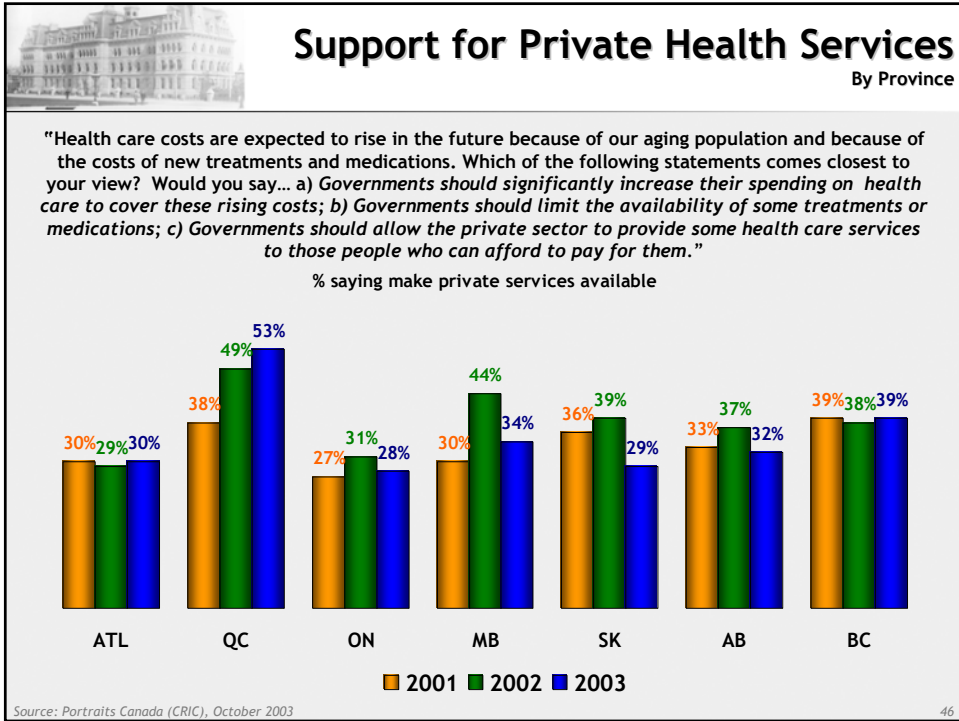
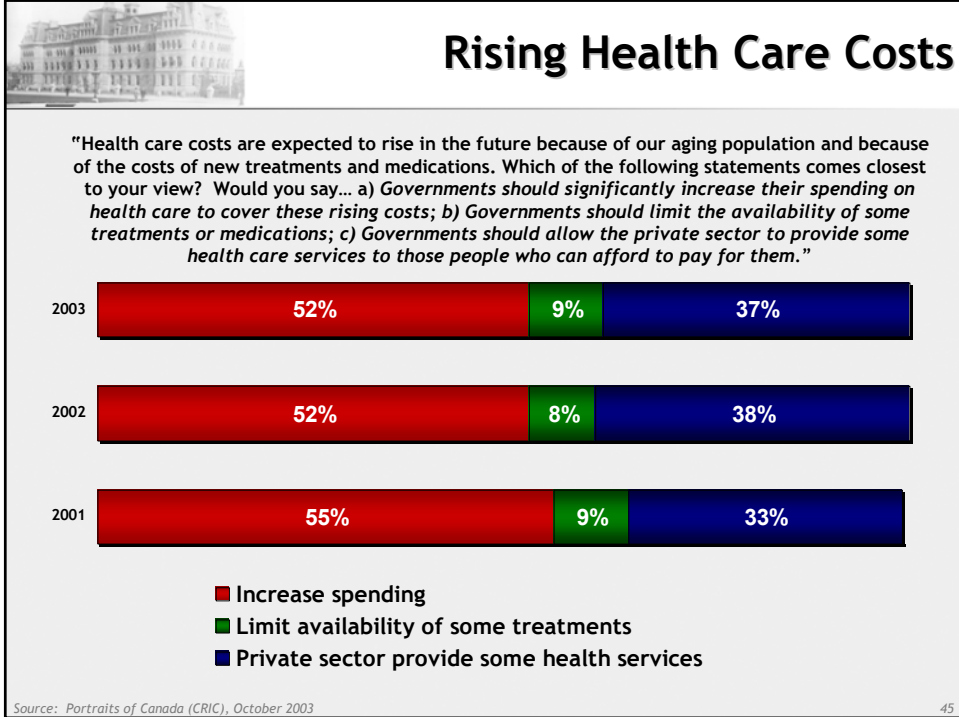


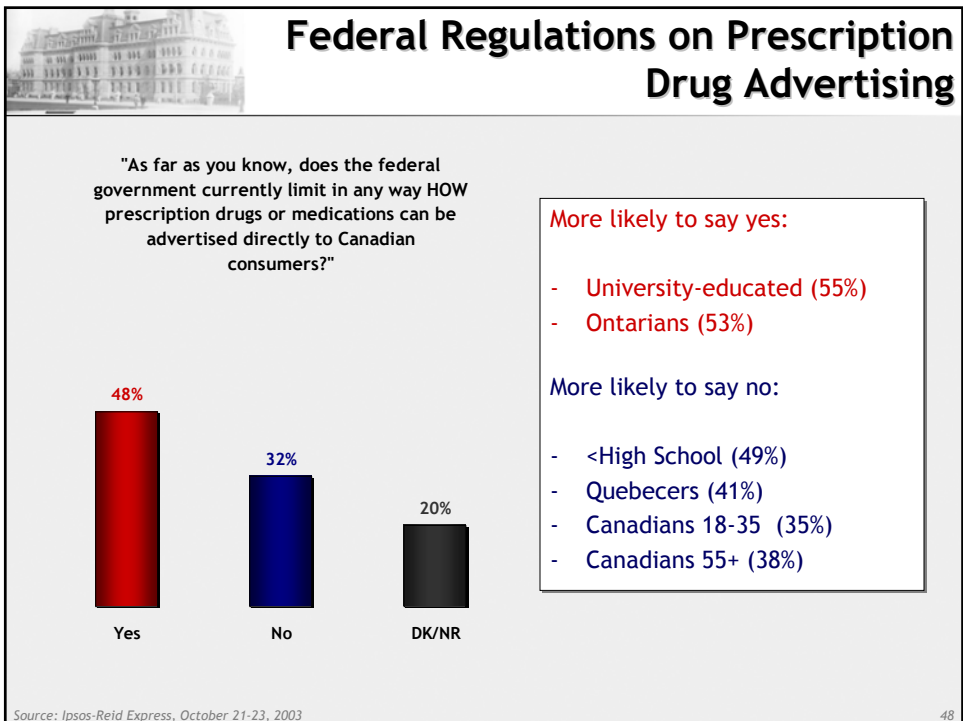
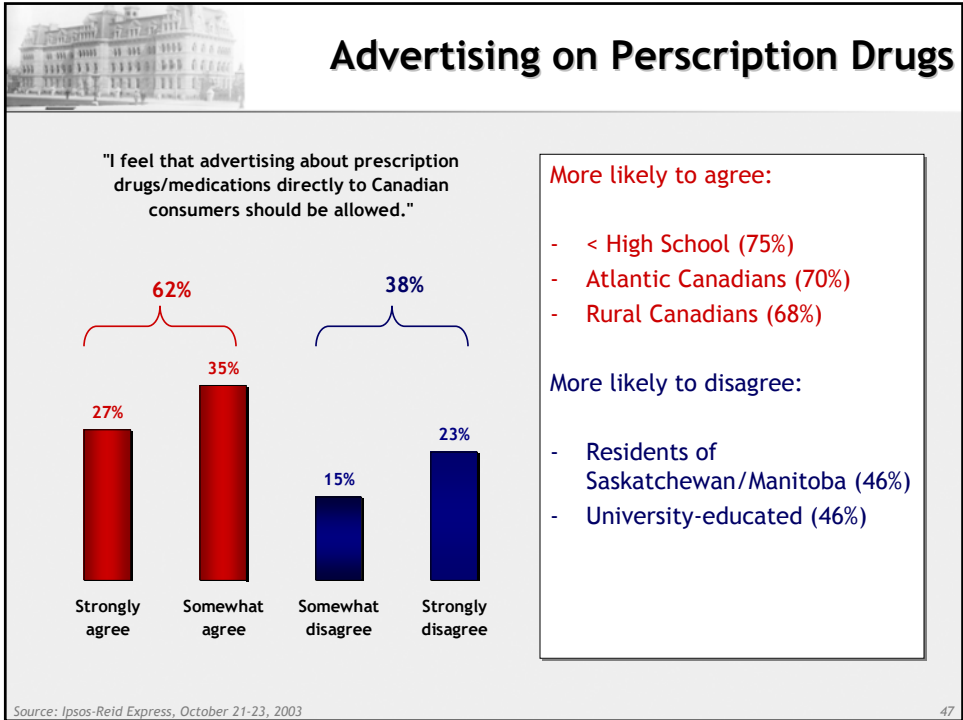


