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OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC OPINION



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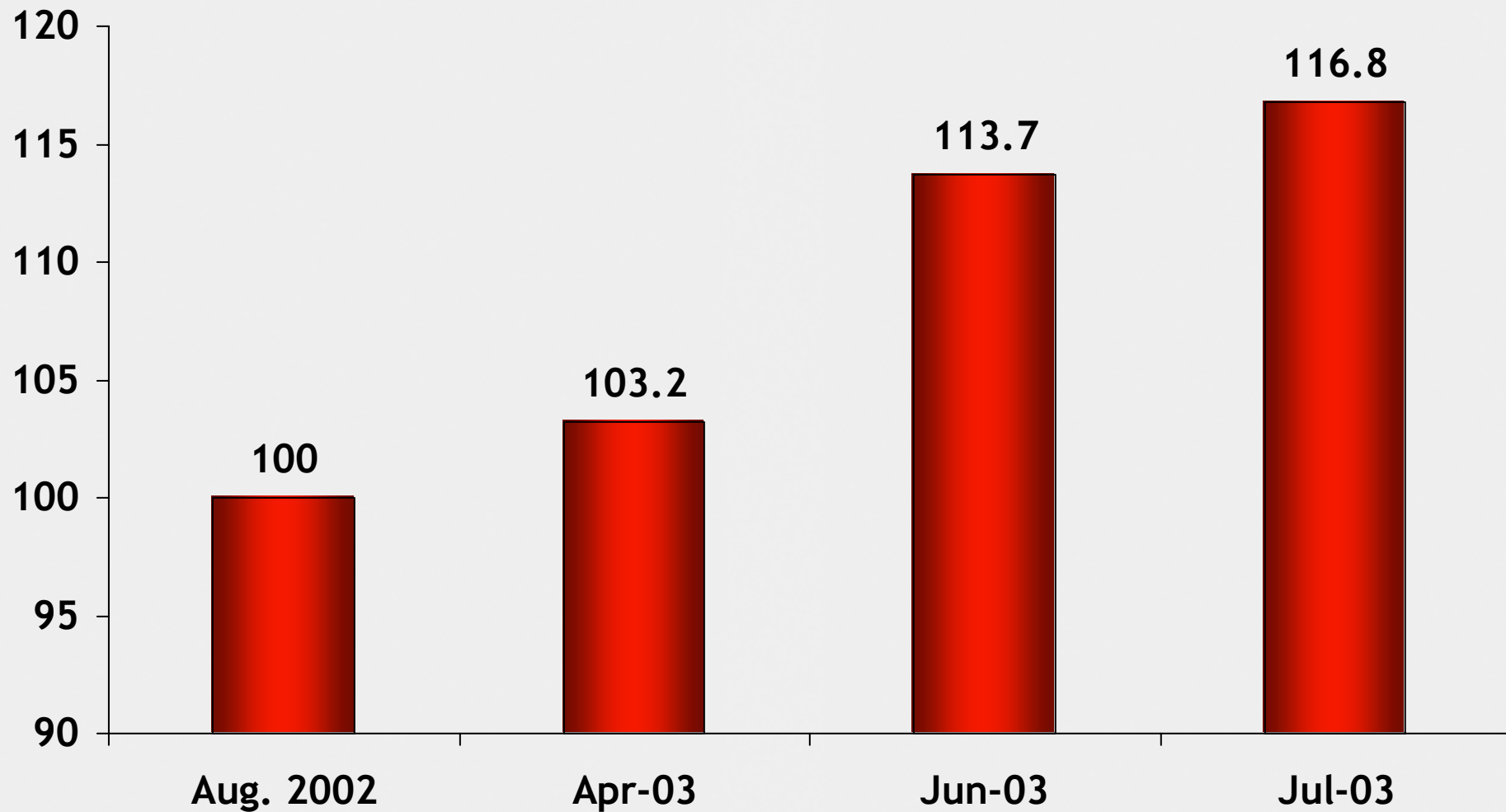
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THE ECONOMY



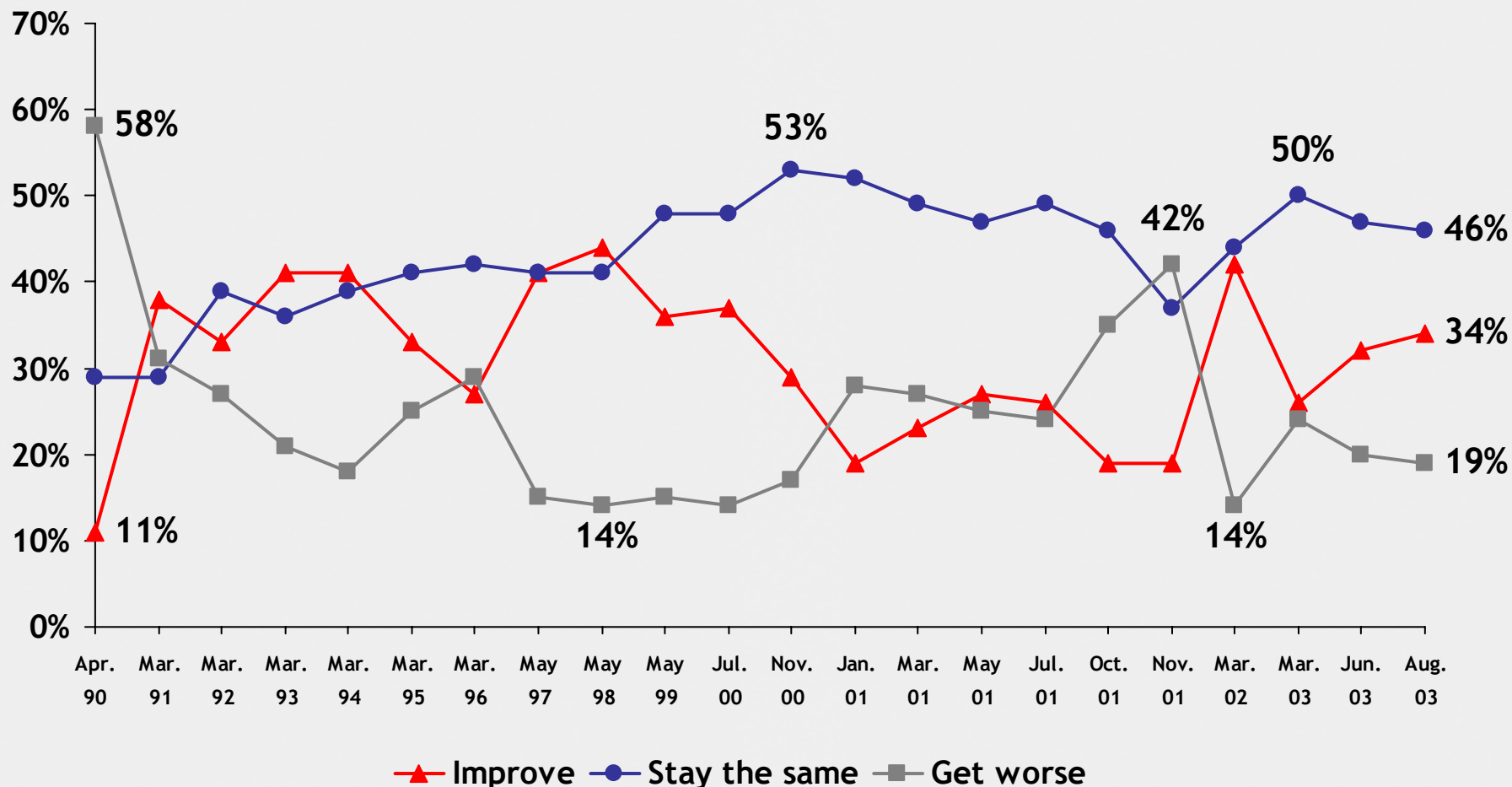
Consumer Confidence





One-Year Outlook

"Thinking about the next year or so, do you, yourself, generally feel that the Canadian economy will improve, stay the same or get worse?"



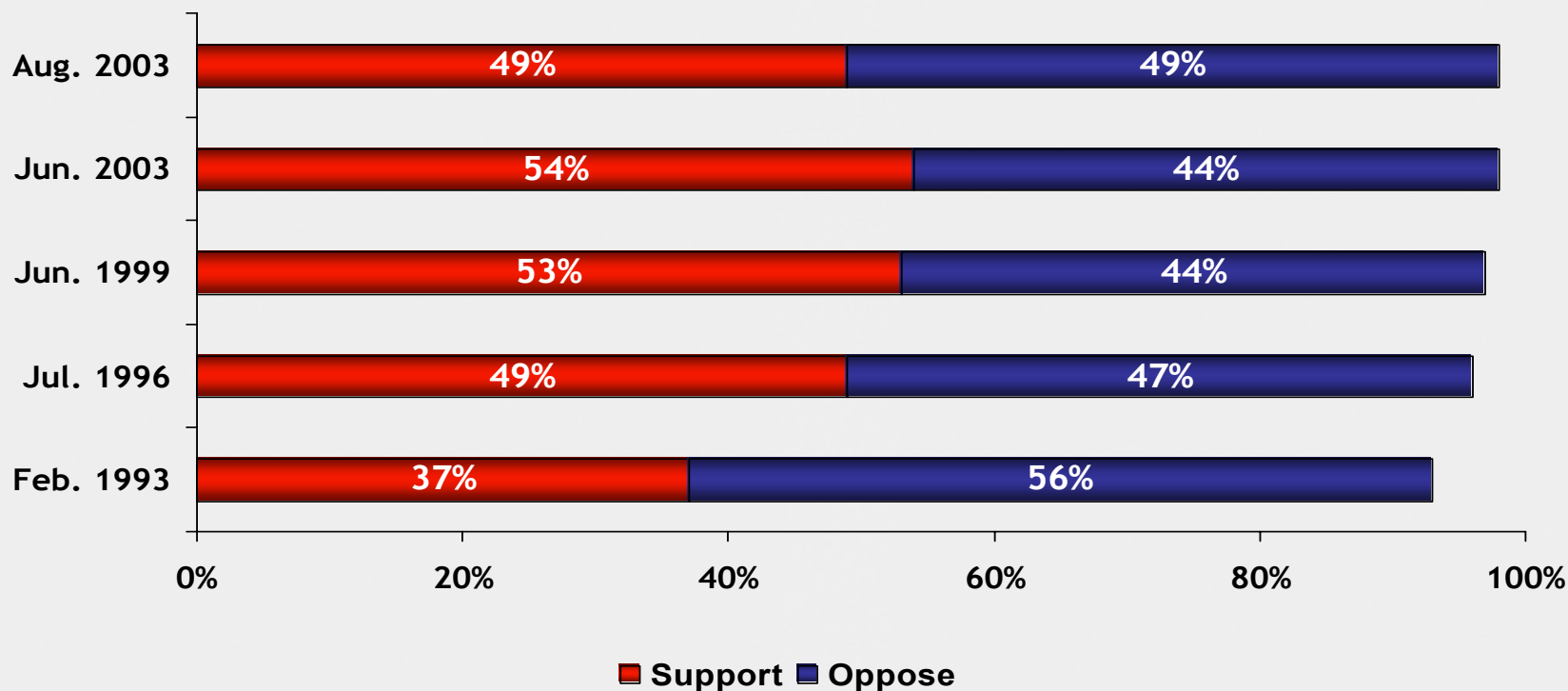


SAME-SEX MARRIAGE



Same-Sex Marriage

“In general, do you support or oppose same-sex couples being allowed to marry and register their marriage with their provincial government?”



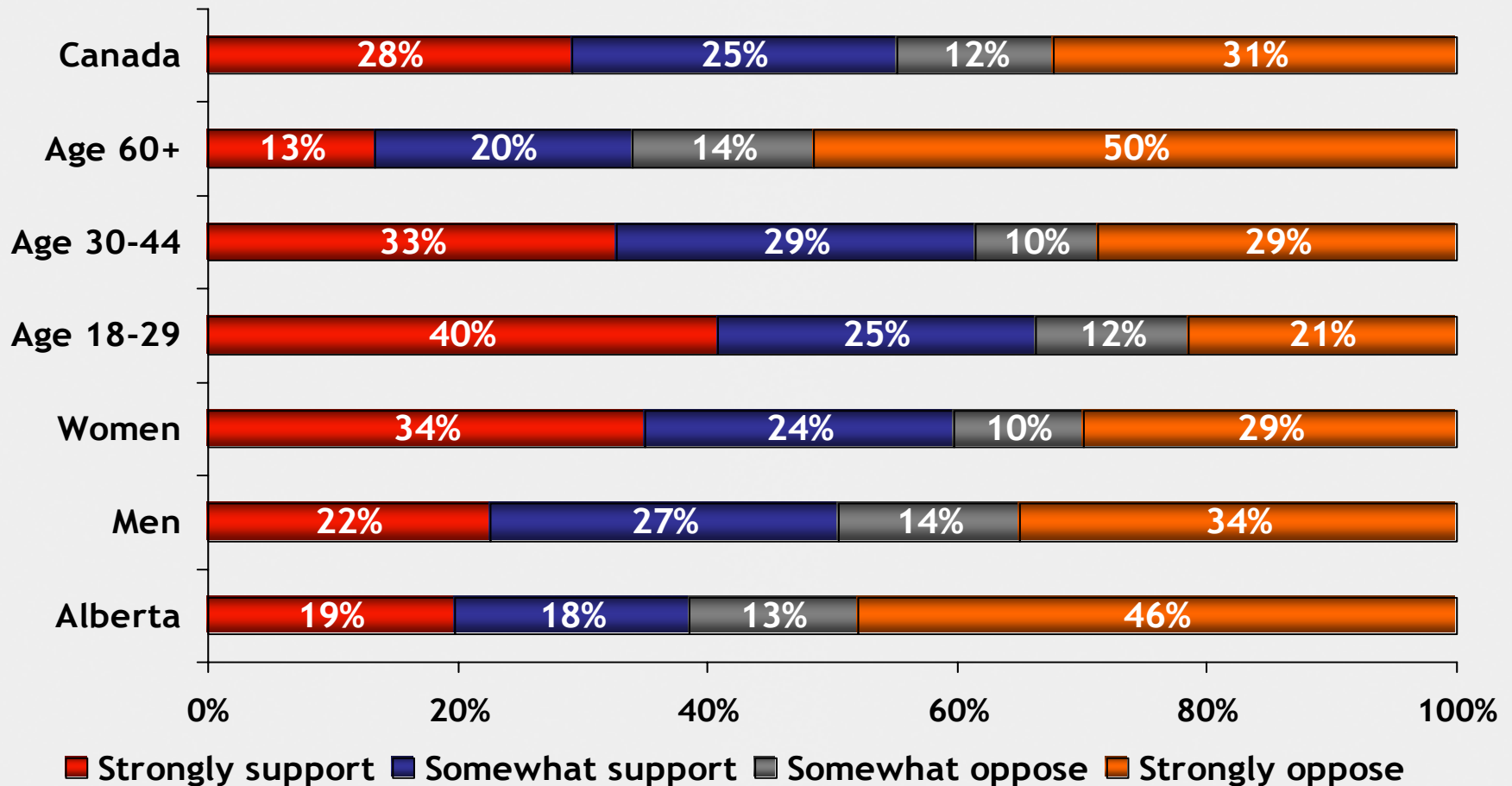
Question used from 1993 to 1999: “Do you think homosexual couples who wish to marry should or should not qualify for legal recognition of the marriage?”