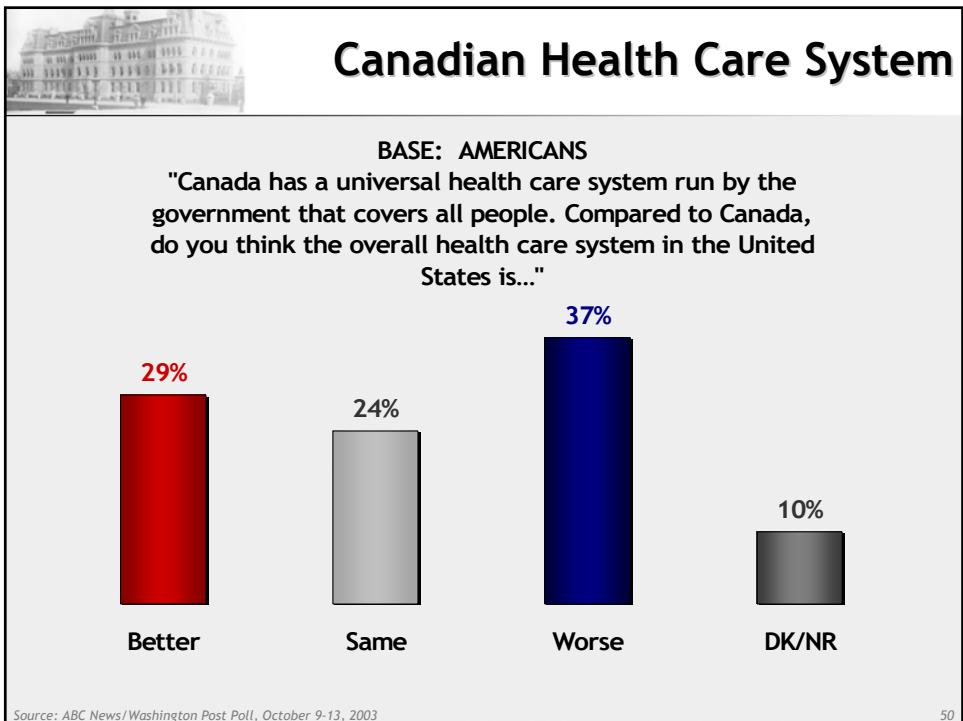
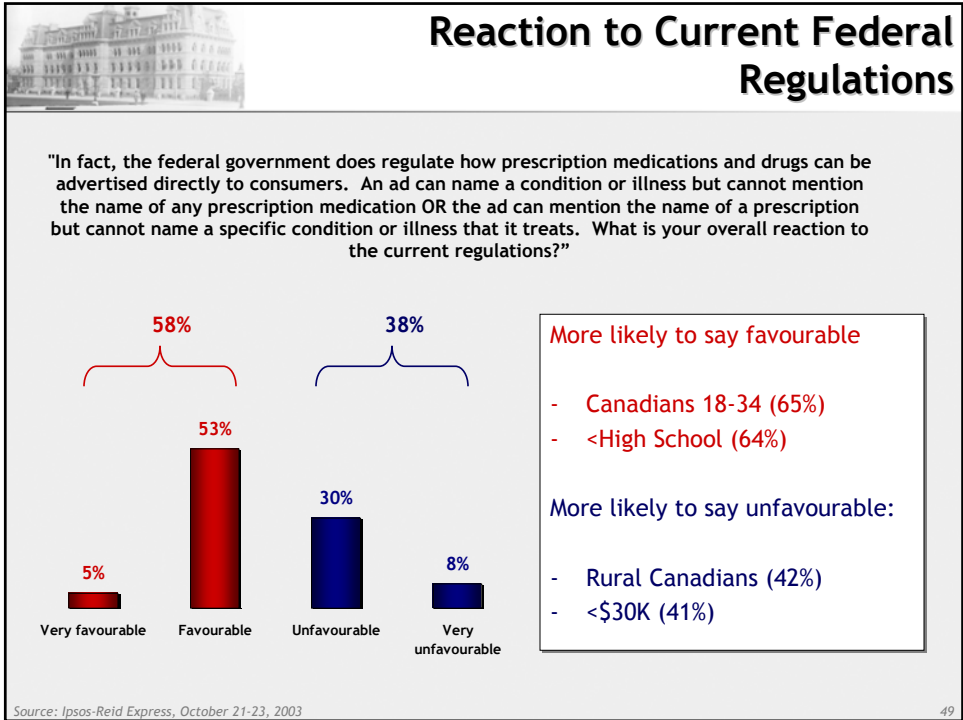


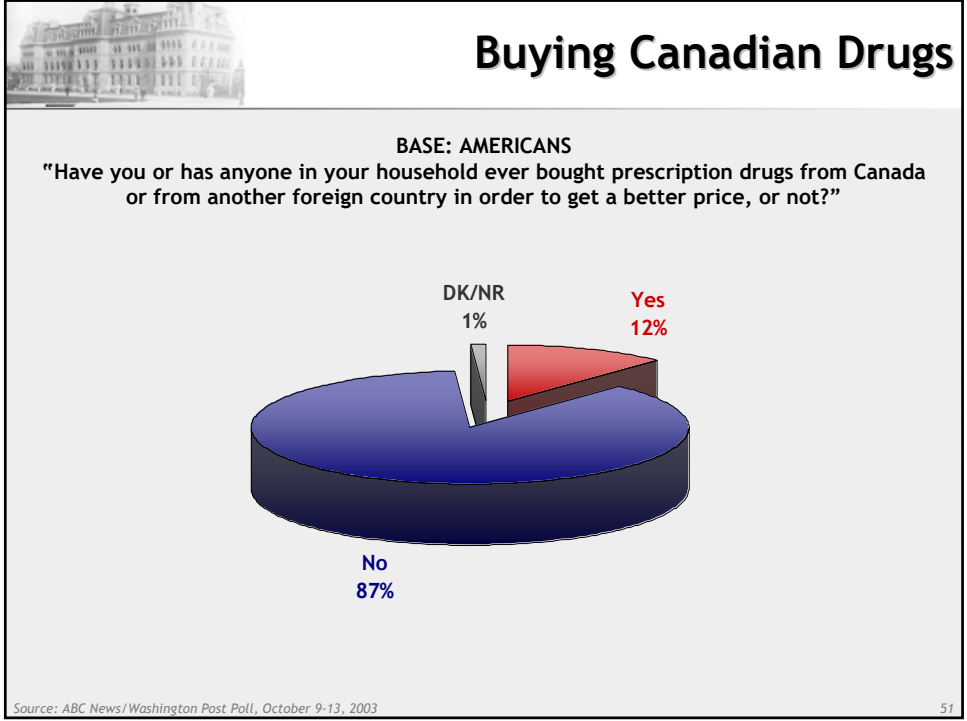








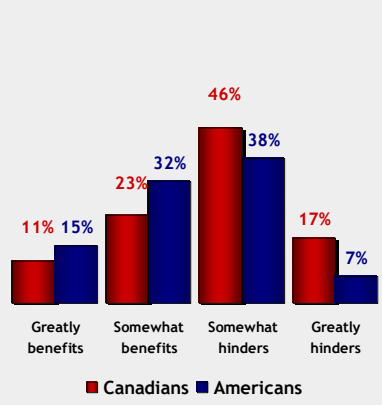




FOREIGN POLICY & NATIONAL SECURITY

Importance of Security Cooperation

"Since September 11th, domestic and international security issues...have become higher priorities in both Canada and the US. Would you say that the increased importance of security issues benefits or hinders Canada-US business relations?"



CANADA: More likely to say benefits

	Some what	Greatly	Total
Sask/Man	11%	30%	41%
Ontario	13%	25%	38%
Women	13%	25%	38%

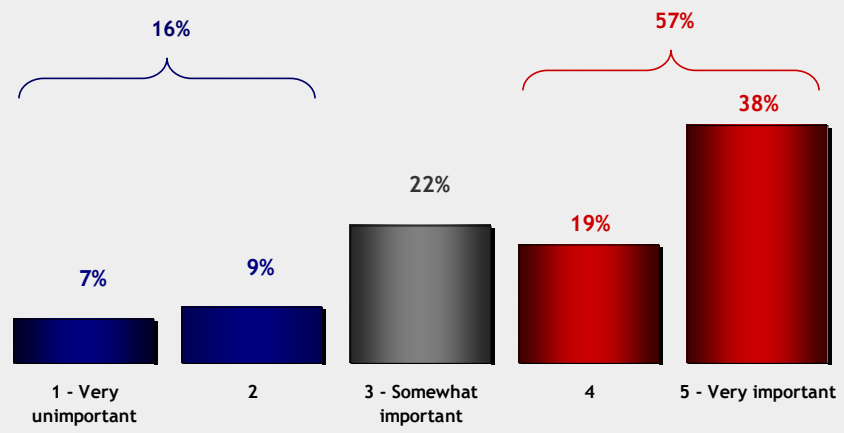
CANADA: More likely to say hinders

	Some what	Greatly	Total
University-edu.	53%	18%	72%
BC	55%	16%	71%
Men	51%	18%	69%
Quebec	44%	25%	68%
\$60K+	52%	15%	67%