Source: Ipsos-Reid



Same-Sex Marriage

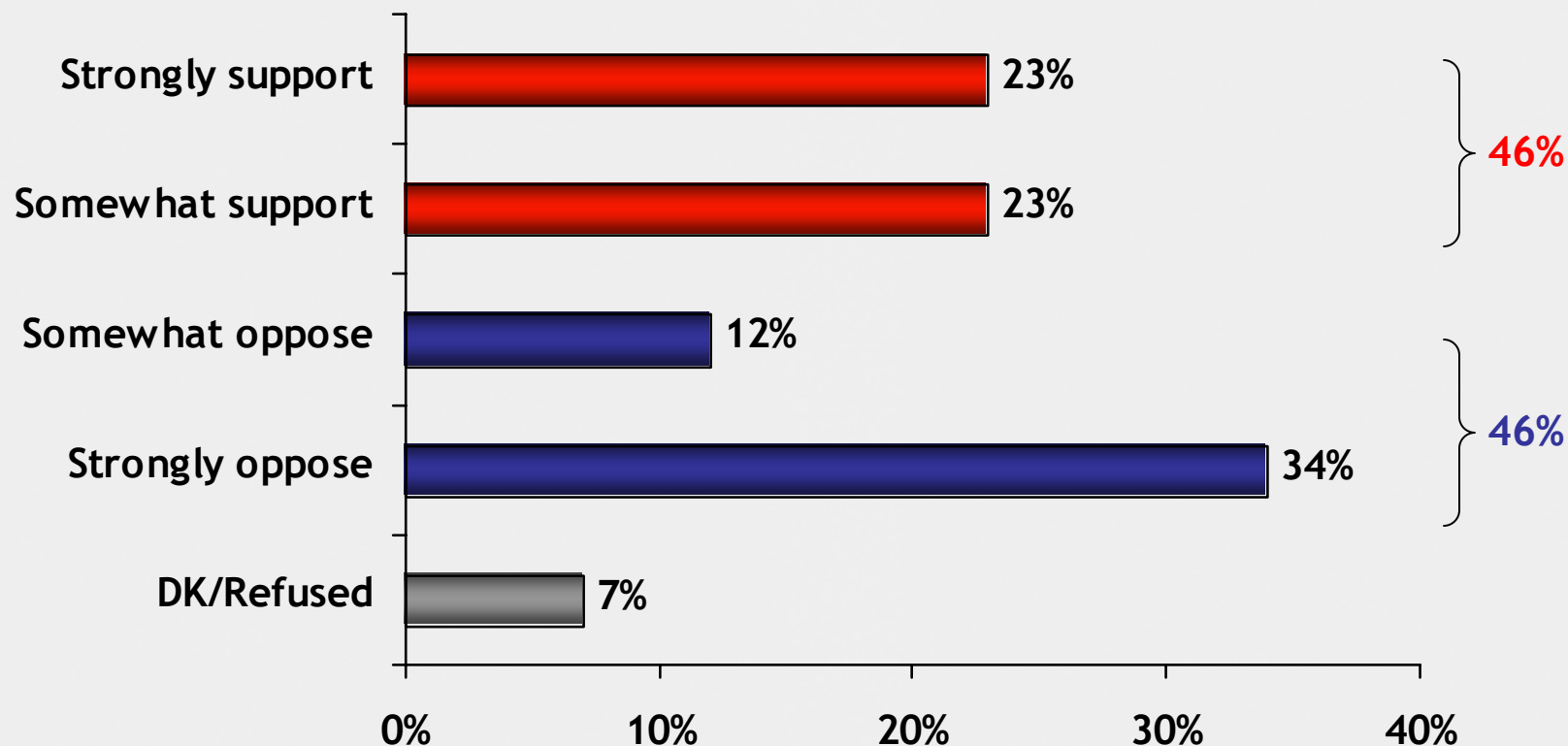
"[...] Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry?"





New Definition of Marriage

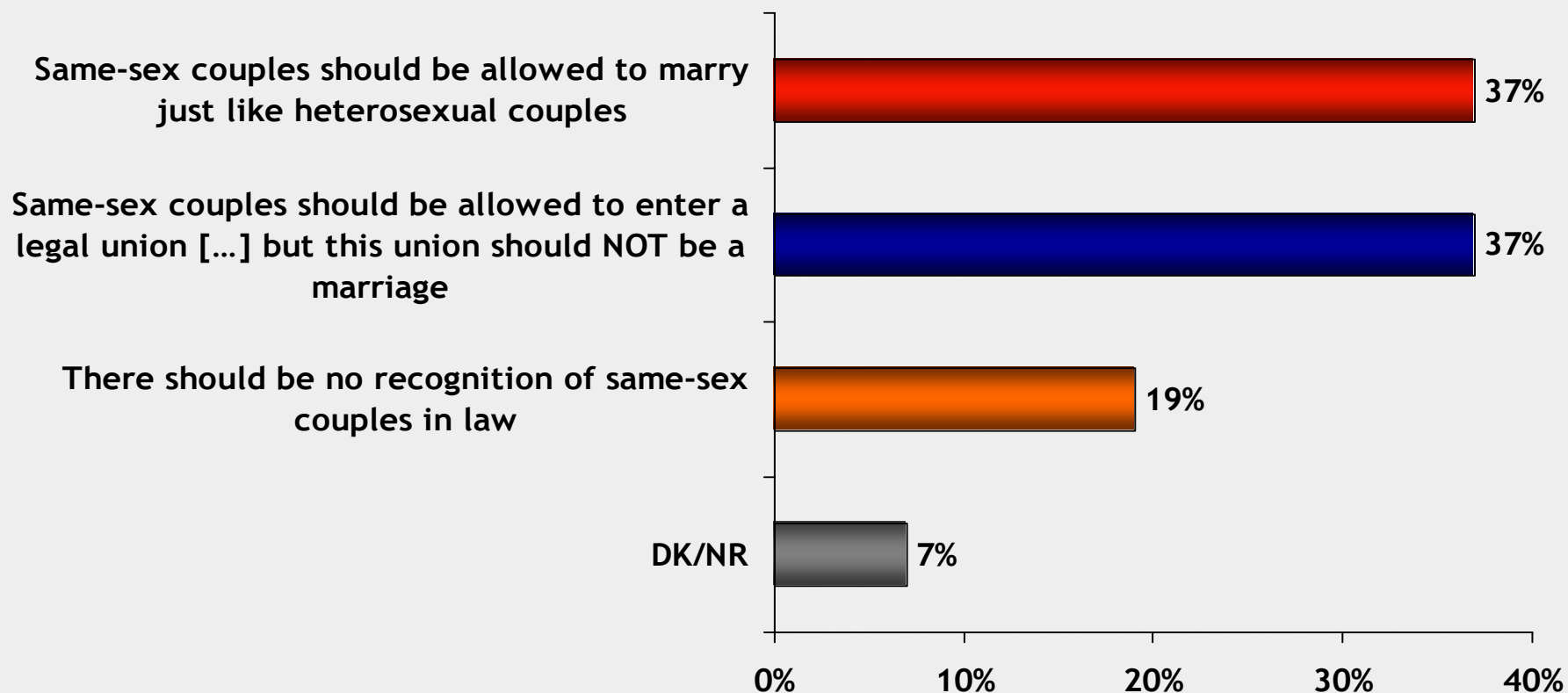
"A number of courts in Canada have ruled that the federal law that restricts marriage to opposite-sex unions is unconstitutional. The federal government has responded by proposing a new definition of marriage that would include same-sex unions."





Preferred Course of Action

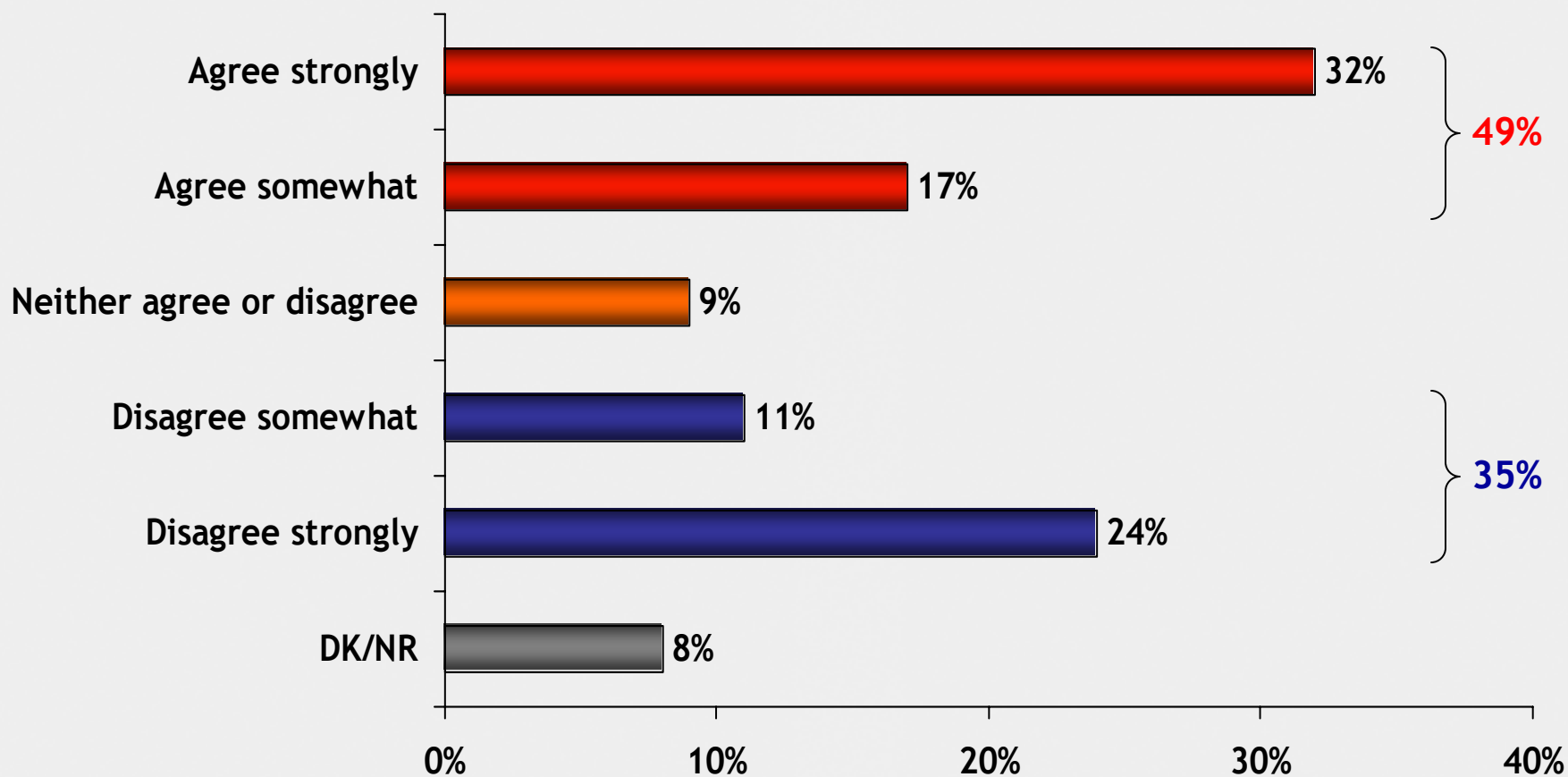
"Which of the following views is closer to your own?"





Notwithstanding Clause

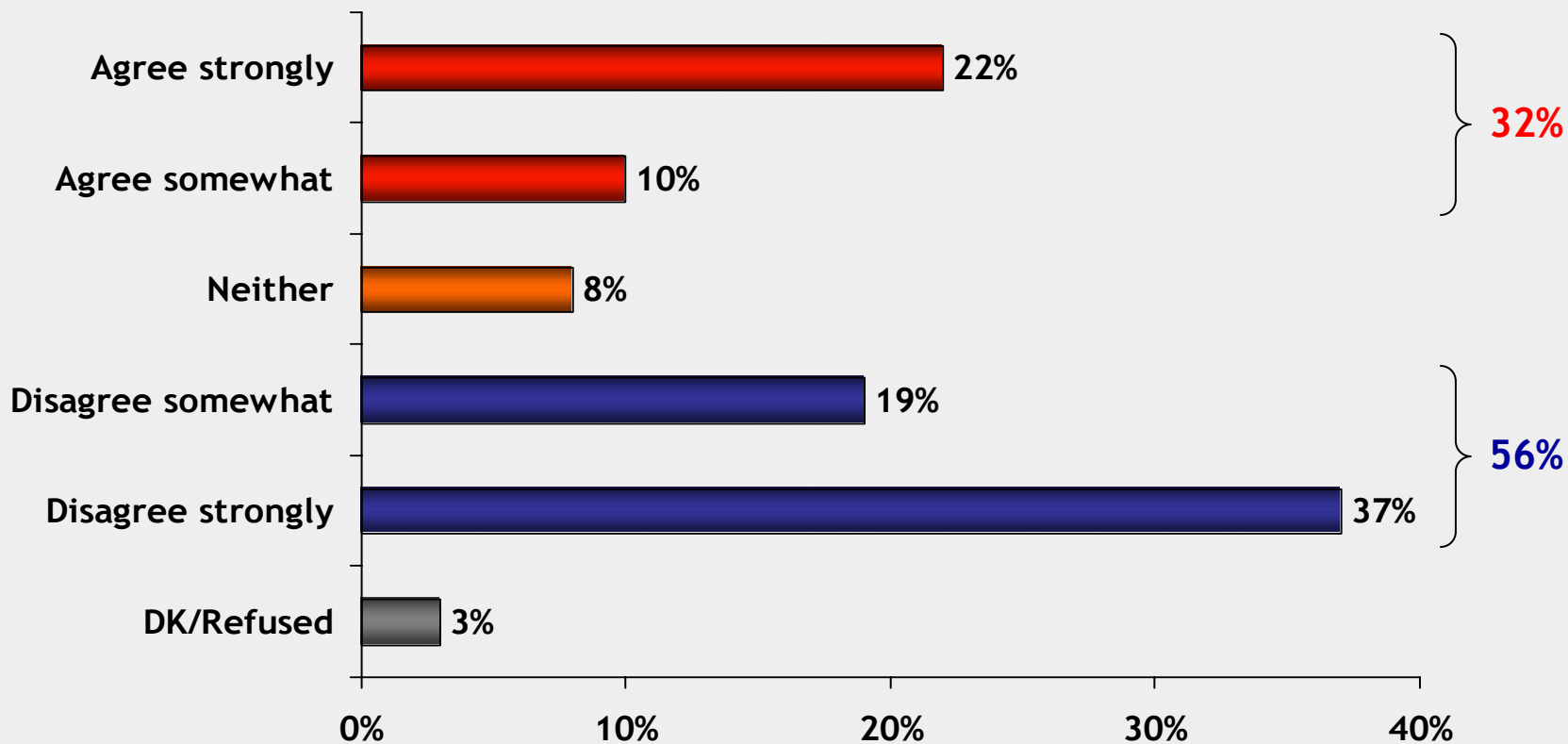
"[...] Do you agree or disagree that the notwithstanding clause should be used to maintain the current definition of marriage as one man and one woman?"





Gay Marriage: A Threat?

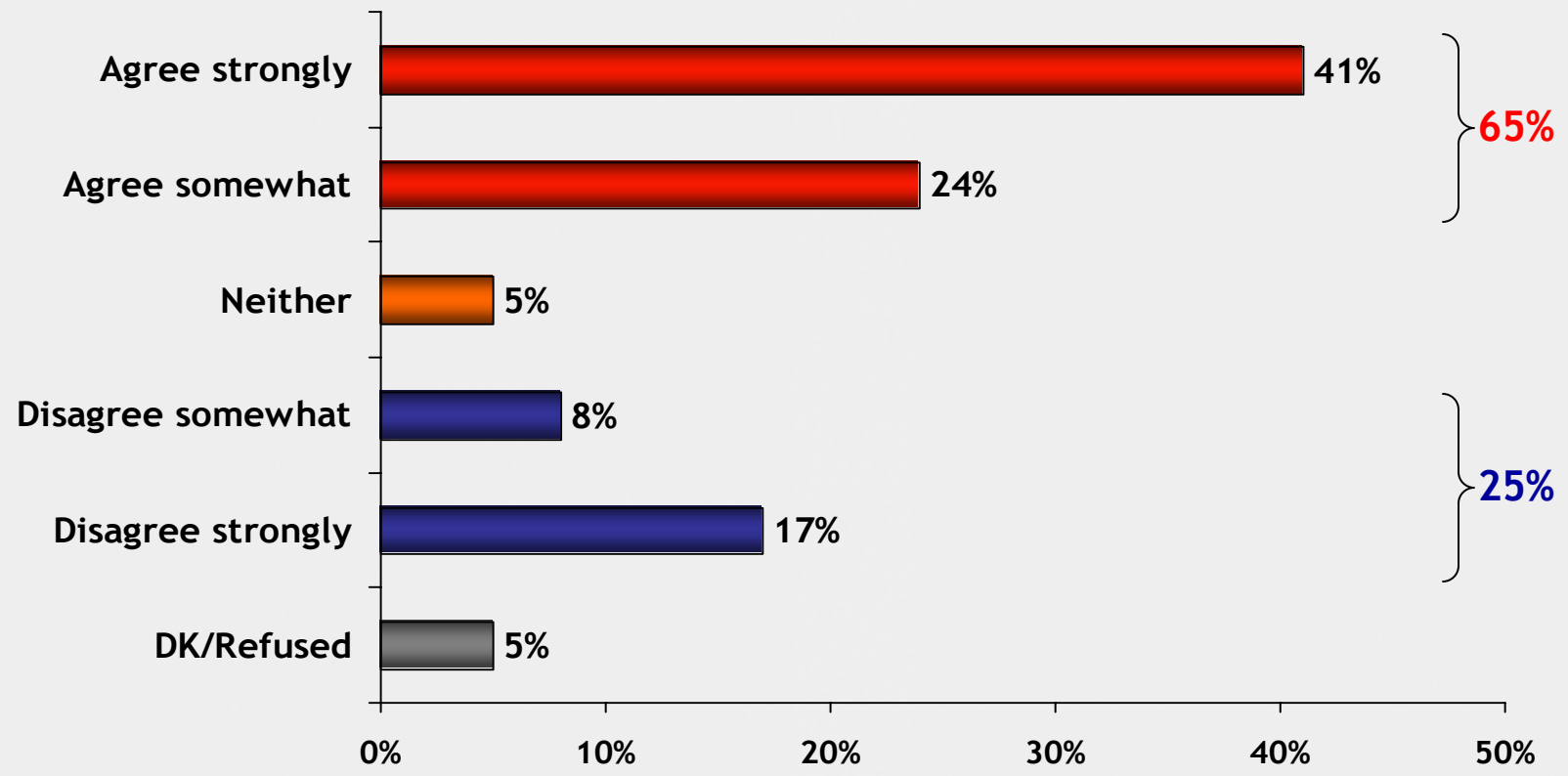
"... Allowing gays and lesbians to marry is a threat to the institution of marriage?"





Same Treatment for Gay and Heterosexual Couples

"... Gay or lesbian couples who enter into committed relationships should be treated the same as heterosexual couples who do so."



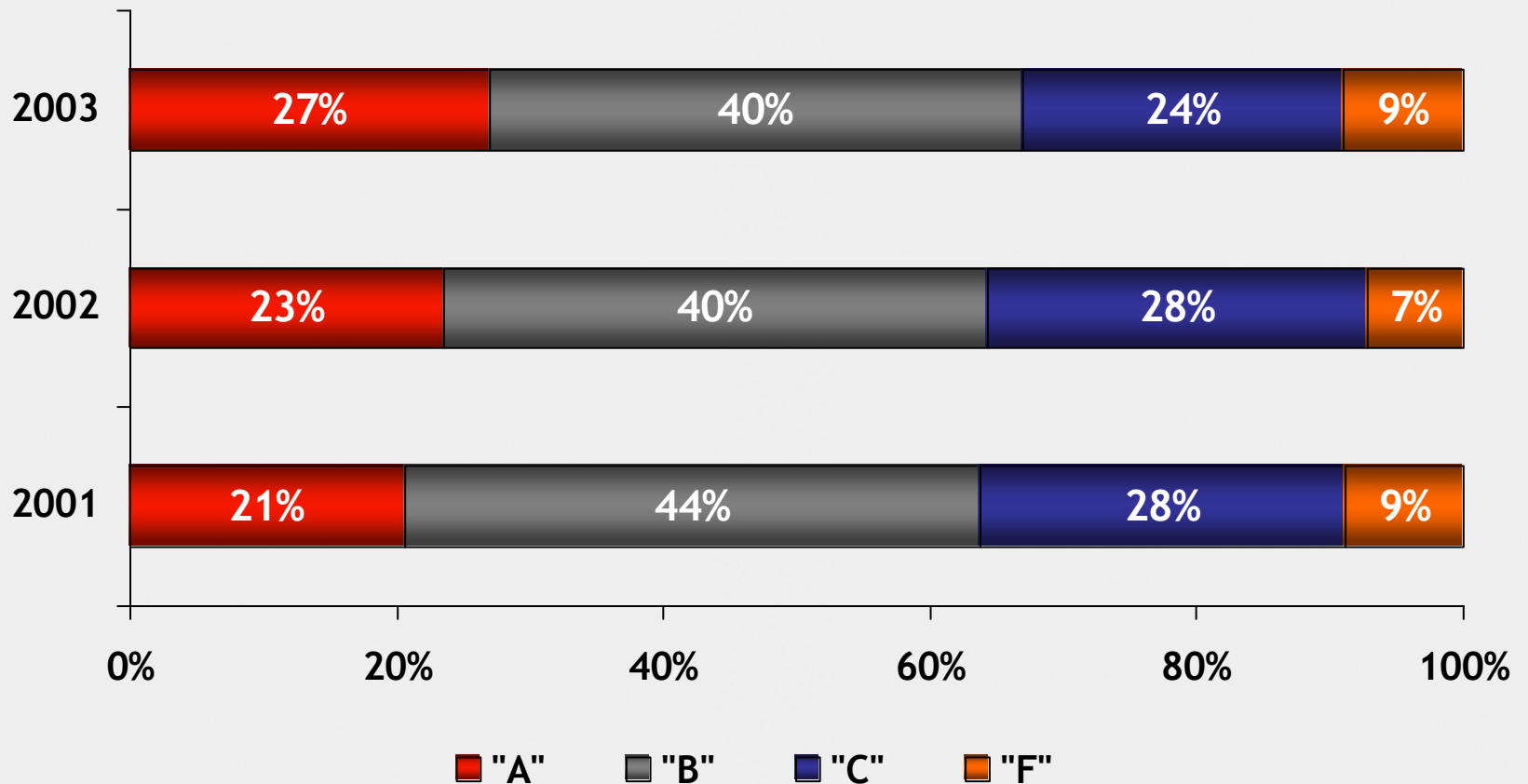


HEALTH CARE



Overall Quality of Services

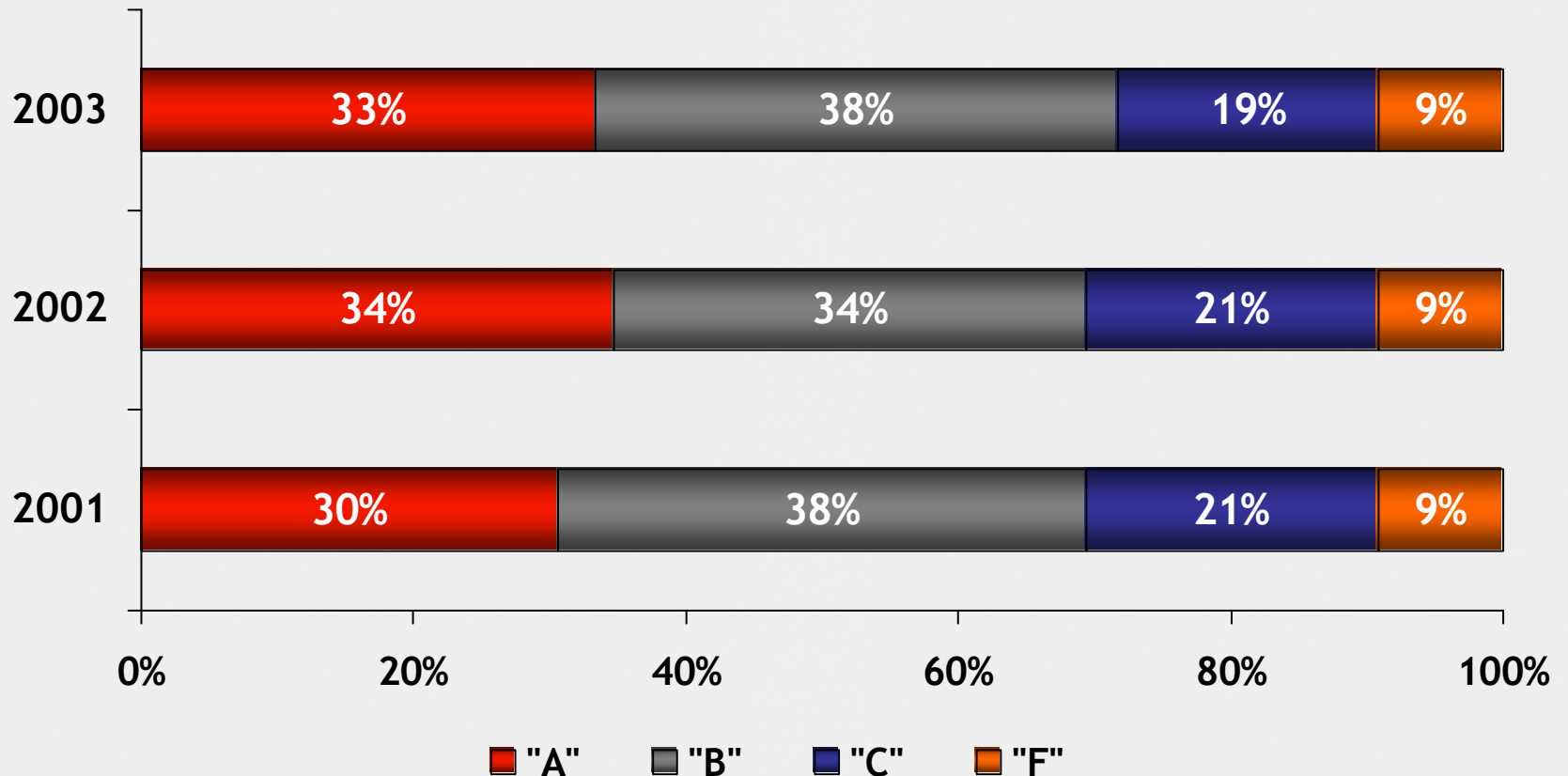
“What grade would you give to:
The overall quality of health care services?”





Recent Experience

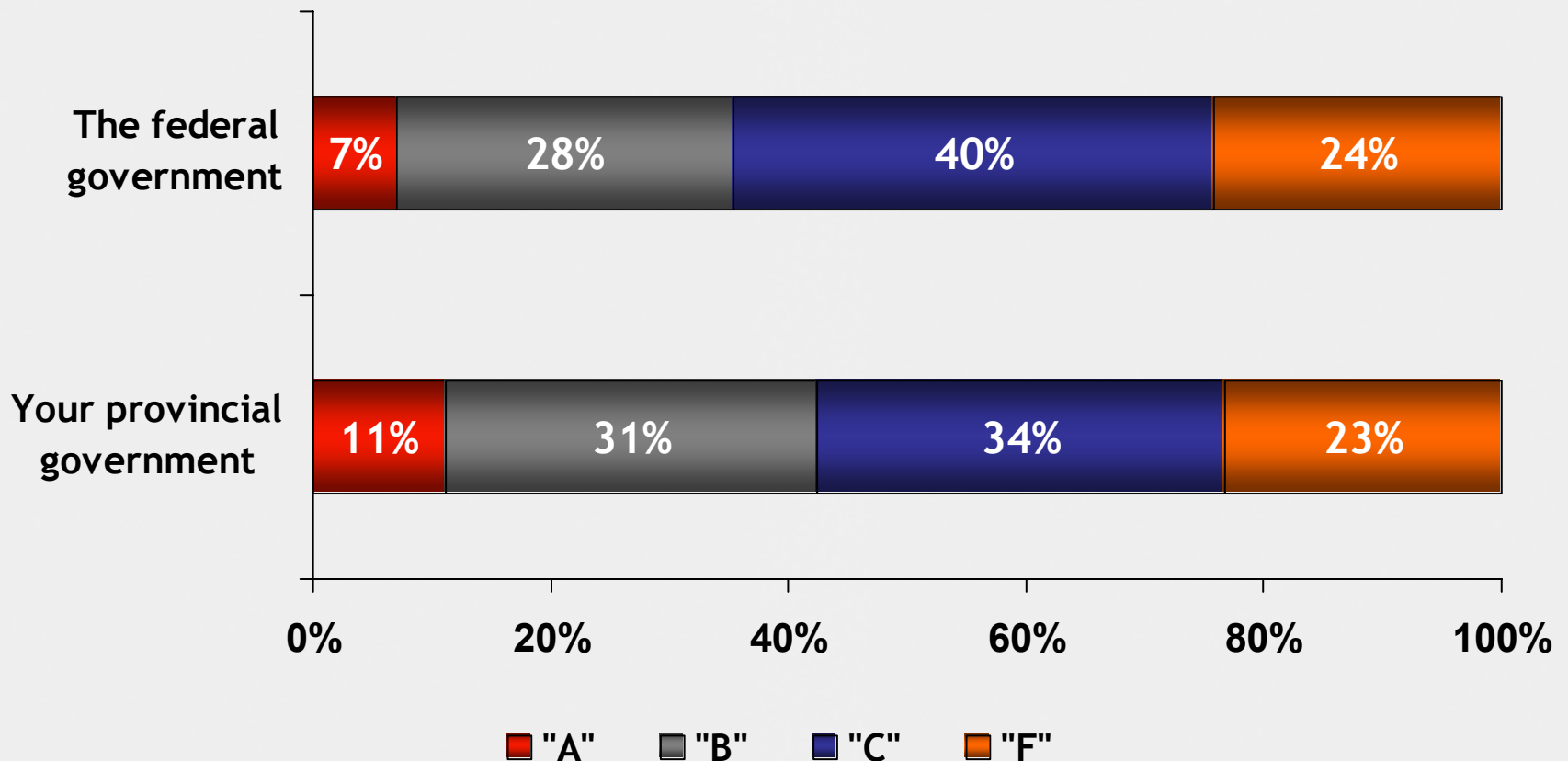
“What grade would you give to:
Your most recent dealing with the health care system in your community?”