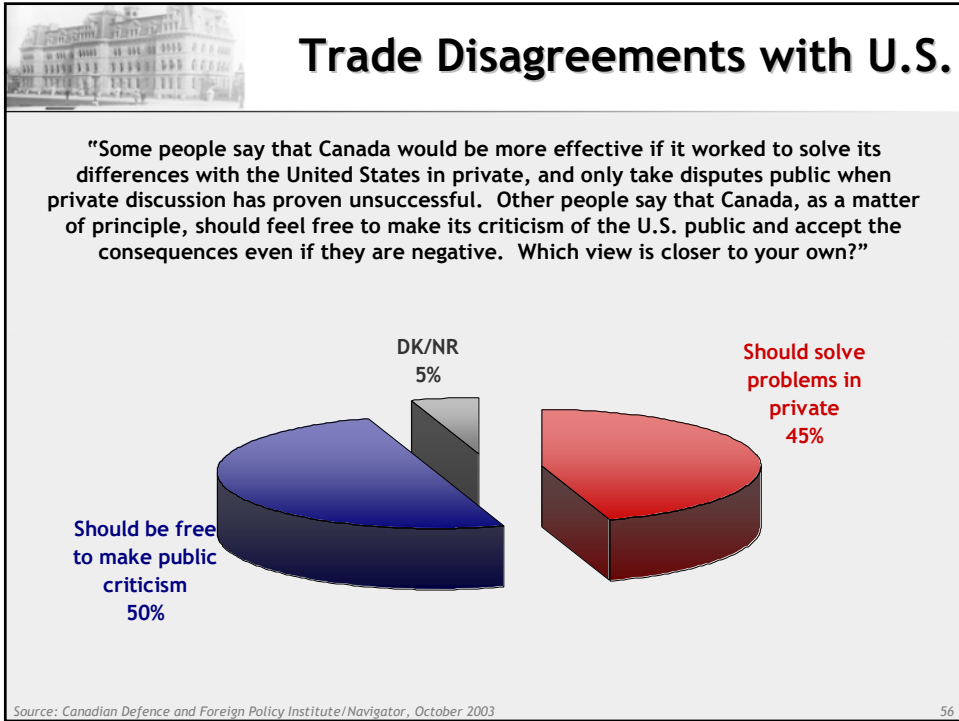
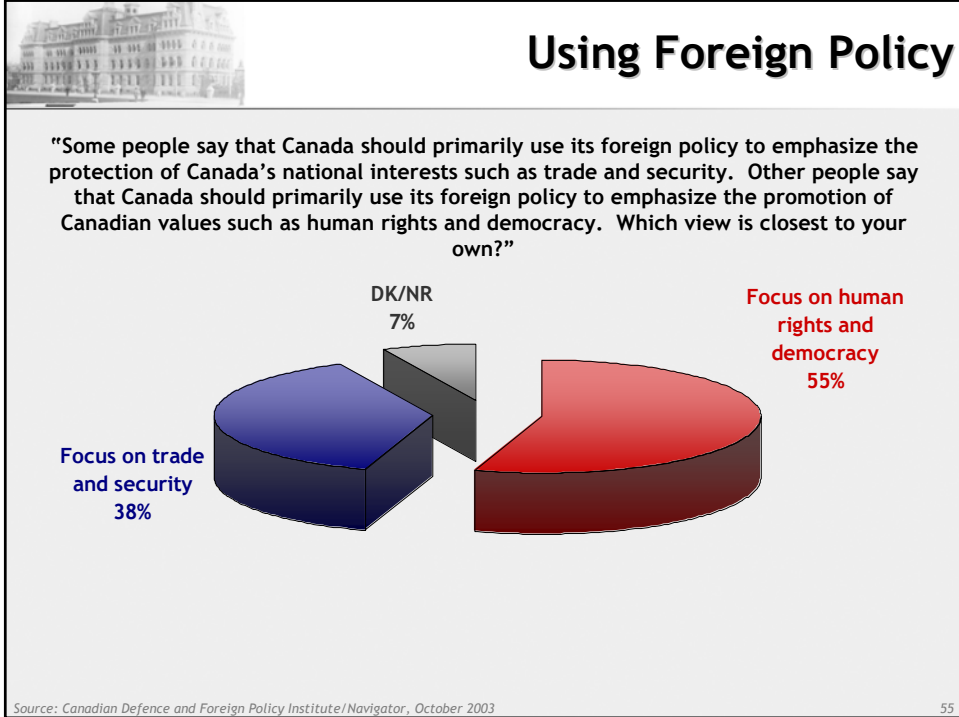
Source: Ipsos-Reid, October 7-9, 2003 53

Foreign Policy Review

"On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being very unimportant and five being very important, how important is it that [new Prime Minister Paul Martin] conduct a full review of Canadian Foreign and Defence Policy?"

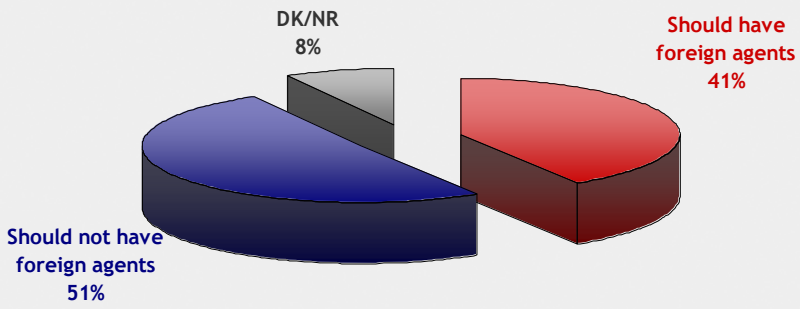


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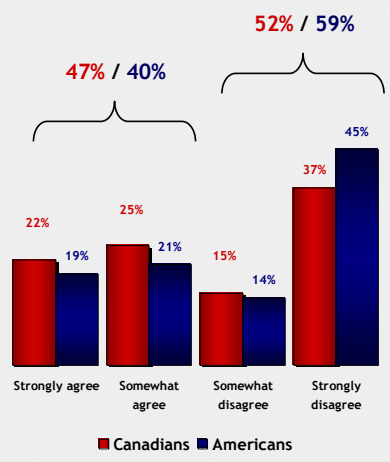
"As you may know, many countries have agents that collect information about foreign countries in those countries. At this moment, Canada does not have foreign agents. Some people say that Canada, for political and economic security reasons, should have foreign agents. Other people say that foreign agents should not be a priority for a country Canada's size. Which view is closest to your own?"



Source: Canadian Defence and Foreign Policy Institute/Navigator, October 2003 57

National I.D. Card

"Due to increased concerns about terrorism, everyone living in [Canada/the U.S.] should have a government-issued national identification card that they must carry on them at all times and present when asked to police or members of other Canadian security forces. Do you..."



CANADA: More likely to say agree

	Some-what	Strongly	Total	Diff with national
Atlantic Canada	23%	34%	57%	+10%
Quebec	32%	23%	55%	+7%
55 yrs. Old +	28%	25%	54%	+7%

CANADA: More likely to say disagree

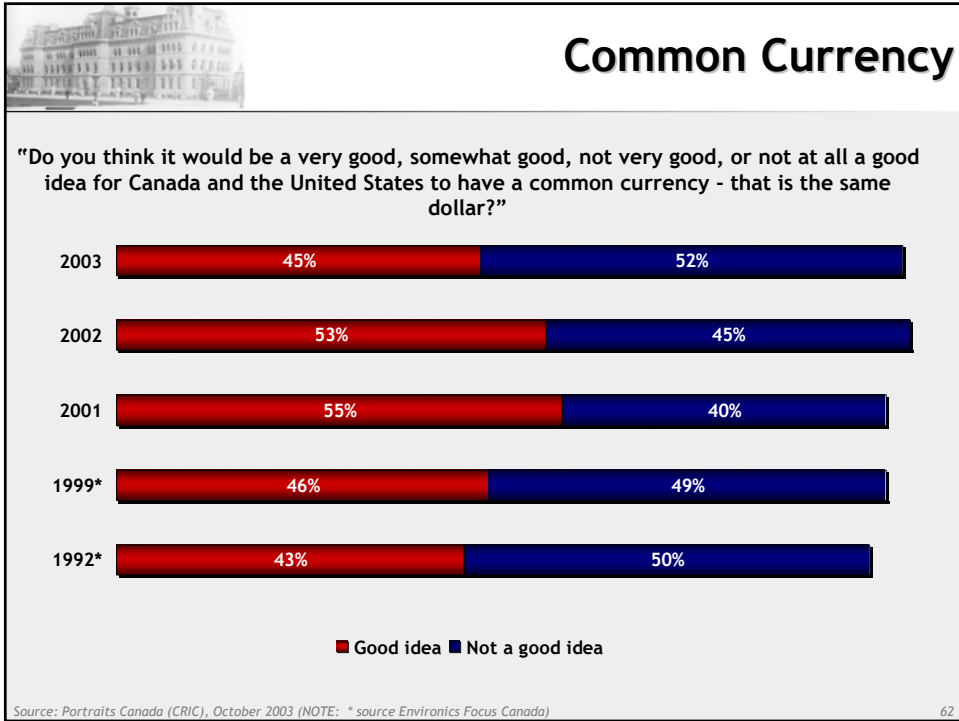
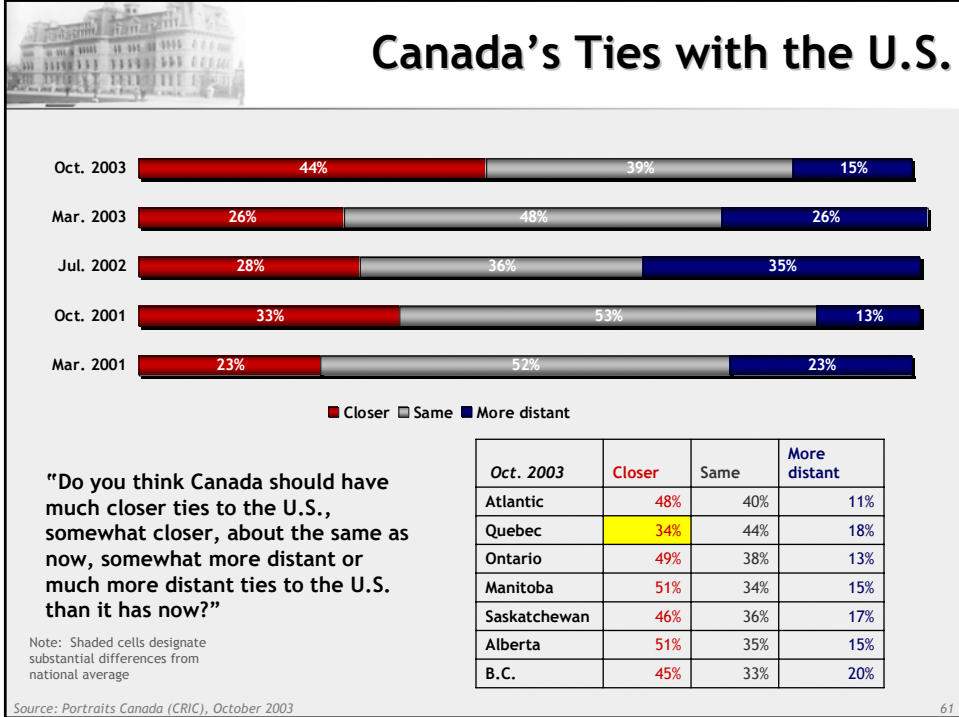
	Some-what	Strongly	Total	Diff with national
Alberta	22%	46%	67%	+15%
University-ed.	16%	47%	63%	+11%
Sask/Man	14%	46%	60%	+8%
BC	15%	37%	59%	+7%
18-34 yrs. Old	17%	39%	57%	+5%