Performance

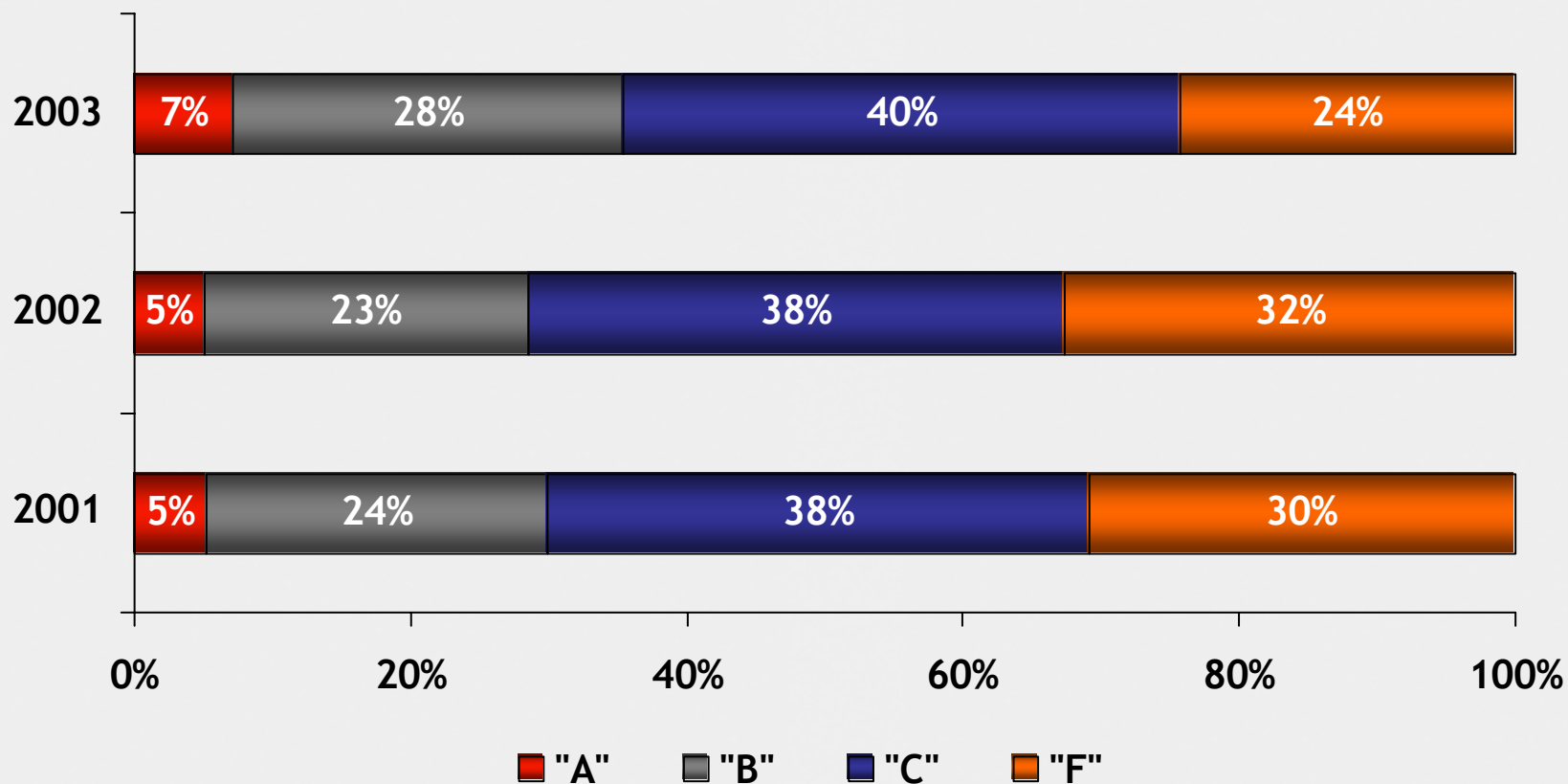
“What grade would you give to:
Governments’ performance in dealing with health care in Canada?”





Federal Performance

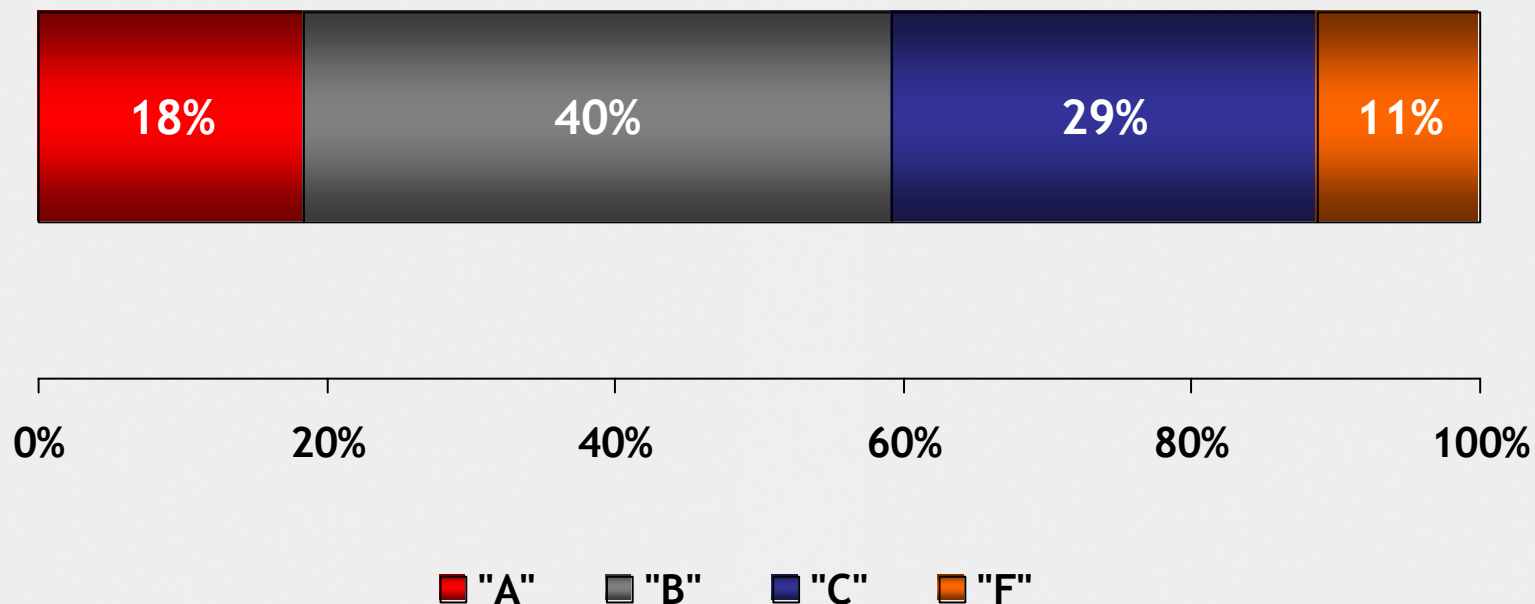
“What grade would you give to:
The federal government’s performance in dealing with health care in Canada?”





Disease Control

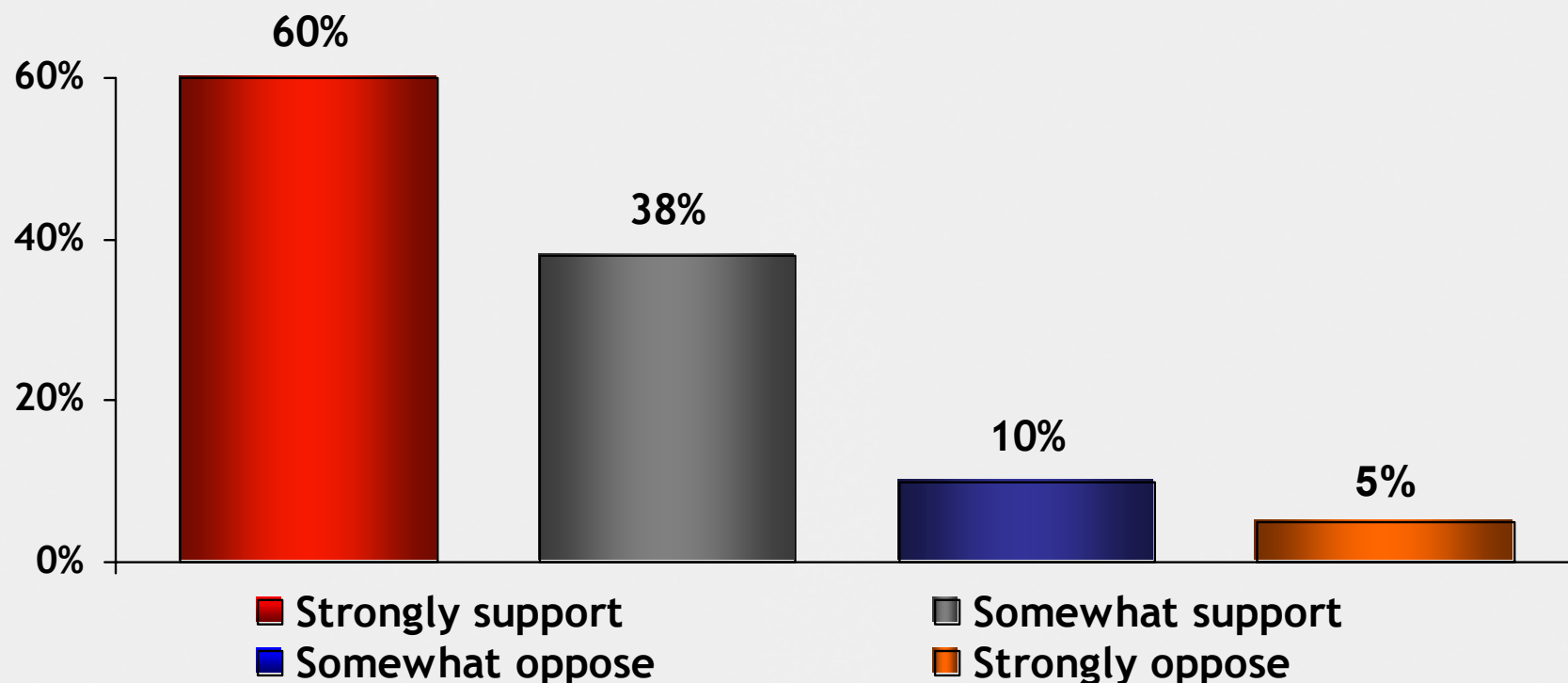
“What grade would you give to:
Government performance in preventing and controlling the spread of infectious
diseases in Canada?”





Health Care Guarantee

"Some people have suggested that Canadians should be given a CARE GUARANTEE which would guarantee limits on waiting times for medical services. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this proposal?"