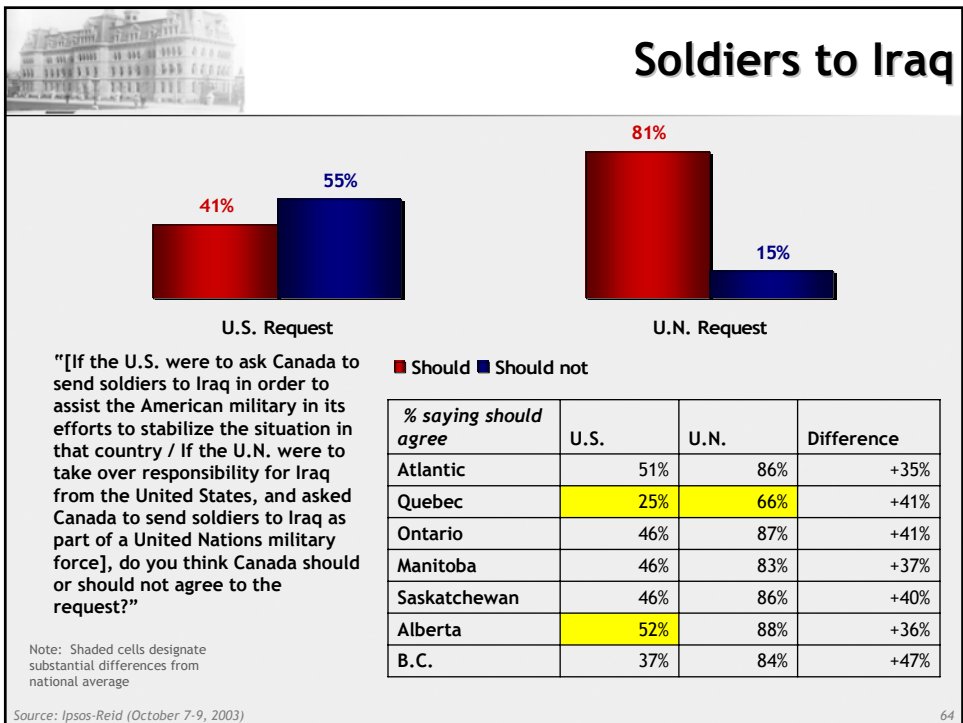
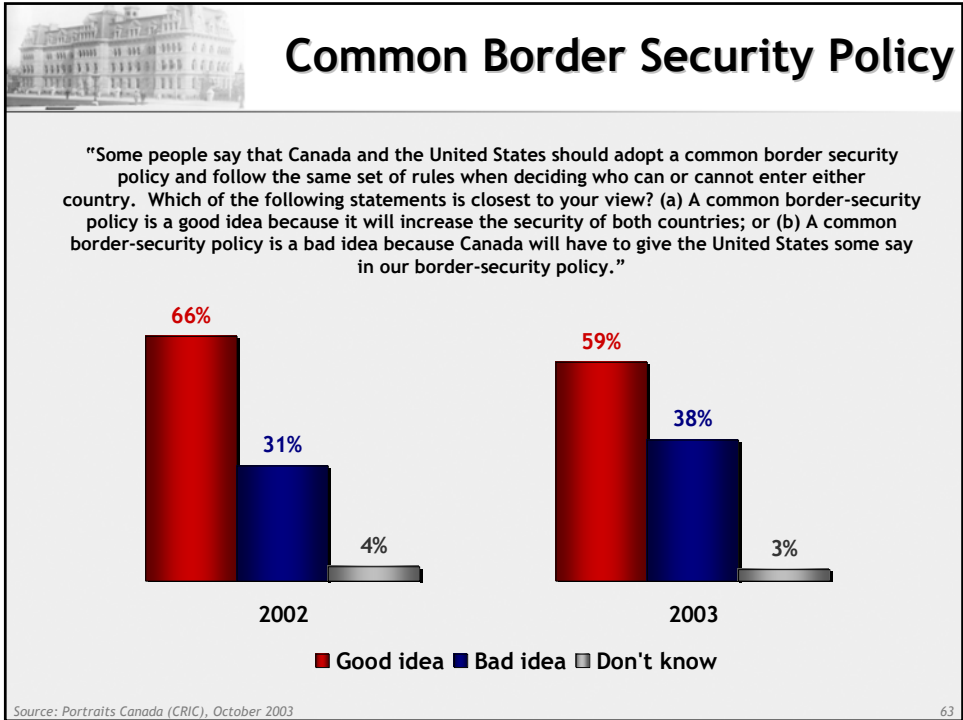
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CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS










Methodology

- Data on newspaper headlines and editorial content were collected between September and November, 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.
- Some changes were made to the sample starting in September; the changes are outlined in the Appendix.

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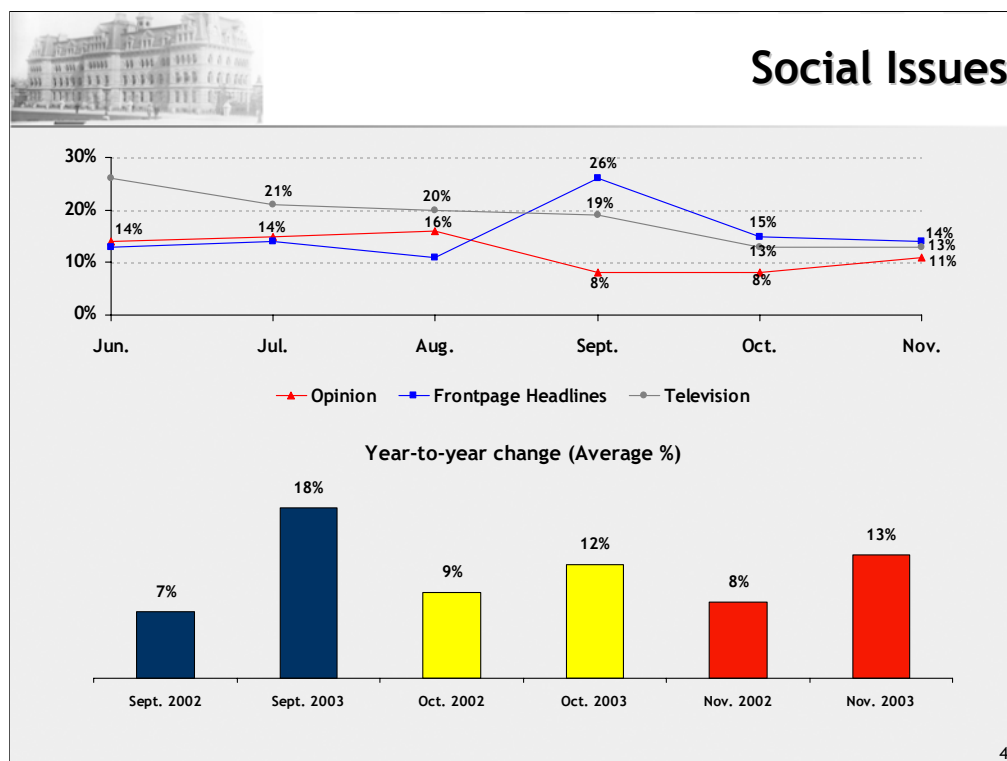


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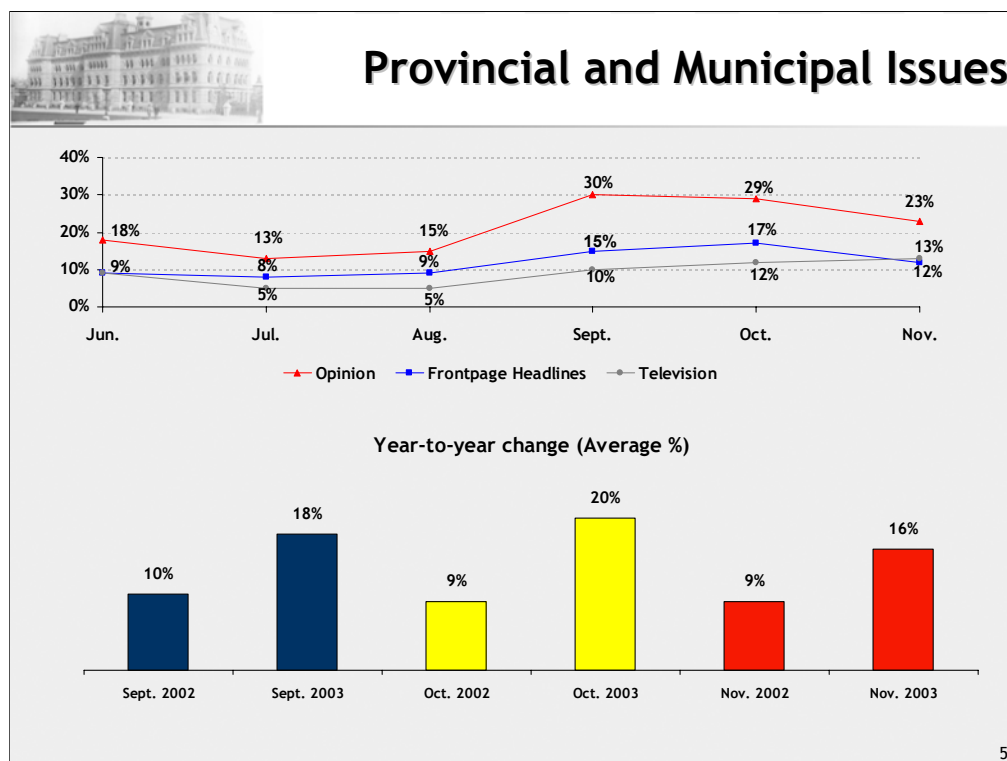
	Average	Editorial	Headline	TV
Aboriginals	1%	1%	0%	0%
Economy	11%	13%	10%	10%
Foreign Policy	6%	7%	6%	4%
Global Security	8%	5%	6%	12%
Governance	6%	10%	4%	4%
Health	5%	3%	5%	6%
International Affairs	7%	7%	3%	9%
Miscellaneous	11%	1%	18%	14%
Natural Resources	2%	2%	3%	1%
Party Politics	6%	8%	5%	4%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	18%	28%	15%	12%
Public Safety	5%	4%	5%	6%
Social Issues	14%	9%	19%	15%
Unity	1%	1%	0%	1%

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Notable Headlines

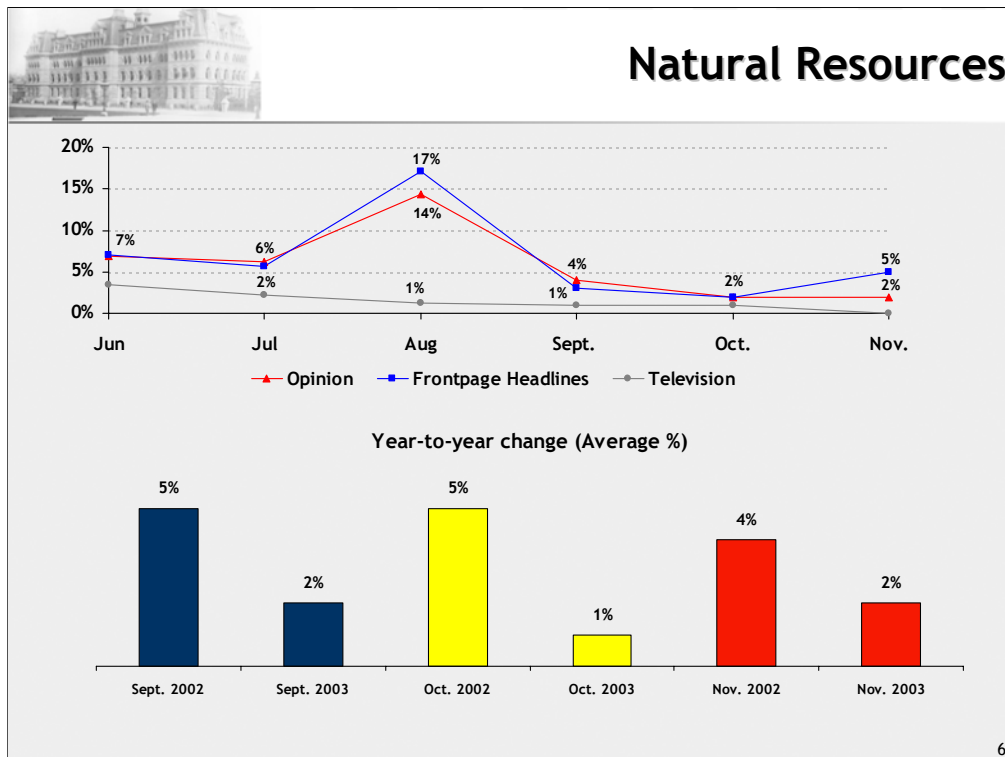
- Sep 8: Double cohort in Ontario leads to packed university classes
- Sep 16: Alliance same-sex motion defeated 137-132
- Sep 29: Statistics Canada figures highlight Canada's diversity
- Oct 6: Commissioner of Official Languages releases annual report
- Oct 7: Memorial service for Israel Asper
- Oct 9: Supreme Court refuses challenge to Ontario same-sex ruling
- Oct 16: Canadian students have highest truancy rates in the developed world
- Oct 25: StatsCan study says one in five PhDs leaves Canada
- Nov 9: Macleans' releases university rankings
- Nov 14: Ottawa plans review of labour standards
- Nov 25: StatsCan says Canadians have the highest rate of post-secondary education
- Nov 26: Alliance MP says he would support initiative to "outlaw homosexuality"



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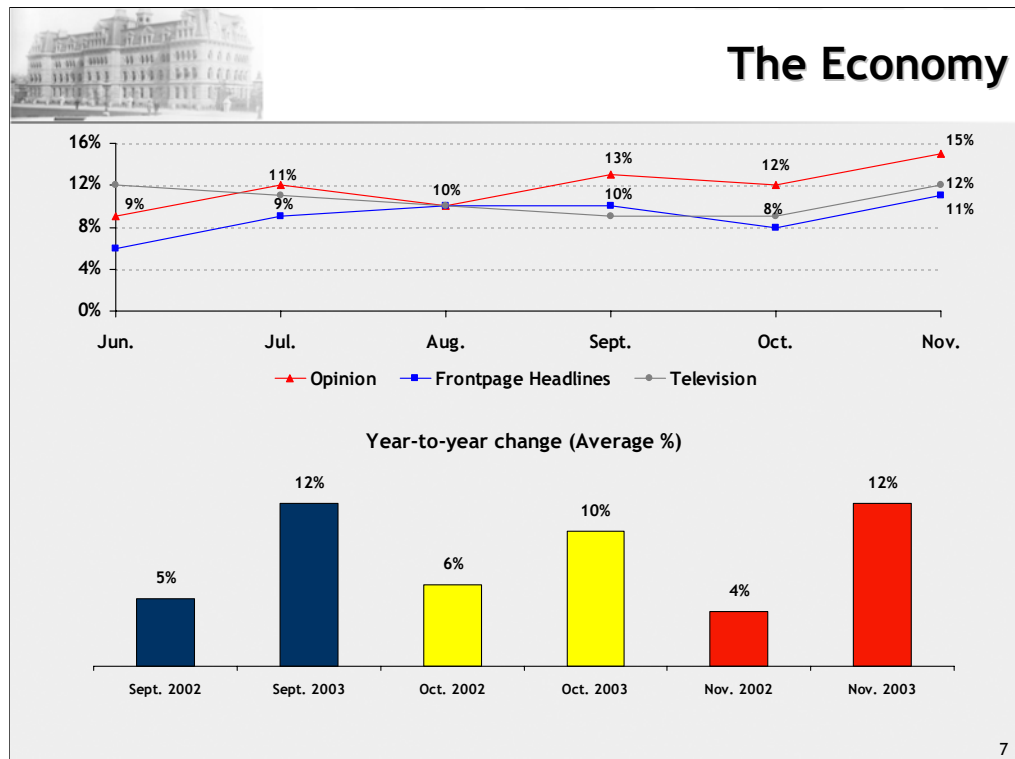
- Sep 9: Quebec NA hearings on Bill 9 (demerger legislation)
- Sep 14: Premier Charest outlines his government's agenda
- Sep 25: Nova Scotia Throne Speech
- Sep 29: Premier Binns re-elected in PEI
- Oct 1: Health officials testify before SARS Inquiry
- Oct 2: McGuinty leads Liberals to victory in Ontario
- Oct 7: BC-Alberta joint Cabinet meeting
- Oct 8: Premier Binns announces new cabinet
- Oct 14: Premier Charest's open letter claims unions "benefit from the status quo"
- Oct 19: Toronto Mayoral debate
- Oct 29: Ontario announces \$5.6B deficit
- Oct 29: Alberta sets one-year freeze on auto insurance rates
- Nov 4: Premier Doer shuffles cabinet
- Nov 5: NDP re-elected in Saskatchewan
- Nov 6: Nfld & Lab Premier Williams gov't sworn in
- Nov 10: Municipal elections; David Miller elected in Toronto
- Nov 13: Day-care fees in Quebec rise to \$7 a day
- Nov 17: Montreal transit workers strike
- Nov 20: Ontario Throne Speech
- Nov 25: Day-care absenteeism proposal dropped in Quebec
- Nov 26: 7,000 QFL protesters march on QNA regarding overhaul of labour laws
- Nov 29: 20,000 march outside QNA regarding overhaul of Quebec labour laws



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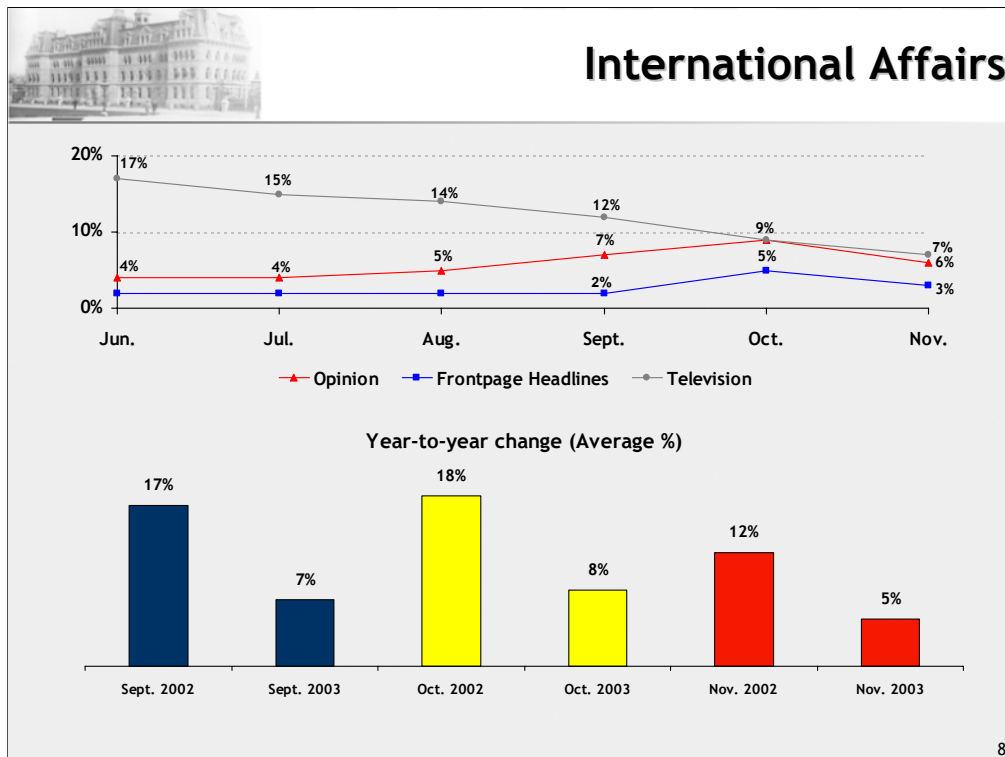
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- Sep 4: BSE agreement allows partial return of Canadian beef to U.S.
- Sep 7: BC fires force out 1,000 Kelowna residents
- Sep 13: Saskatchewan unveils \$20M BSE program
- Sep 17: Beef farmers protest on Hill to re-open border to exports
- Oct 1: Hurricane Juan causes extensive damage to fishing and farming industries
- Oct 4: \$2-billion canola crop in crisis
- Oct 26: McCallum announces \$100M for BC fire victims
- Nov 1: U.S. moves to clear way for live Canadian cattle
- Nov 4: RCMP tactical squad block protesters as fishermen unload herring catch
- Nov 5: DFO study says groundfish stocks continue to decline
- Nov 9: PEI fishermen and RCMP clash during protest