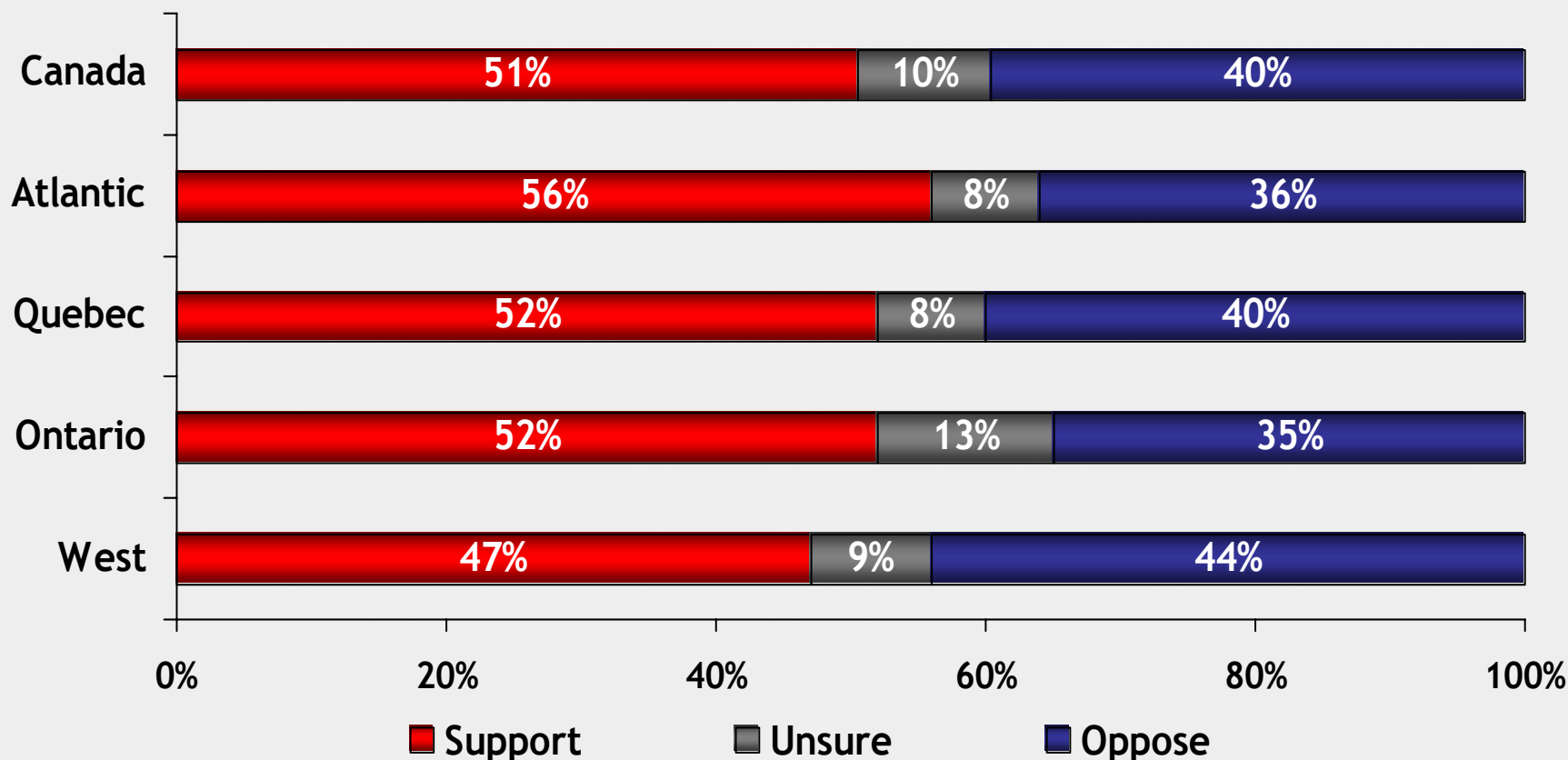


NATIONAL ID CARD



National ID Card

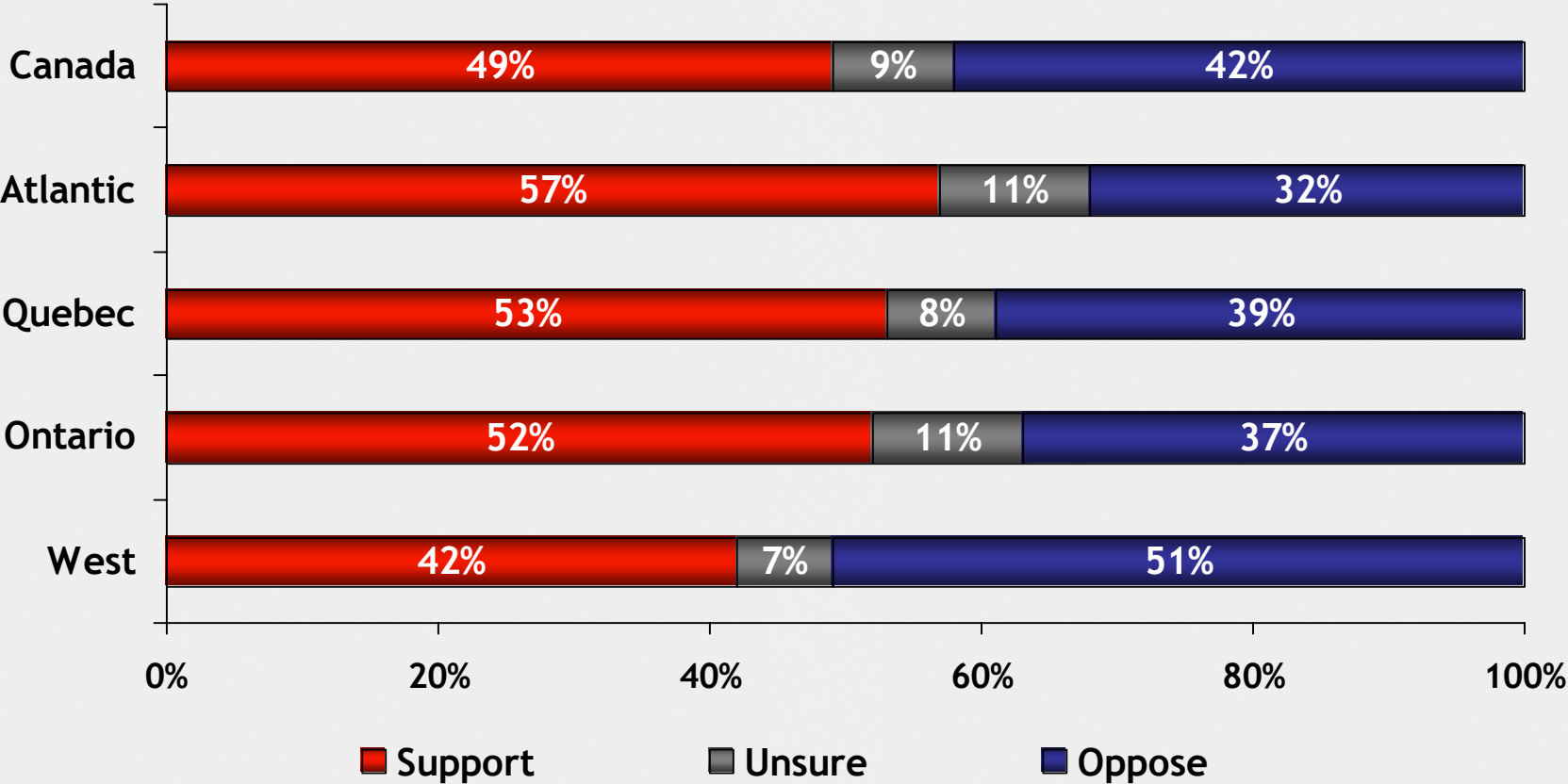
“[...] Some people believe a national ID card would prevent racial profiling at the Canada-US border. Others believe that it would further erode personal privacy and create a “big brother” data base. Do you ...?”





National ID Card

“If I told you that this new national ID card was mandatory, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this proposal?”





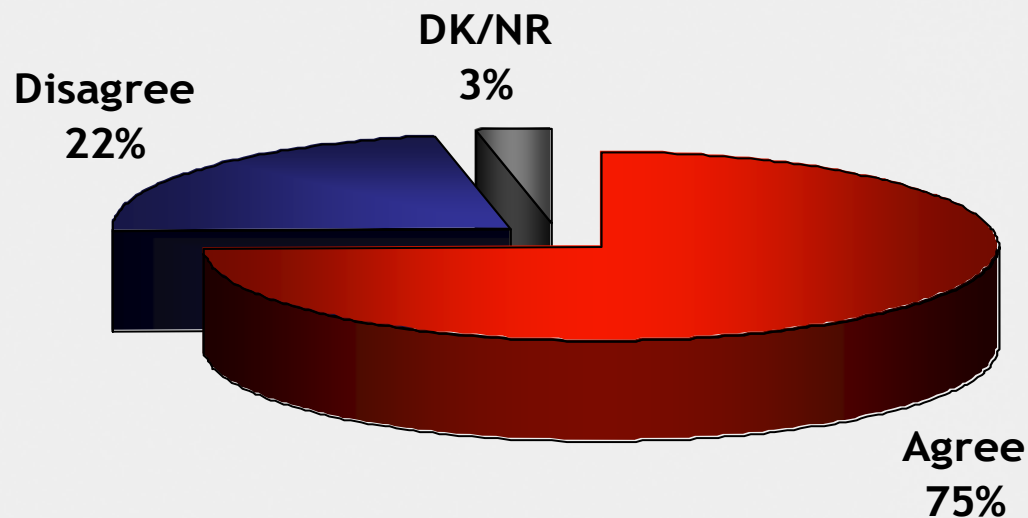
WORLD OPINION ON THE UNITED STATES



U.S. Involvement in Iraq

"American involvement in Iraq is turning into another Vietnam where Iraqis are becoming more and more resistant to American occupation and will result in increasing numbers of American casualties."

[CANADIANS]



	Agree/Disagree
BC	75% / 24%
Ontario	74% / 24%
Atlantic	73% / 27%
Sask/Man	67% / 27%
Quebec	66% / 29%
Alberta	65% / 33%



Feelings towards America

“In general how would you say you feel towards America?”

	Favourable	Unfavourable	Neither
USA	93	5	0
Canada	81	16	2
U.K.	75	19	2
Israel	72	25	2
Australia	64	25	2
Korea	50	28	22
Russia	48	28	21
France	41	51	2
Indonesia	31	58	9
Brazil	24	66	5
Jordan	19	79	1



The President

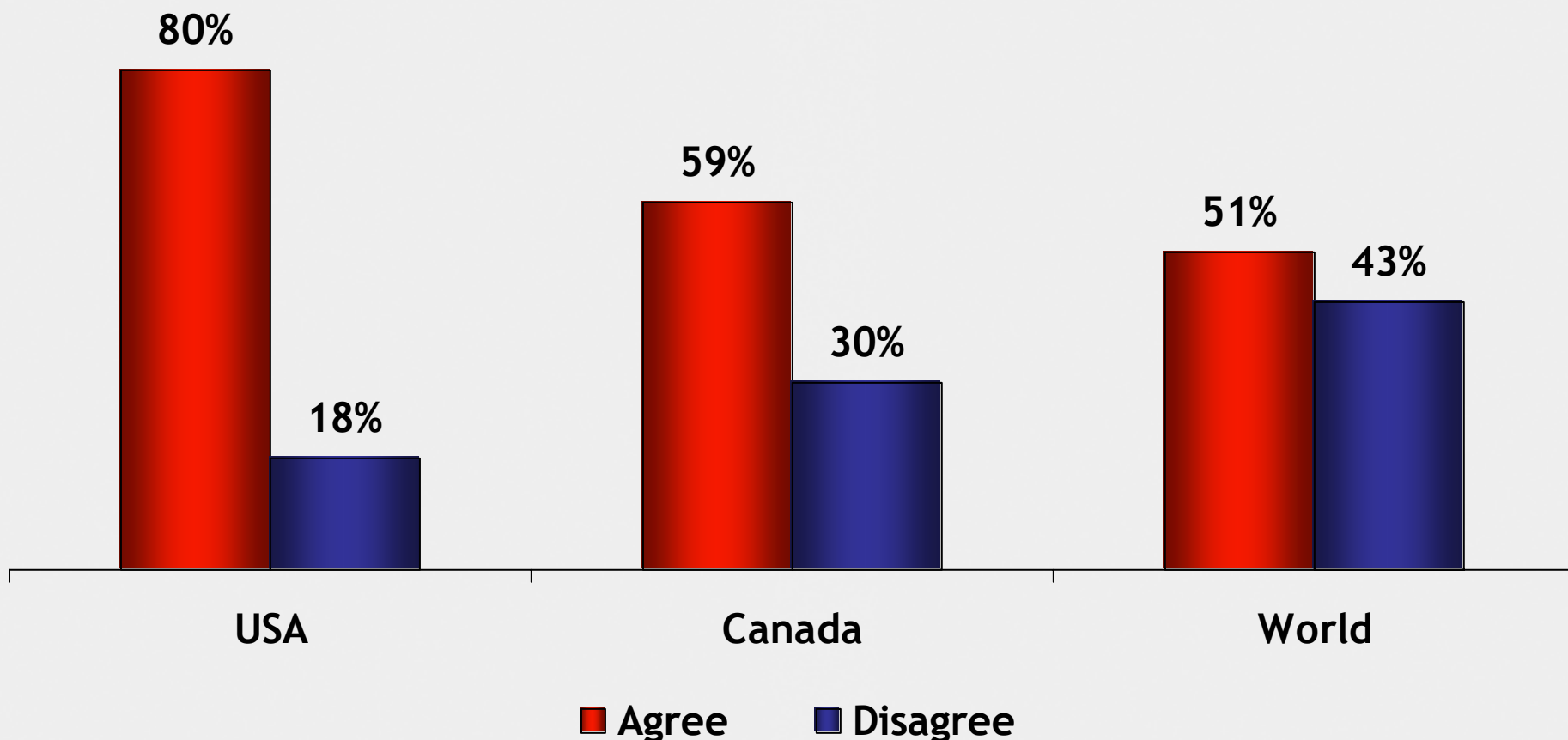
“Thinking specifically about President George Bush of America, would you say your attitude towards President George Bush is...?”

	Favourable	Unfavourable	Neither
USA	70	27	2
Israel	62	33	3
Canada	48	48	2
Australia	45	49	5
U.K.	41	53	4
Korea	32	52	16
Russia	25	21	49
Indonesia	20	68	9
Brazil	17	78	3
France	17	79	1
Jordan	9	91	0



American Policies

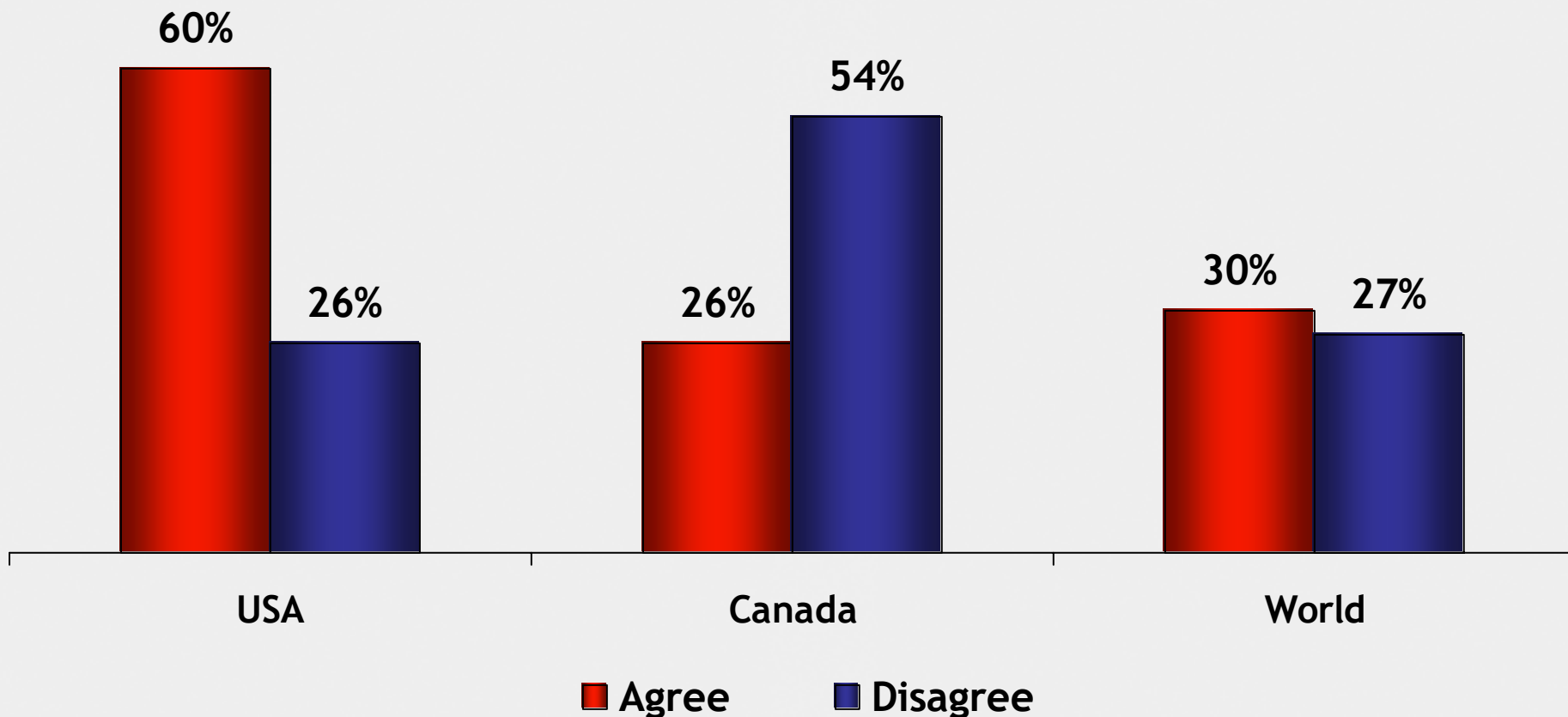
"Agreement with American policies on TERRORISM."





American Policies

"Agreement with American policies on NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION."





OTHER PUBLICLY RELEASED POLLS



The Blackout (Ipsos-Reid, released August 22)

- 71% of Canadians believe the blackout was due to a technical, not a supply, problem; 58% of Ontarians agree
- 34% nationally are willing to pay more for electricity compared to 42% in Ontario

www.ipsos-reid.com

Comparative Federalism (CRIC, released on August 13)

- 56% of Canadians believe the federal government has too much power and 45% would like local governments to have more influence
- Support for local power is highest in larger cities: Toronto (60%), Vancouver (56%), Calgary and Edmonton (52%); for Montrealers, provincial (39%), not local (29%), government needs more power

www.cric.ca



THE MEDIA ENVIRONMENT

May - August 2003



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Methodology

- Data on newspaper headlines and editorial content were collected from May to August, 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.