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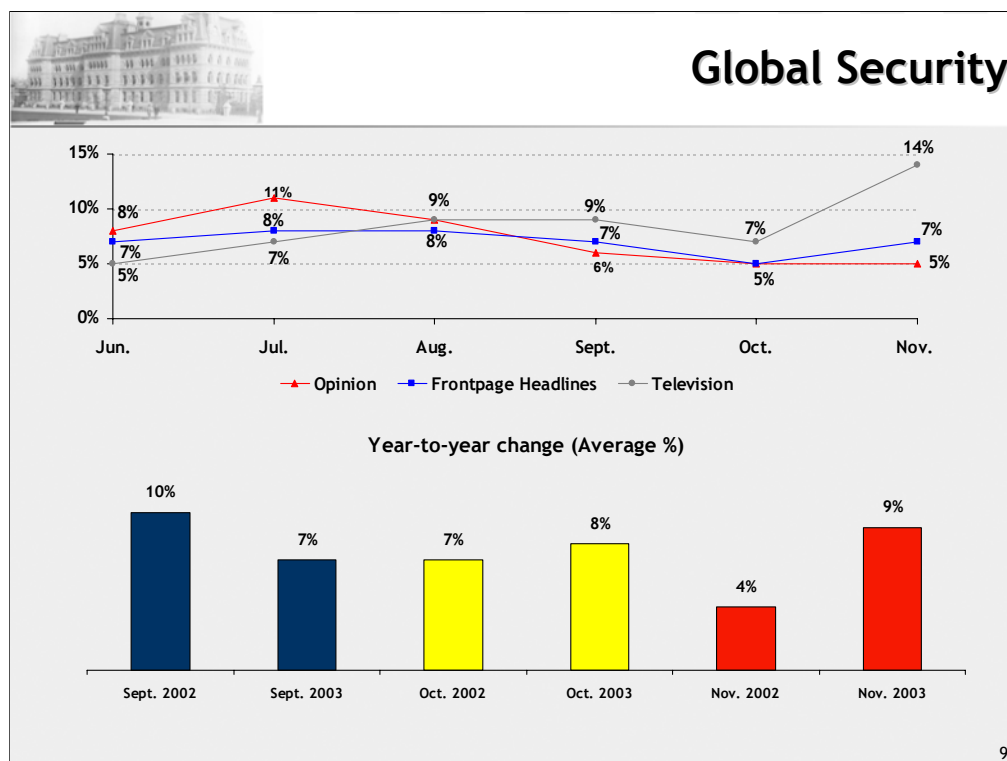
- Sep 6: Unemployment rate up from 7.8% to 8%
- Sep 7: Montreal BioChem lab closes - 120 employees lose jobs
- Sep 9: Boom on the horizon for fire-stricken Kelowna
- Sep 16: Gov't relaxes EI rules to combat job losses from BC fires
- Sep 17: Insurance industry posts \$1.1-billion profit in first six months
- Sep 19: NDP leader Layton demands cancellation of \$55M shipyard deal
- Sep 28: Manulife announces \$35-billion merger
- Oct 1: Canada's economy surged in July by 0.6%
- Oct 16: Montreal Grand Prix returns to the 2004 Formula 1 schedule
- Oct 17: Former Premier McKenna named chairman of CanWest Global
- Oct 22: Canadian dollar closed at record 76.69 cents (U.S.)
- Oct 24: Gov't announces \$700M investment in Via Rail
- Oct 27: 2010 Games projected to create 131,799 jobs by 2015
- Nov 3: Economic and fiscal update; Manley says economy will slow
- Nov 7: Unemployment rate drops from 8% to 7.6%; 65,000 jobs created
- Nov 9: Victor Li invests \$650M in Air Canada
- Nov 12: Gov't announces Pearson rail plan contract
- Nov 13: Province to sell BC Rail to CN
- Nov 17: Lord Black resigns as CEO of Hollinger International
- Nov 21: Four members of Hollinger board resign
- Nov 27: Mulroney part of Air Canada bid



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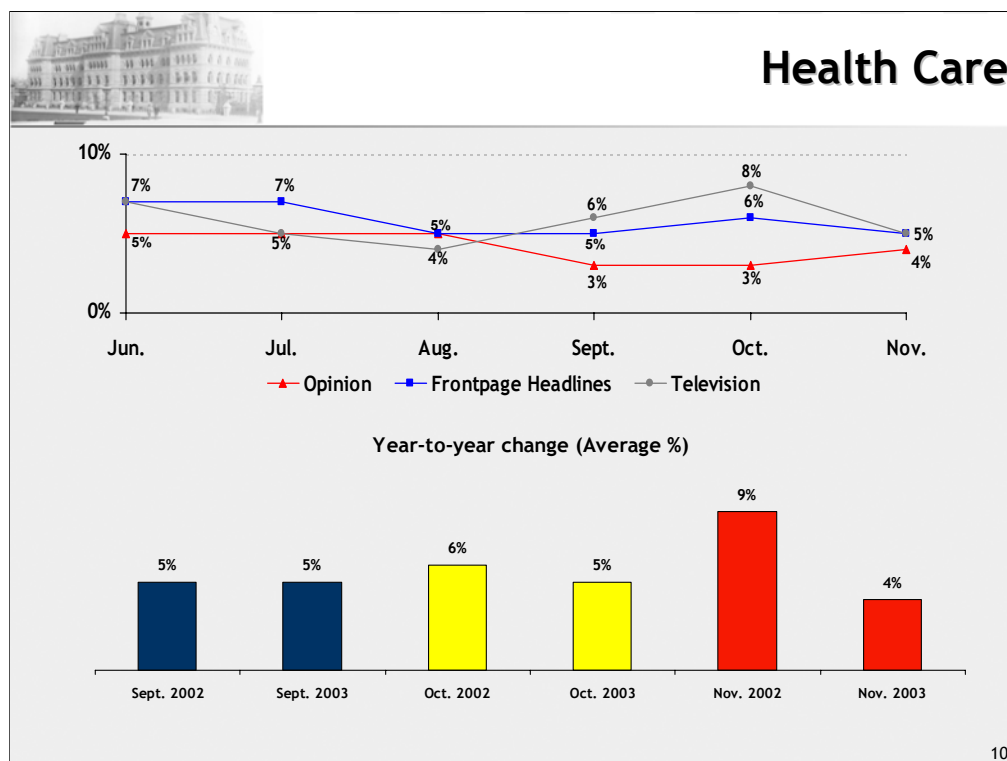
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- Sep 1: Iran drops charges in death of Canadian Zahra Kazemi
- Sep 6: Palestinian PM Abbas resigns
- Sep 14: Israel Deputy PM suggests assassinating Arafat
- Sep 23: NATO chooses Dutch FM Jaap de Hoop Scheffer as Secretary General
- Sep 24: UN envoy Stephen Lewis urges Canada to spearhead AIDS fight
- Oct 5: Syria releases Canadian Maher Arar
- Oct 7: California voters recall Davis and elect Schwarzenegger
- Oct 11: Iranian Shirin Ebadi wins Nobel Peace Prize
- Oct 13: Saudis trumpet first-ever elections
- Oct 14: China launches first manned mission into space
- Oct 16: Pope Jean Paul's 25th anniversary
- Oct 19: Mother Teresa beatified in Vatican ceremony
- Oct 20: APEC Summit in Bangkok
- Oct 22: Blair sets new date for Northern Ireland elections
- Oct 25: "Buy Canada" drug plan gains momentum across U.S.
- Oct 30: Surging U.S. economy bolsters President Bush's campaign
- Nov 5: Bush signs law limiting abortions
- Nov 12: France, Germany float possible union
- Nov 22: Opposition seizes Georgian parliament
- Nov 23: Georgian President Shevardnadze steps down



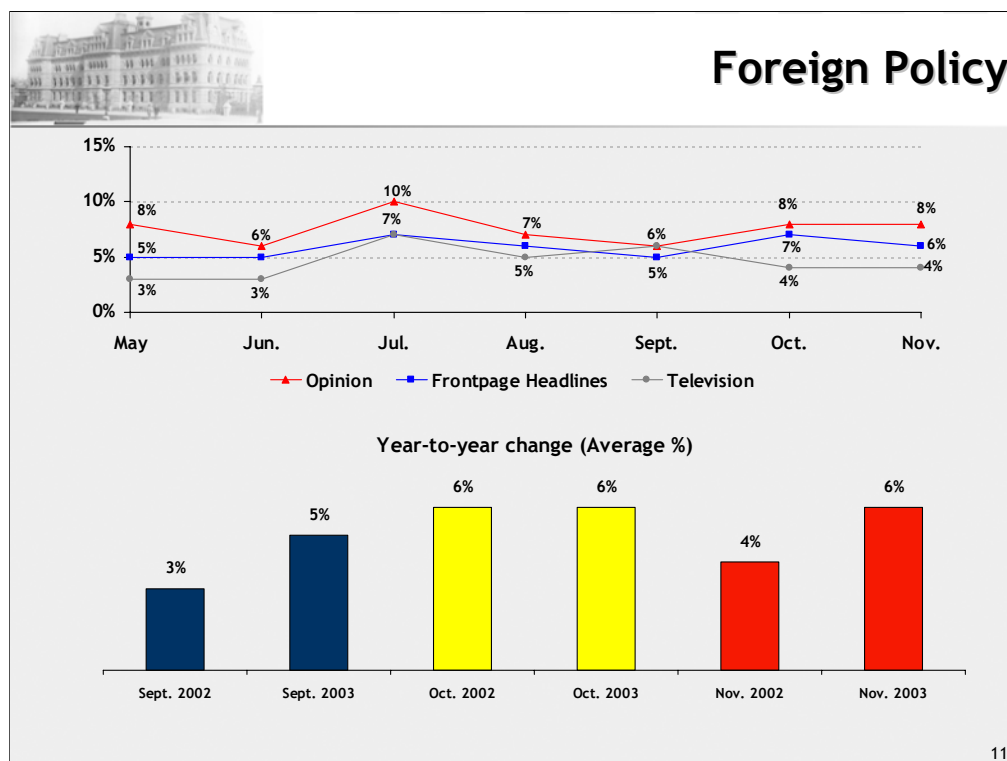
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- Sep 3: President Bush asks U.N. for help in Iraqi reconstruction
- Sep 10: Osama bin Laden's TV message threatens new attacks
- Sep 11: 9/11 Anniversary
- Sep 7: President Bush seeks \$87B for Iraqi postwar in TV address
- Sep 23: President Bush's U.N. speech justifies Iraq war
- Oct 4: Suicide attack kills 19 in Haifa
- Oct 5: Israeli jets strike inside Syria
- Oct 12: Suicide blast hits U.N. Iraqi HQ
- Oct 15: Report says alleged Al-Qaeda member Ahmed Khdar killed in Pakistani raid
- Oct 16: U.N. SC unanimously approves new resolution on Iraq
- Oct 26: U.S. Deputy Defence Secretary escapes rocket attack in Iraq
- Oct 27: International Red Cross HQ bombed in Iraq
- Nov 9: Car bomb in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; 17 killed
- Nov 15: Synagogues bombed in Turkey; 20 killed, 300 injured
- Nov 20: Bomb hits British consulate and bank in Turkey; 27 killed, 450 injured
- Nov 24: \$401B U.S. defence bill signed; Bush vows resolve won't be shaken
- Nov 24: U.S. announces that Abdul Khadr has been released from Guantanamo Bay
- Nov 27: Bush serves Thanksgiving turkey to troops in Bagdad
- Nov 29: Seven Spanish soldiers killed in Iraqi ambush