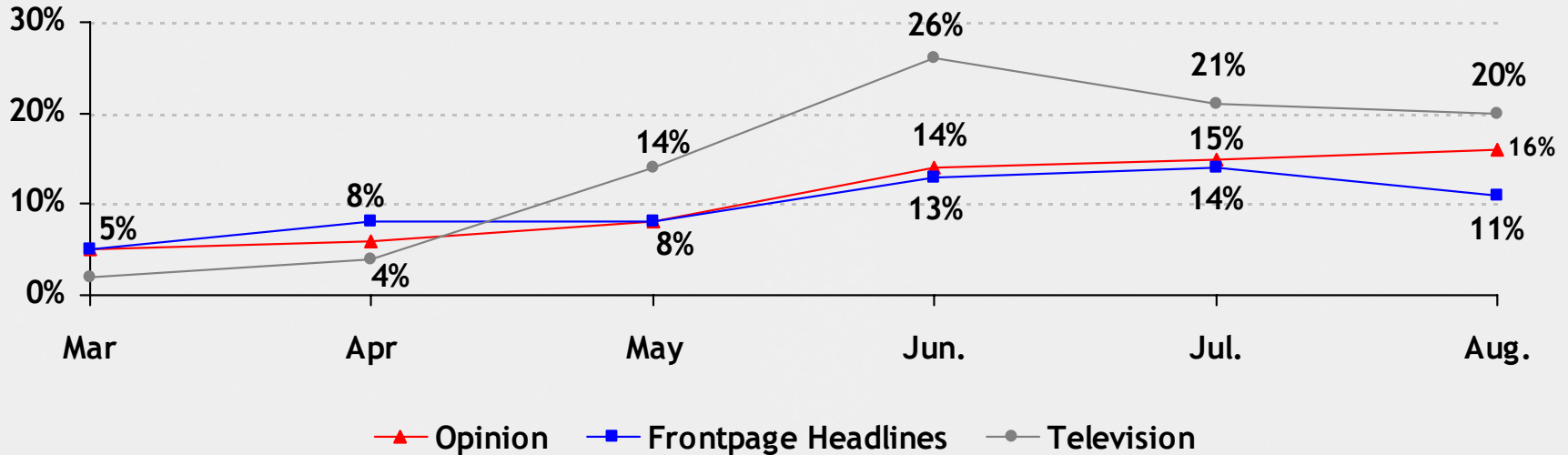


Total Coverage

May to August

	Editorials	Headline	TV News
Aboriginals	2%	1%	0%
Economy	9%	8%	11%
Foreign Policy	8%	6%	5%
Global Security	9%	8%	6%
Governance	5%	2%	2%
Health	5%	7%	6%
International Affairs	4%	2%	17%
Miscellaneous	3%	26%	14%
Natural Resources	9%	10%	4%
Party Politics	7%	2%	2%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	18%	9%	7%
Public Safety	6%	8%	4%
Social Issues	13%	12%	20%
Unity	2%	0%	1%

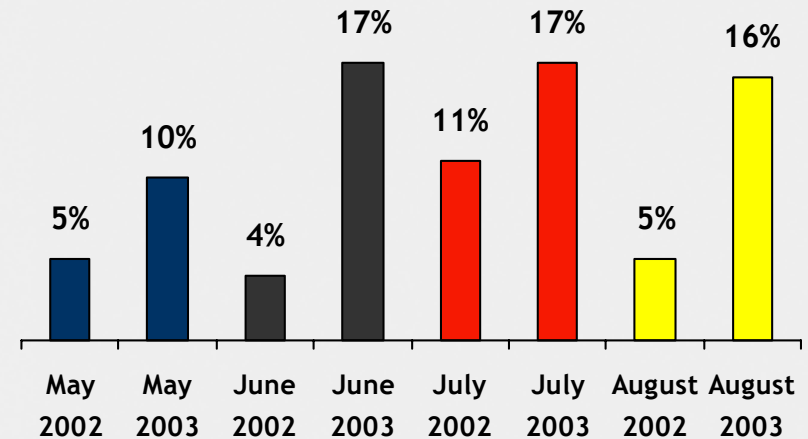
Social Issues



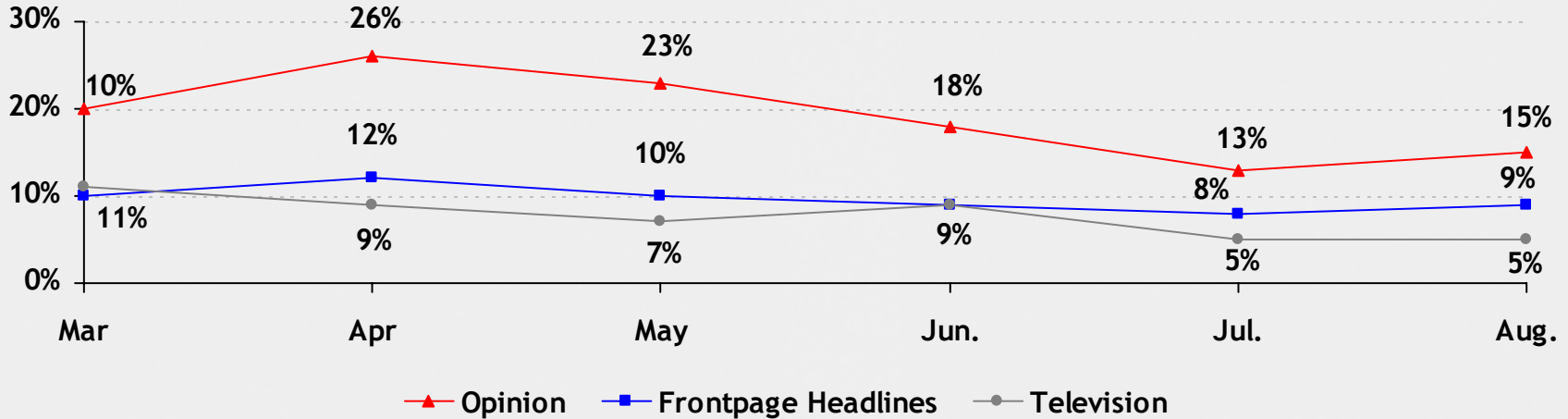
Notable Headlines

Jul 17: Draft same-sex marriage bill referred to SCC
 Jul 28: Pope calls on MPs to stop gay marriage
 Jul 29: Bishop tells PM: You've lost your way
 Aug 8: 48 Liberal MPs against same-sex marriage
 Aug 13: Say goodbye to \$5 day care in Quebec
 Aug 18: Minister Cauchon says gays must have equal rights
 Aug 19: Liberal caucus debates same-sex marriage
 Aug 20: "Civil union" is an option, Martin says
 Aug 21: PM rejects referendum on same-sex marriage
 Aug 22: Martin urges PM to rush same-sex bill
 Aug 23: 1,000's rally against same-sex marriage
 Aug 26: Premier Eves speaks against same-sex marriage

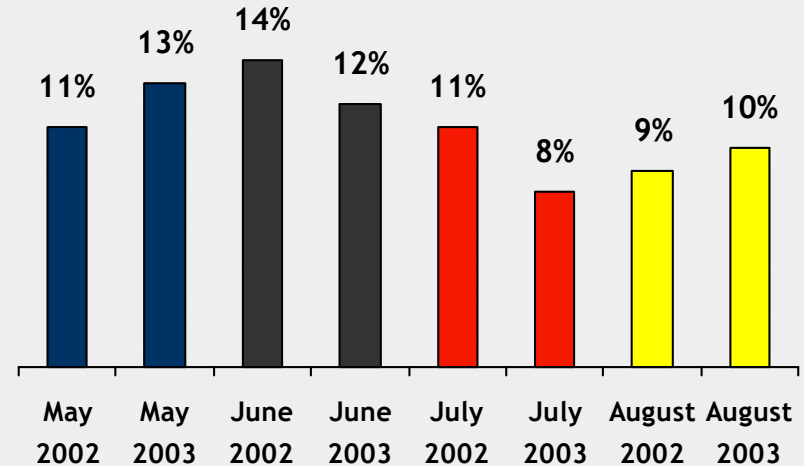
Year-to-year change (Average %)



Provincial and Municipal Issues



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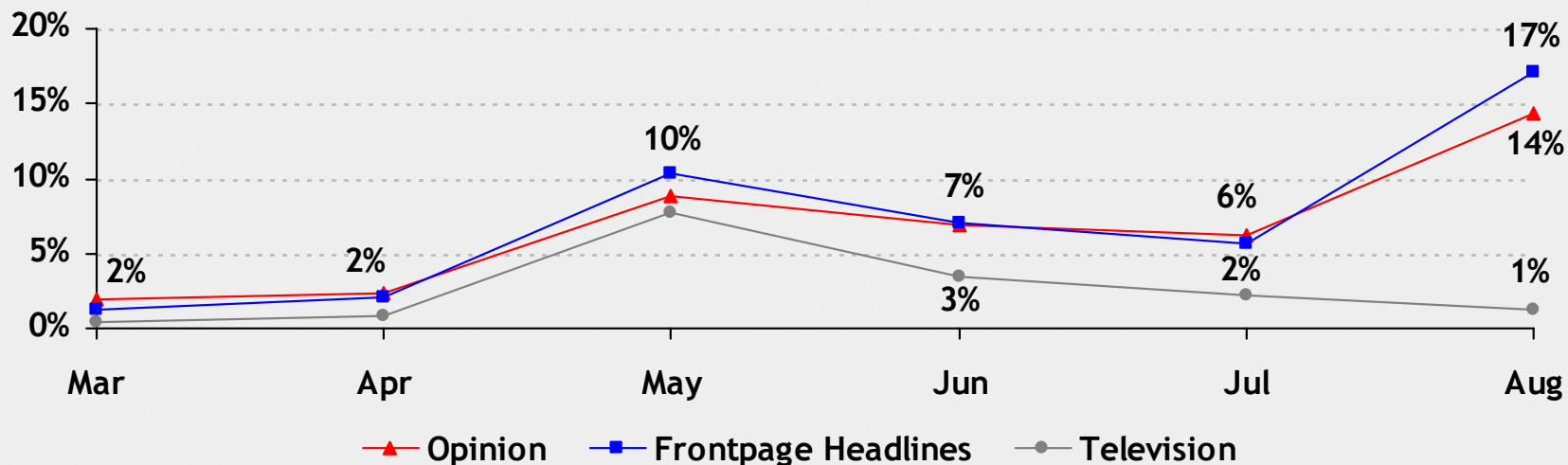


Notable Headlines

Jul 9: Premiers Conference in Charlottetown
 Jul 22: NS election leaders' debate
 Aug 5: NS voters hand PC a minority mandate
 Aug 15: Premier Hamm announces new cabinet
 Aug 18: Toronto mayoral race heats up
 Aug 21: Ontario demands aid to cover power outage
 Aug 29: High powered coalition urges help for Toronto



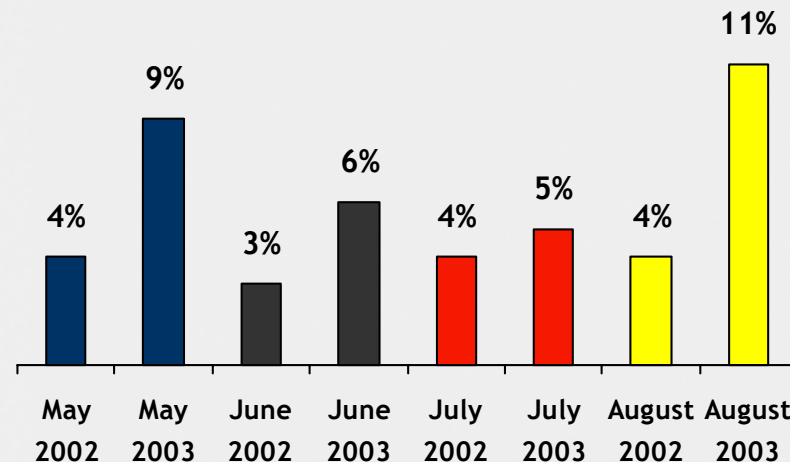
Natural Resources



Notable Headlines

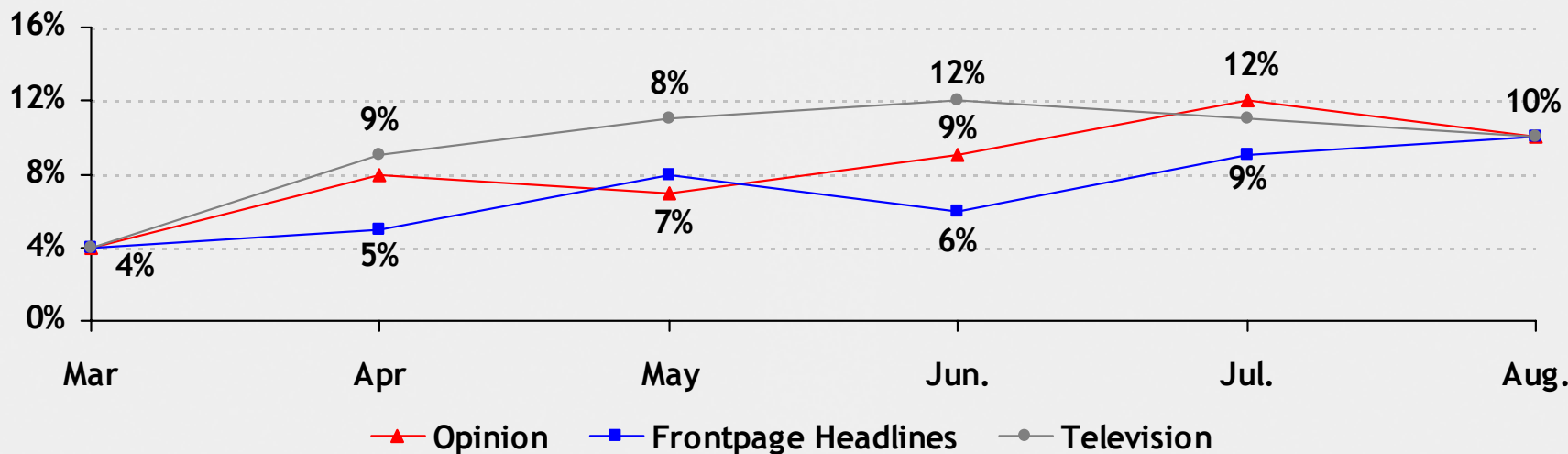
- Jul 18: Ottawa adopts strict measures in bid to end beef embargo
- Aug 3: BC asks Ottawa for disaster relief cash re. fires
- Aug 8: US begins to lift beef ban
- Aug 14: Mad Cow tests projected to increase 25-fold
- Aug 12: Ottawa issues Kyoto plan
- Aug 14: Power blackout in Ontario and US Northeast
- Aug 19: Glitch kept Ontario nuclear plants off line
- Aug 21: Forest fires threaten Kelowna
- Aug 22: Dhaliwal says Ottawa must focus on BC fires
- Aug 24: Blackouts still a threat
- Aug 25: PM promises aid to BC fire victims in Kelowna
- Aug 27: Beef recall: shutdown at Aylmer abattoir