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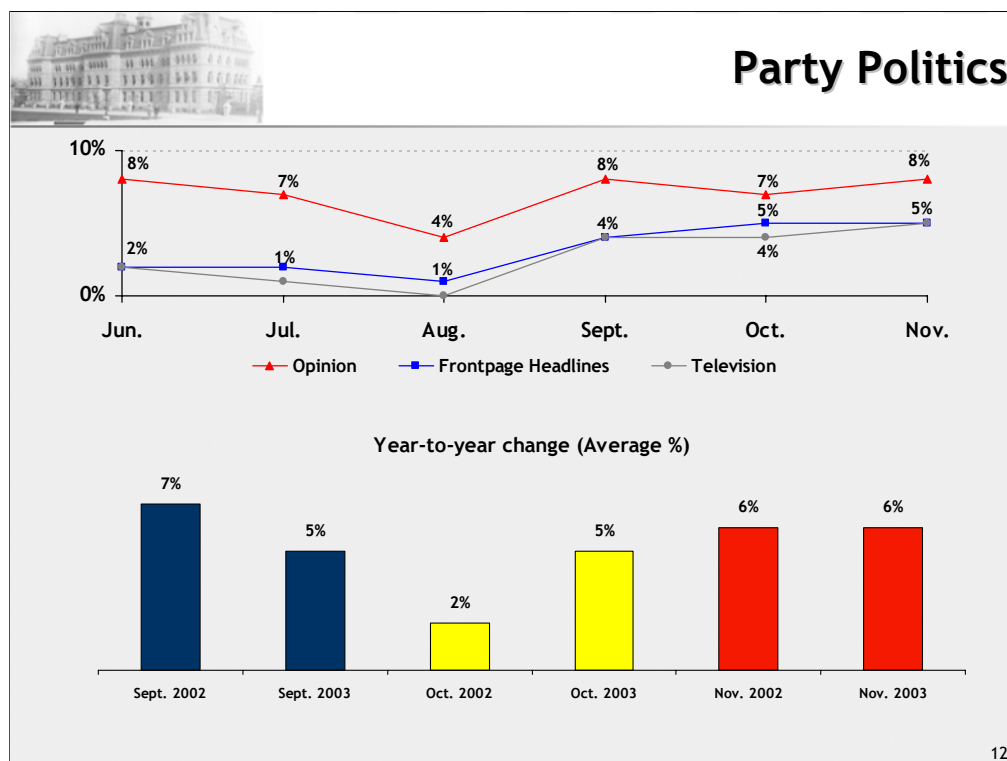
- Sep 3: McLellan supports National Centre for disease control
- Sep 3: CBA recalls Saskatchewan blood donations
- Sep 4: Health Minister's take steps toward creating health council
- Sep 5: 86 West Nile cases in Alberta
- Sep 12: Vancouver's drug injection clinic set to open
- Sep 23: Airport SARS detectors cost \$2M, detect no SARS
- Oct 1: Pharmaceutical companies embrace AIDS plan
- Oct 3: Dr. Naylor calls for a chief public health officer for Canada
- Oct 20: Fraser Institute says waiting lists at "historical high"
- Oct 21: Heroin addicts given drug for free in new study
- Oct 28: Bill banning human cloning adopted
- Oct 28: Health Canada says Internet drugstores may create Canadian shortages
- Oct 30: Health Canada study shows teen pot use highest in 20 years
- Nov 3: PM letter to premiers promises \$2B of surplus for health care
- Nov 6: Canadian Institute of Health Information releases per-capita health spending
- Nov 10: U.S. regulators plot crackdown on Internet Pharmacies
- Nov 12: Reports claim blood officials knew of Hep-C test in 1981
- Nov 15: Health Canada announces smallpox emergency vaccines are on the way



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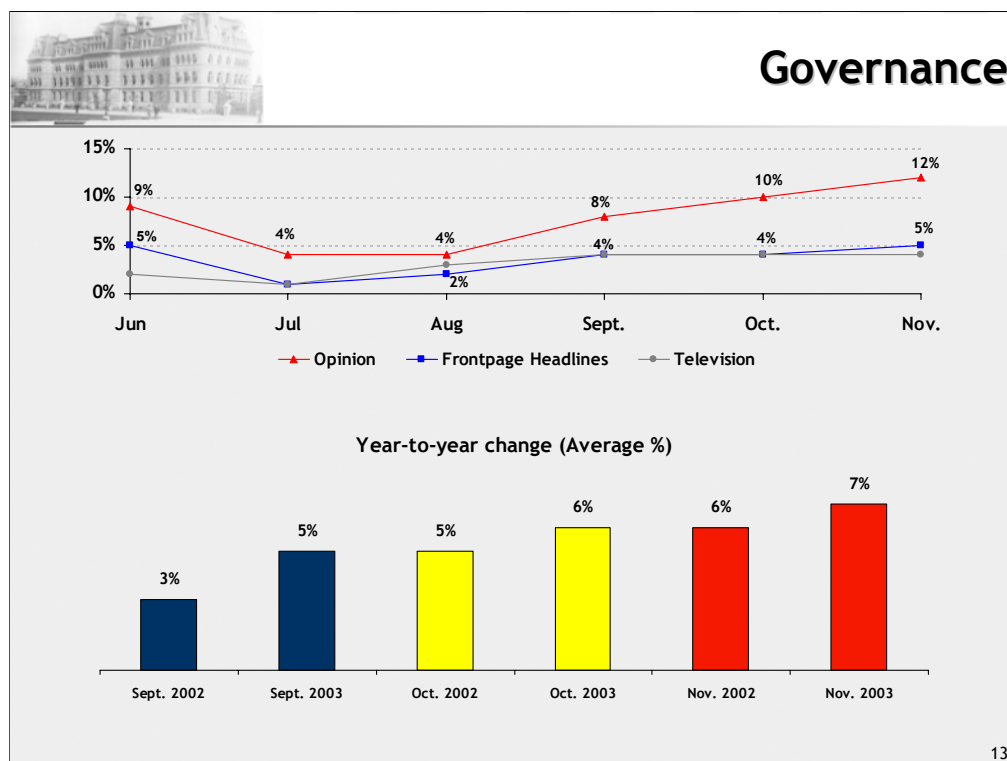
Notable Headlines

- Sep 5: Graham says Canada would not send troops to Iraq/Sampson tells of torture
- Sep 9: Saudi envoy denies Bill Sampson's claim of torture
- Sep 26: Economist magazine labels Canada as "rather cool"
- Sep 27: PM Chretien and Afghanistan President Karzai meet in Ottawa
- Sep 29: 1,000 Military aid cleanup of Hurricane Juan
- Oct 2: Blast kills two Canadian soldiers in Kabul
- Oct 4: Troops bid farewell to fallen comrades in Kabul
- Oct 7: Memorial service for soldiers killed in anti-tank mine blast
- Oct 18: Prime Minister visits troops in Afghanistan
- Oct 19: Prime Minister promotes reactors to Chinese
- Oct 29: Senate committee report criticises coastal security
- Oct 30: McCallum announces \$600M for new armoured vehicles
- Nov 4: Maher Arar recounts story of torture in Syria
- Nov 5: Prime Minister asks U.S. to name Canadian tipsters in Arar case
- Nov 6: William Sampson testifies before Foreign Affairs Committee
- Nov 7: Graham launches internal investigation of Arar file
- Nov 24: Manley warns that the Arar case may hurt Canada-U.S. relations
- Nov 25: Martin says foreign countries must respect Canadian passport
- Nov 26: Foreign Affairs staff detail Sampson file
- Nov 27: Report says Canada offered 800 soldiers to join Iraq war



Notable Headlines

- Sep 14: Alliance and Conservatives announce joint House strategy
- Sep 18: Paul Martin speech on economy
- Sep 21: Paul Martin wins 90% of Liberal delegates
- Sep 24: Paul Martin assures BC fire victims of federal aid
- Sep 25: Conservatives and Alliance strike tentative deal
- Sep 26: Former Premier Harris touted as leader of new right party
- Oct 2: Paul Martin tours hurricane Juan damage
- Oct 7: Paul Martin holds caucus meeting on Parliament Hill
- Oct 16: Alliance and Conservatives announce merger
- Oct 17: Search begins for leader of right/Premier Lord bows out of race
- Oct 18: David Orchard calls joint PC-Alliance proposal unconstitutional
- Oct 20: Alliance MPs endorse merger with Conservatives
- Oct 27: Paul Martin says all government spending will be examined
- Nov 2: Former Premier Harris declines run for Conservative leadership
- Nov 13: Liberal convention in Toronto; Prime Minister's departure speech and tribute
- Nov 14: Martin elected leader of Liberal Party; releases 16 page policy document
- Nov 15: Martin holds first press conference as Liberal Party leader
- Nov 27: Harper fires MP Spencer for remarks on gay rights