Year-to-year change (Average %)





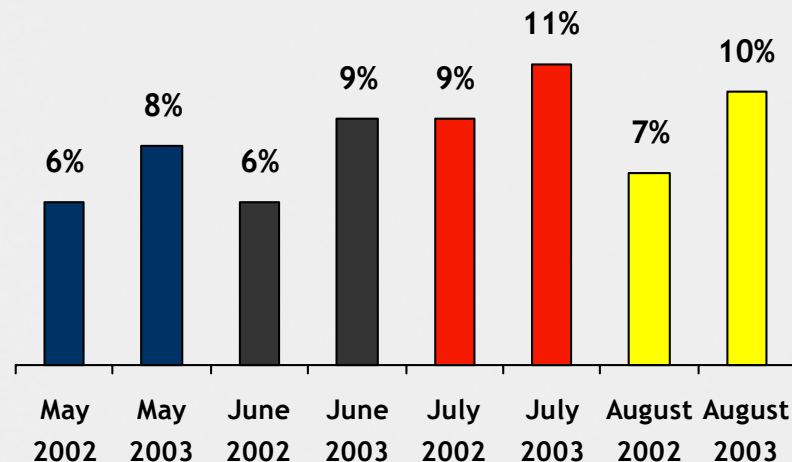
The Economy



Notable Headlines

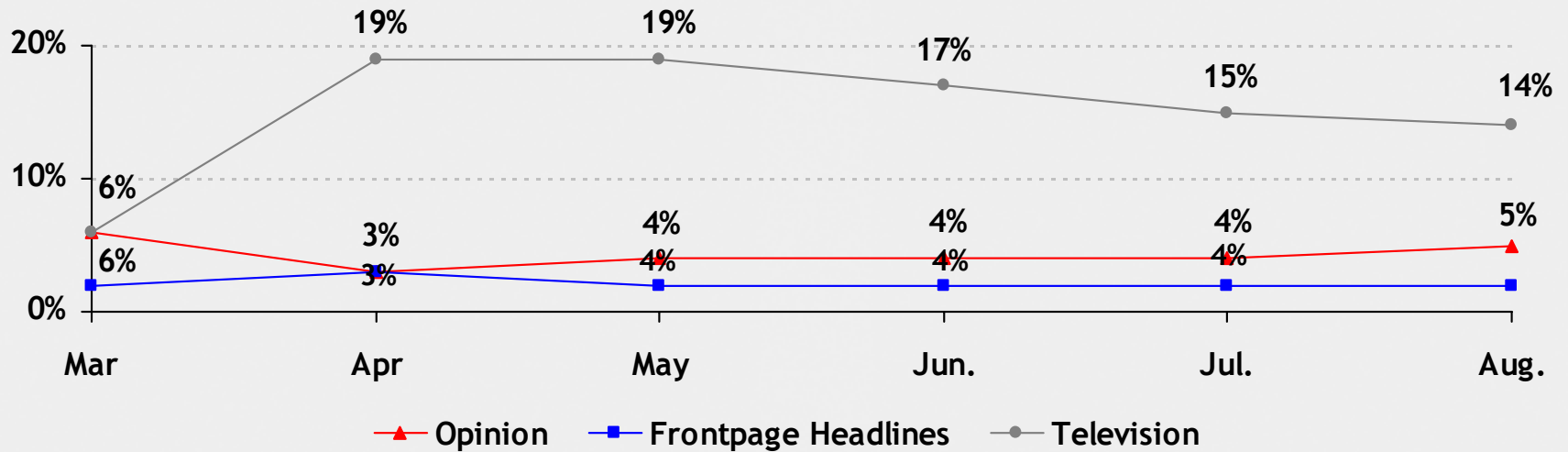
- Jul 16: The Economist ranks Canada #1 place to do business
- Jul 18: BoC cuts growth forecasts
- Jul 30: 450,000 get together at Toronto Stones concert
- Aug 11: Layoffs stall Air Canada restructuring
- Aug 21: Motorists fume over high gas prices/ Tourism begins to rebound after SARS
- Aug 22: JDS moves head office to US
- Aug 23: Gasoline reaches 89.9¢ a litre
- Aug 28: Bombardier family bids to keep skidoo division
- Aug 29: Statistics show that the Canadian economy shrank 0.3% in 2nd Qtr
- Aug 30: Ontario drivers face auto insurance premium hikes

Year-to-year change (Average %)





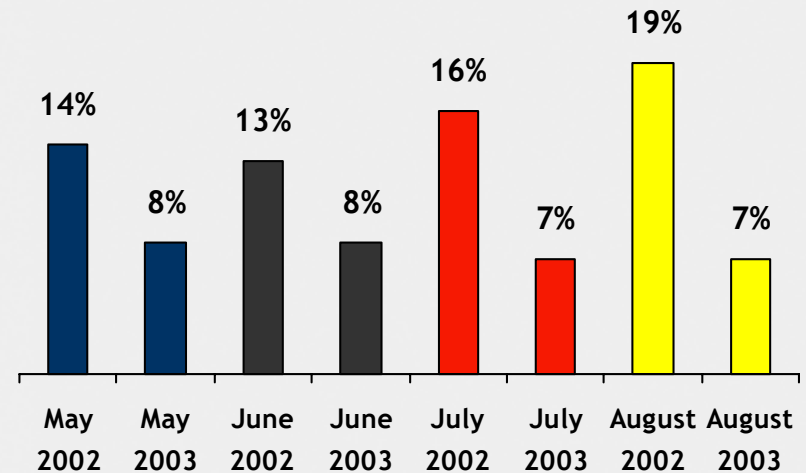
International Affairs



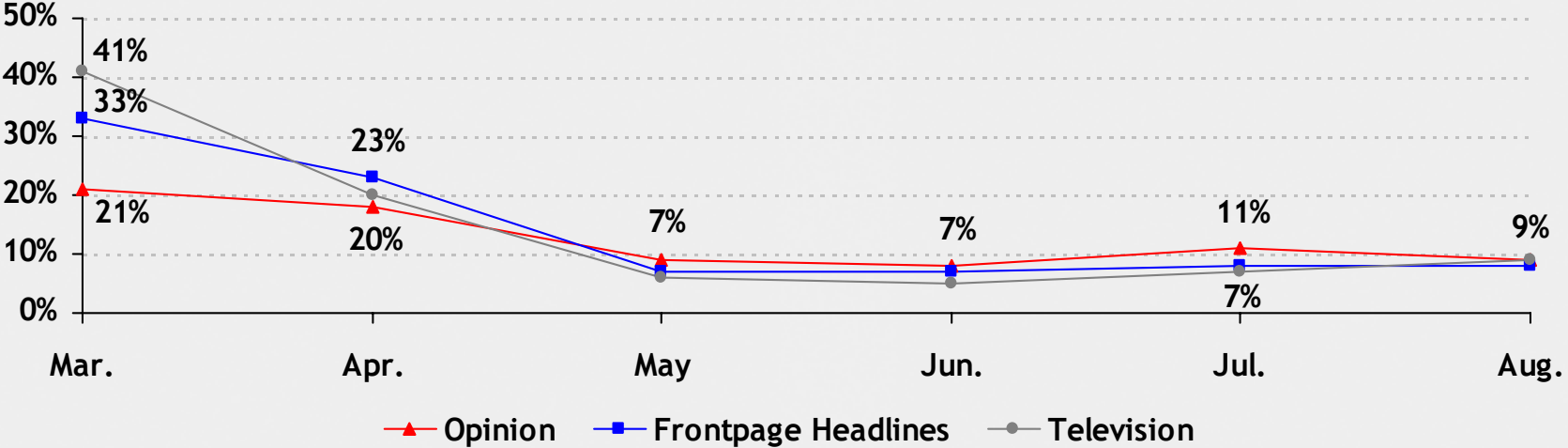
Notable Headlines

Jul 18: French President Chirac plans vacation in Quebec
 Jul 30: President Bush may move to block gay marriage
 Aug 1: Vatican warns politicians to oppose gay marriage
 Aug 3: Vatican says GM food will end world hunger
 Aug 7: Schwarzenegger enters the California recall race
 Aug 11: Charles Taylor delivers his farewell speech
 Aug 27: US report on Columbia crash criticizes NASA

Year-to-year change (Average %)



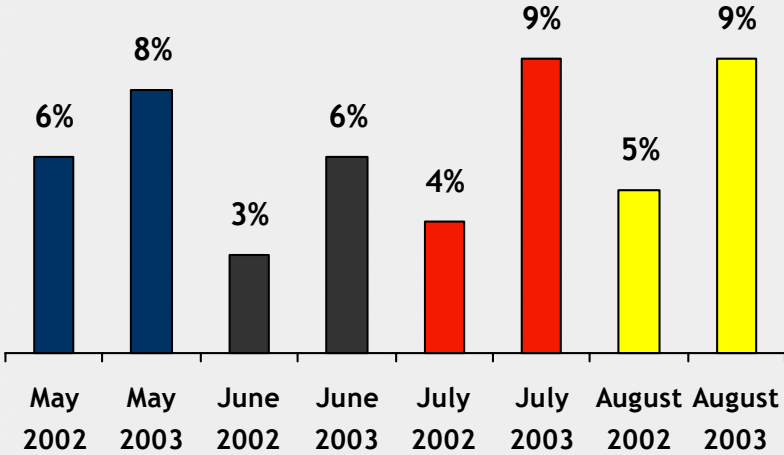
Global Security



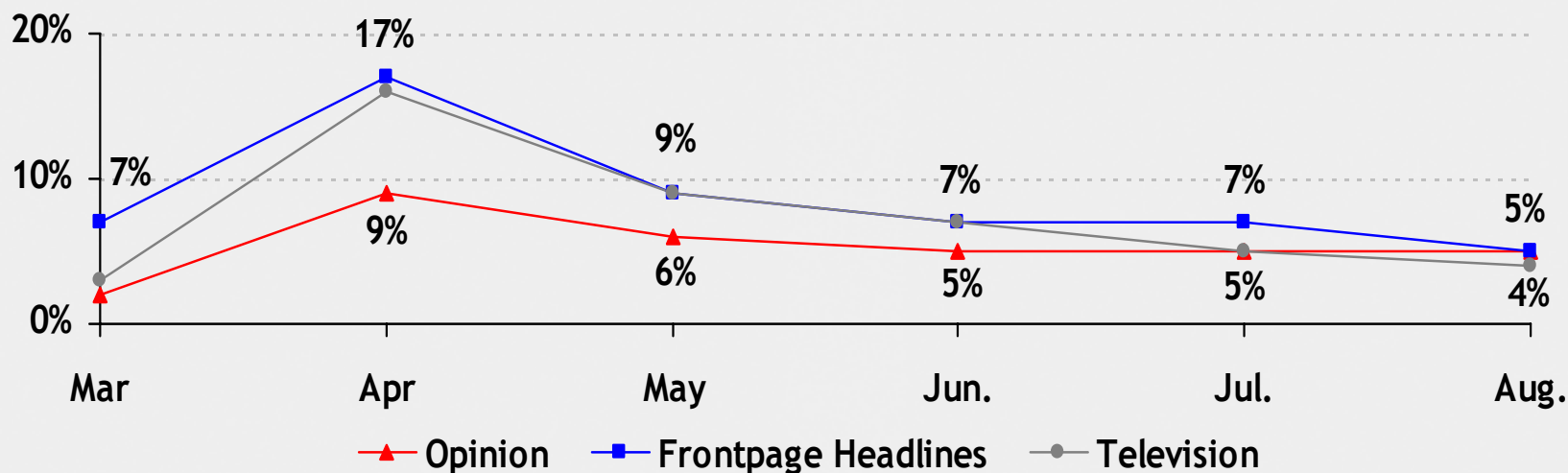
Notable Headlines

- Jul 20: British arms expert David Kelly commits suicide
- Jul 22: Saddam Hussein's sons killed in Iraq
- Jul 24: Congress criticizes FBI and CIA over Sept. 11th
- Aug 7: Israel starts freeing Palestinian prisoners
- Aug 8: Indonesia bomber Juan Hirst sentenced to death
- Aug 18: Saboteurs in Iraq blow up oil, water pipelines
- Aug 19: Terrorists joining Iraqi resistance forces
- Aug 20: Massive blast rips UN HQ in Iraq / Israeli blast kills 18
- Aug 22: Israel strikes back at Palestinian militants
- Aug 25: 1,000 civilians reportedly massacred in Liberia
- Aug 26: Explosion in Bombay kills 50 people
- Aug 27: Al-Qaeda network eyed CN Tower: RCMP
- Aug 29: Blair testifies in Kelly probe/North Korea threatens to test Nukes

Year-to-year change (Average %)



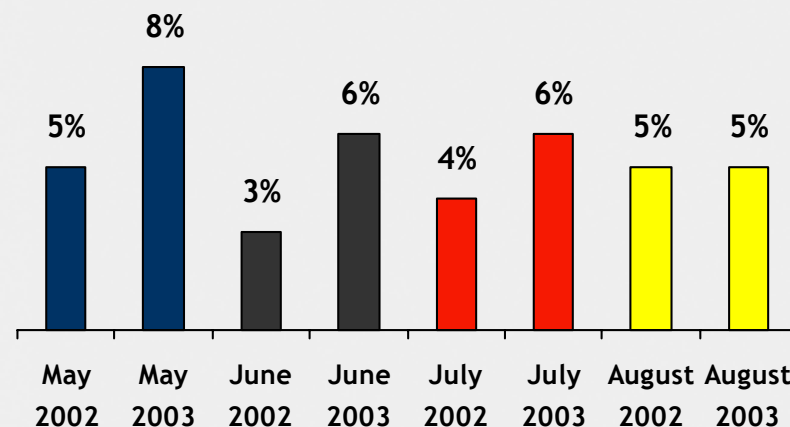
Health Care



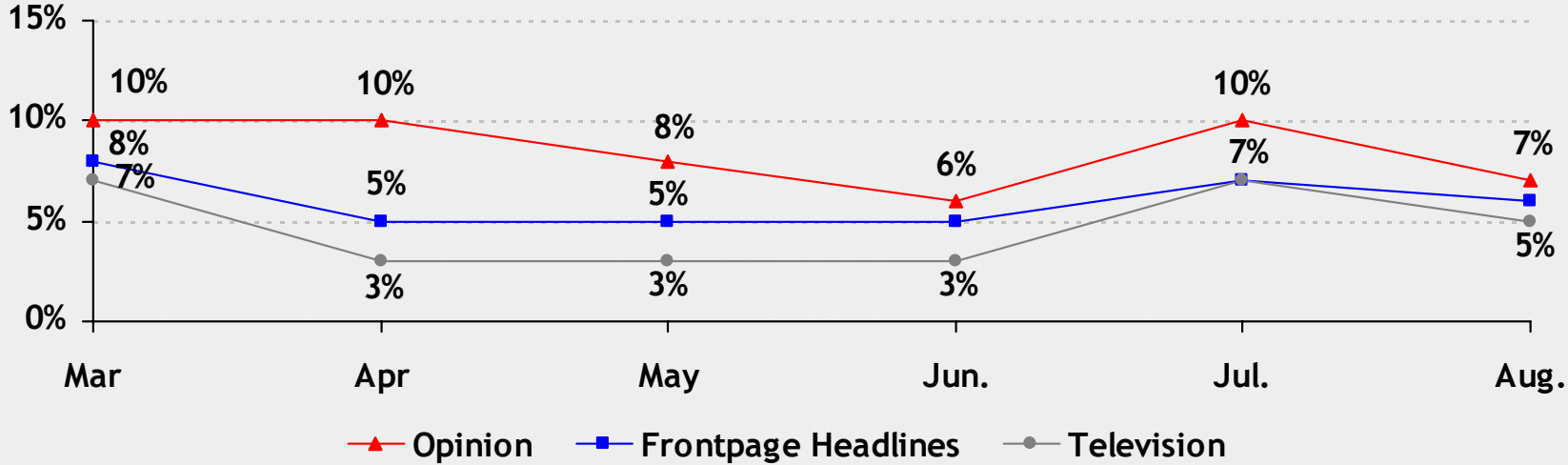
Notable Headlines

Jul 19: Second health care worker dies of SARS
 Aug 8: Tobacco advertising: Grand Prix cancelled from F1 circuit
 Aug 13: Ottawa sues tobacco giants for \$1.5 billion/ New West Nile case found in Regina
 Aug 14: Minister McLellan calls for Health Council deal within weeks
 Aug 18: Poll shows Canadians support a National Health Council
 Aug 19: Saskatchewan reports six new West Nile cases
 Aug 23: West Nile cases in Saskatchewan nearly double