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Notable Headlines

- Sep 4: Gov't cancels \$1B PWGSC moving contract
- Sep 9: PM appoints MP Mac Harb to Senate
- Sep 10: RCMP charge Communication Coffin in sponsorship affair
- Sep 15: PS Integrity Officer Keyserlingk calls for new powers
- Sep 16: Bureaucrat Charles Boyer \$30,000 in expenses criticized
- Sep 18: Committee demands review of Governor General's budget
- Sep 19: GG Clarkson defends her circumpolar tour in TV interview
- Sep 30: Auditor General reports on Radwanski Affair
- Oct 4: Mr. Radwanski denies allegations of "reign of terror"
- Oct 5: Minister Robillard testifies that PS reform was "too far too fast"
- Oct 9: Ministers Rock and McCallum linked to Irving fishing lodge
- Oct 24: Governor General's travel budget undergoes scrutiny in Committee
- Oct 25: Prime Minister marks his Government's 10th anniversary
- Nov 4: Ethics Counsellor clears Minister Rock over fishing trip
- Nov 6: House of Commons tribute for Prime Minister
- Nov 7: Senate kills ethics commissioner and cruelty to animals bills
- Nov 25: Prime Minister and Mr. Martin set December 12 as transition date
- Nov 27: Critics allege conflict in Martin transition team
- Nov 28: Manley resigns, Martin offers U.S. envoy post



Frontpage Coverage by Region September - November

	Atlantic	Québec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
Aboriginals	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Economy	9%	19%	5%	9%	11%
Foreign Policy	7%	1%	7%	4%	7%
Global Security	3%	8%	8%	6%	2%
Governance	4%	2%	7%	3%	3%
Health	4%	3%	6%	6%	7%
International Affairs	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%
Miscellaneous	21%	7%	19%	23%	24%
Natural Resources	6%	0%	2%	4%	3%
Party Politics	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	18%	12%	20%	12%	10%
Public Safety	4%	5%	5%	6%	10%
Social Issues	18%	34%	13%	22%	17%
Unity	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

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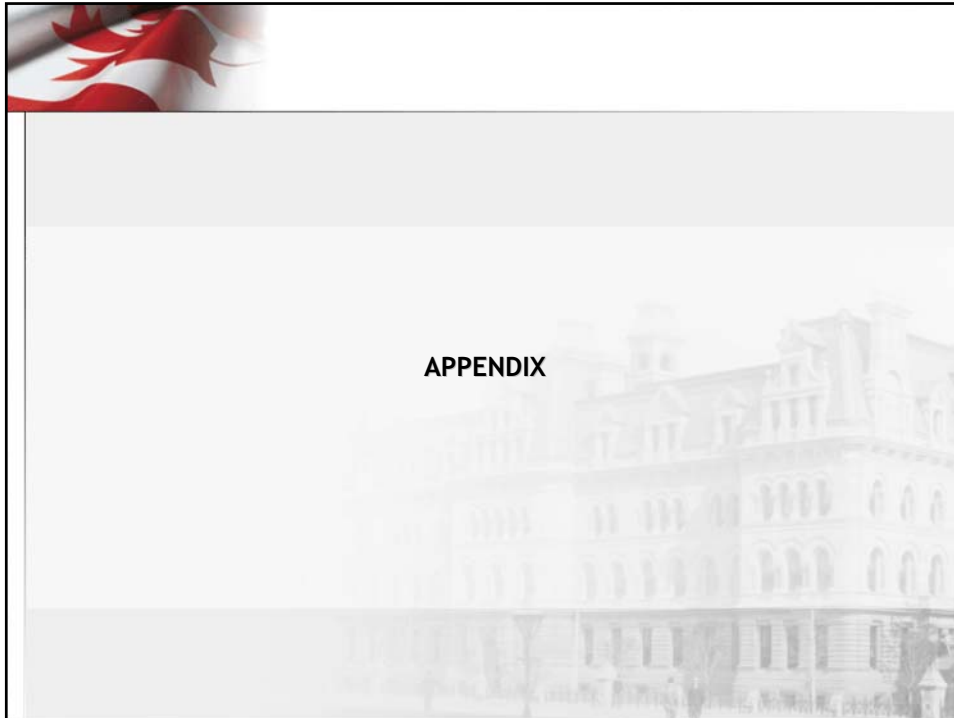


Editorial Coverage by Region September - November


	Atlantic	Québec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
Aboriginals	0%	0%	0%	4%	4%
Economy	10%	23%	7%	7%	15%
Foreign Policy	6%	2%	8%	14%	7%
Global Security	1%	5%	7%	3%	2%
Governance	9%	7%	10%	14%	16%
Health	8%	1%	5%	4%	3%
International Affairs	1%	9%	6%	4%	0%
Miscellaneous	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Natural Resources	7%	1%	3%	5%	5%
Party Politics	10%	4%	8%	11%	10%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	35%	35%	30%	18%	18%
Public Safety	4%	1%	5%	7%	9%
Social Issues	7%	10%	9%	9%	10%
Unity	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%

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APPENDIX



Sources and Sample Details

<p>National Globe and Mail National Post</p> <p>Atlantic Canada Charlottetown Guardian Halifax Chronicle Herald New Brunswick Telegraph Journal St. John's Telegram</p> <p>Québec La Presse Le Journal de Montréal</p>	<p>Ontario The Toronto Star The Ottawa Citizen</p> <p>Prairies The Calgary Herald The Winnipeg Free Press The Regina Leader Post</p> <p>British Columbia The Vancouver Sun</p>	<p>Television News CBC News CTV News SRC - Le Téléjournal TVA Réseau</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Note: Some changes in the sample were made as of September 1st, 2003: - Print sample reduced from 22 sources to 14 - Editorial/opinion now includes only newspaper editorials, not columnists or freelance opinion pieces Consequently, there is a reduction in the sample sizes; however, the sample size remains adequately representative</p> </div>
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Sample Sizes

	September	October	November
Frontpage Headlines	2194	1849	1853
Editorial/Opinion	789	766	723
Television	1440	1546	1471



Media Categories

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

January - March 2004

ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR

janvier à mars 2004



Government of Canada
Privy Council Office

Gouvernement du Canada
Bureau du Conseil privé



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
January 2004					
			1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada to take over as Chair of the Kimberley Process on conflict diamonds New political financing regime (C-24) comes into effect 	2.	3/4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Compassionate Care Leave Program comes into effect (4)
5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of 60-day public comment period on the re-opening of US border to live cattle under 30 months of age 	6.	7.	8.	9. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stats Canada: Labour force survey (December 2003) 	10/11. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Population Forum 2004 - Geneva, Switzerland (11-14)
12. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled date for return of Parliament Special Summit of the Americas - Mexico (12-13) Forum canadien sur l'industrie de la culture organise une conférence sur "Quand la culture s'affaire" - France (12-14) 	13	14.	15.	16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Social Forum - Mumbai, India (16-21) 	17/18.
19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Presidential primaries to begin with Iowa caucuses 	20. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank of Canada to announce its decision on interest rates National Non-Smoking Week (20-25) 	21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Economic Forum - Switzerland (21-25) F/P/T Immigration Ministers meeting - Victoria (21-22) (T) 	22. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Health Law Conference to hold "Who gets it? Who decides?" conference - Toronto (22-23) Lunar New Year (Chinese, Korean, 	23.	24/25.
26. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Customs Day Hearing date in Quebec Court of Appeal re. Same-sex marriage 	27. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Literacy Day 2004 	28.	29.	30.	31.

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February 2004					1/2.
2. • <i>International Development Week (2-8)</i> • <i>Bio-Energy 2004: "Making Biomass Work for You" - Winnipeg</i>	3	4. • <i>FCM Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show - Ottawa (4-7)</i>	5	6. • <i>Stats Canada: Labour force survey (January 2004)</i>	7/8.
9.	10 • <i>9th Annual Investing in African Mining Conference - South Africa</i>	11	12	13	14/15. • <i>National Flag of Canada Day (15)</i>
16	17.	18	19. • <i>Canadian Alliance to hold its national convention - Ottawa (19-21) (T)</i>	20. • <i>Finance Canada: Fiscal Monitor for Dec. 2003</i>	21/22. • <i>CoP to Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (22-27)</i>
23. • <i>Council fo the Federation to meet - BC (23-24)</i> • <i>Black History Month Celebrations - Toronto</i>	24.	25	26.	27.	28/29.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
March / Mars 2004					
1. • <i>Women & Development Month</i>	2. • <i>Bank of Canada: Decision on interest rates</i> • <i>Env Can to hold "The Species at Risk 2004" conference - Victoria (2-6)</i> • <i>U.S. primaries: Super Tuesday</i> • <i>International Women's Week (2-8)</i>	3	4	5. • <i>Stats Canada: Labour force survey (February 2004)</i>	6/7. • <i>Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Convention & Trade Show - Toronto (7-10)</i>
8. • <i>International Women's Day</i> • <i>International Peace Day</i>	9.	10. • <i>Commonwealth Day</i>	11	12	13/14. • <i>Presidential elections in Russia (14)</i>
15	16. • <i>Oceanology International 2004 - London, UK (16-19)</i>	17	18	19. • <i>Joint CA/PC leadership convention (19-21)</i> • <i>Canadian University Services Overseas to hold "Communities and Impact of Climate Change" conference - Winnipeg (19-22)</i>	20/21. • <i>Journée internationale de la Francophonie - Ottawa (20)</i> • <i>Presidential elections in Taiwan (20)</i> • <i>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21)</i> • <i>Presidential elections in El Salvador (21)</i>
22	23. • <i>World Meteorological Day</i>	24. • <i>3ième atelier canadien sur la qualité de l'air - Québec</i> • <i>World Tuberculosis Day</i>	25. • <i>7th National Metropolis Conference - Montreal (25-28)</i>	26	27/28.
29. • <i>8th Special Session of the UNEP Governing Council (March 29-30) (T)</i>	30	31. • <i>Globe 2004: 8th Biennial Trade Fair and Conference on Business and the Environment (March 31-April 2) - Vancouver</i>			