Year-to-year change (Average %)



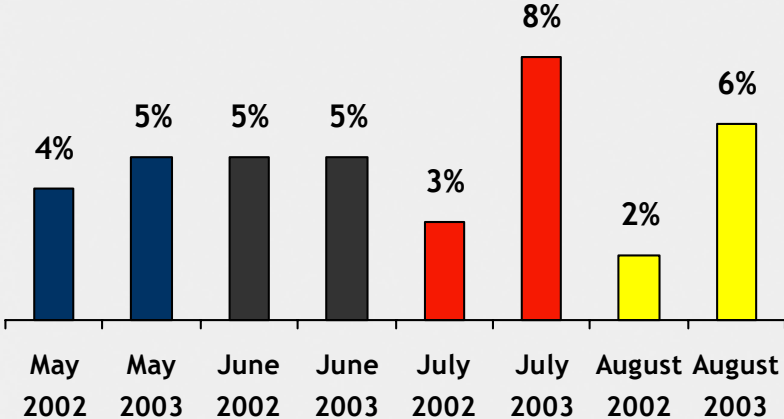
Foreign Policy



Notable Headlines

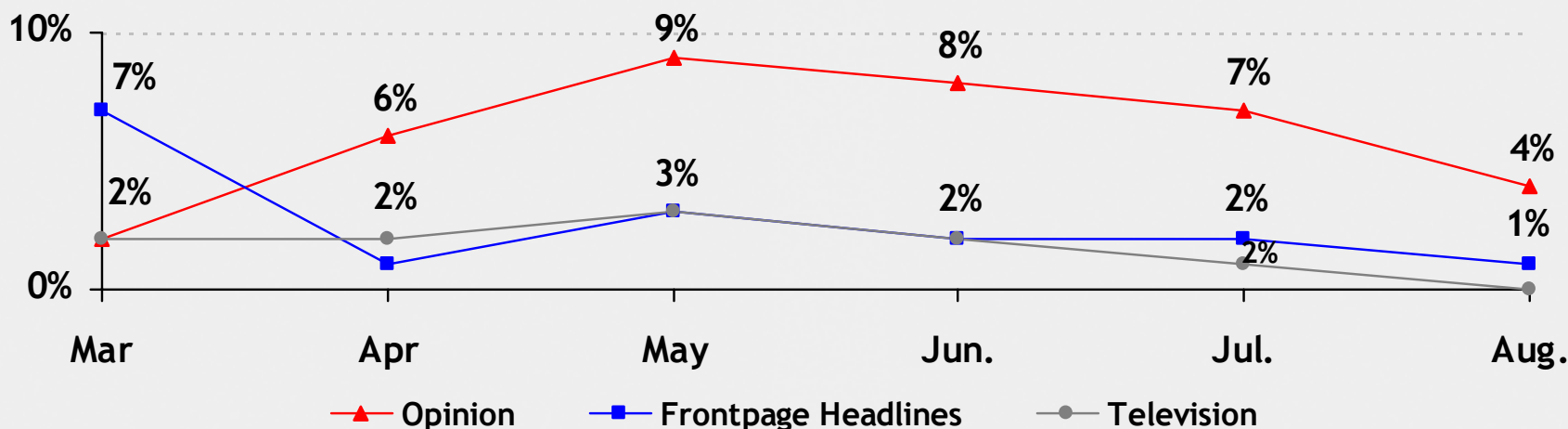
- Jul 20: Canadian troops leave for Afghanistan
- Jul 22: Kazemi to be buried in Iran
- Jul 23: Ottawa recalls its envoy to Iran
- Aug 8: Sampson freed / Manley running for NATO
- Aug 10: Mr. Sampson reports that Saudis tortured captives
- Aug 11: Immigration poll shows that Canadians support ID card
- Aug 17: Canadian troops expand Kabul duties in Afghanistan
- Aug 21: Elite JTF2 join Canadian troops in Kabul
- Aug 25: CIDA bosses admit ignoring rules in untendered contracts
- Aug 26: Kazemi Affair: Iran arrests two officials
- Aug 27: Ottawa scolds Iran for secrecy in Kazemi Affair / No more smiling, passport office decrees

Year-to-year change (Average %)





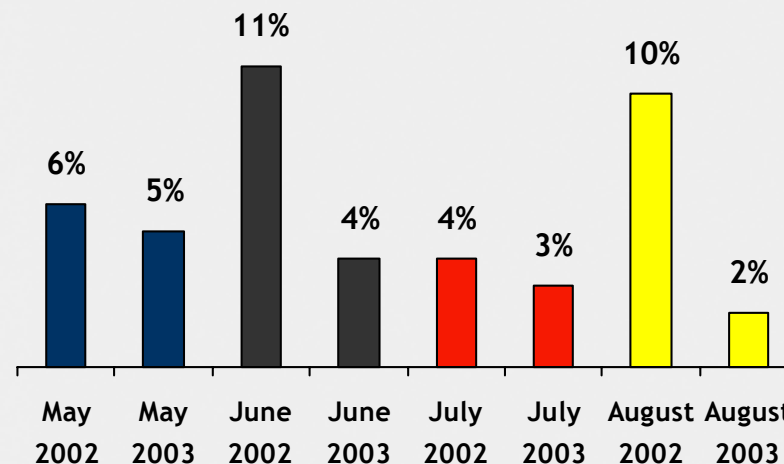
Party Politics



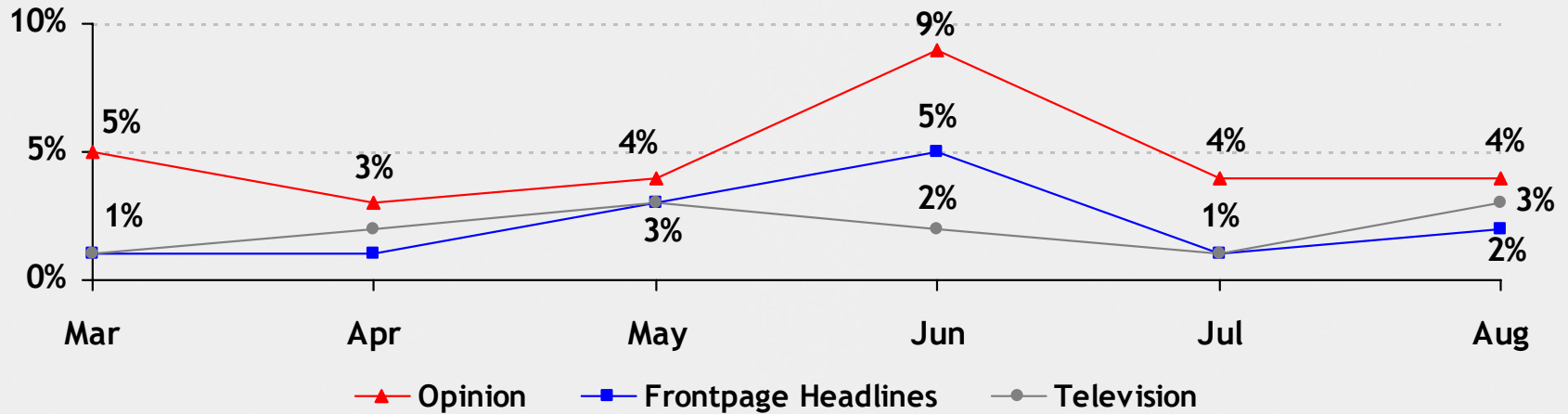
Notable Headlines

- Jul 7: Liberals sign up 450,000 in leadership race
- Jul 11: Leadership candidate Martin discloses \$2.3-million in campaign contributions
- Jul 22: Manley drops out of Liberal leadership race / Copps vows to continue
- Aug 1: Pressure mounts on Martin to release policy plan
- Aug 15: Ex-New Brunswick Premier McKenna being courted by Martin
- Aug 26: Bloc convention
- Aug 27: Alliance and PC's to plan joint Commons strategy

Year-to-year change (Average %)



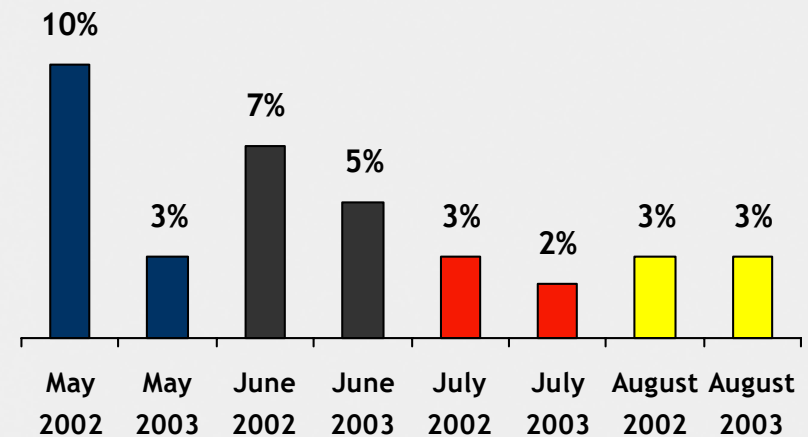
Governance



Notable Headlines

- Jul 28: Ethics Counsellor says Martin in clear on CSL conflict
- Aug 1: Judge Morris Fish nominated to the Supreme Cour of Canada
- Aug 13: New Privacy Commissioner will be first to undergo scrutiny by MP's
- Aug 16: Acadian poet Chiasson appointed Lieutenant Governor of N.B.
- Aug 22: Dorval Airport to be renamed Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport
- Aug 27: Electoral redistribution to be ready for spring election

Year-to-year change (Average %)



Frontpage Coverage by Region

May to August

	Atlantic	Québec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
Aboriginals	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Economy	9%	8%	8%	7%	10%
Foreign Policy	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Global Security	2%	13%	8%	5%	4%
Governance	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%
Health	6%	5%	9%	8%	6%
International Affairs	0%	4%	2%	1%	2%
Miscellaneous	30%	28%	25%	27%	27%
Natural Resources	9%	5%	10%	17%	11%
Party Politics	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	18%	7%	8%	7%	5%
Public Safety	6%	4%	10%	6%	11%
Social Issues	11%	19%	8%	12%	13%
Unity	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%



Editorial Coverage by Region

May to August

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Global Security	1%	7%	13%	2%	3%
Governance	7%	4%	6%	7%	5%
Health	4%	6%	7%	6%	5%
International Affairs	1%	6%	4%	1%	2%
Miscellaneous	1%	5%	3%	1%	1%
Natural Resources	17%	5%	8%	16%	10%
Party Politics	6%	5%	8%	10%	5%
Provincial and Municipal Affairs	35%	25%	14%	15%	19%
Public Safety	3%	4%	6%	7%	10%
Social Issues	10%	15%	12%	10%	17%
Unity	1%	3%	1%	4%	1%



APPENDIX





Sources and Sample Details

National	Ontario	Television News
Globe and Mail	The London Free Press	CBC News
National Post	The Ottawa Citizen	CTV News
	The Toronto Star	SRC - Le Téléjournal
	The Toronto Sun	TVA Réseau
Atlantic Canada	Prairies	
Charlottetown Guardian	The Calgary Herald	
Halifax Chronicle Herald	The Edmonton Journal	
New Brunswick Telegraph Journal	The Regina Leader-Post	
St. John's Telegram	The Winnipeg Free Press	
Québec	British Columbia	
La Presse	The Vancouver Province	
Le Devoir	The Vancouver Sun	
Le Journal de Montréal	The Victoria Times Colonist	
Le Soleil		
The Montreal Gazette		

Sample Sizes

	May	June	July	August
Frontpage Headlines	2511	2492	2685	2519
Editorial/Opinion	1984	2263	6461	1861
Television	1302	1263	1478	989



Media Categories

Aboriginals	First Nations politics / Governance / Land Claims / Residential Schools
Economics	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 -US 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 / 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

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TBC

- F/P/T Ministers responsible for Internal Trade - Fredericton, NB
- F/P/T Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs & National Aboriginal Leaders - Ottawa
- GoC response to SCFAIT Report: A contribution to the Foreign Policy Dialogue in Ottawa (Before Oct. 8)

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- @ Release of Naylor Report on SARS
- Canada-EU ministerial - Italy (6-7)
 - GoC consultations with OL stakeholders
 - Launch public consultation for Bank Street Building - Ottawa
 - 2003 Aboriginal Strategies Conference - Edmonton (6-8)
 - World Road Cycling Championships - Hamilton (6-12)
 - Yom Kippur (Judaism) (6-7)

- 13.
- Semaine nationale de la citoyenneté (13-17)
 - 6th annual meeting of the International Network for Cultural Policy - Croatia (13-15)
 - Thanksgiving

- 20.
- Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami AGM (20-24)
 - Occupational Health & Safety Seminar - Ottawa (20-24)

- 27.
- 10th Canadian Conference on International Health - Ottawa
 - Special Conference on Security - Mexico City (27-28)
 - Ramadan begins (Islam)

- 7.
- @ Minister's Forum on Immigration and Biometrics in Ottawa (7-8)
- @ Tabling of the annual report of the Commissioner of the Environment
- @ Tabling of the annual report of the Commissioner of Official Languages
- NAFTA Commission meeting - Montreal (7-8)

- 14.
- @ Provincial elections - Newfoundland and Labrador
- World Road Congress - Durban, South Africa (Oct 21-24)
 - Forum on Hydropower 2003 conference - Ottawa

28.

- 1.
- @ Tobacco sponsorship ban comes into force
- First International Conference on Sustainable Planning and Development - Greece (1-3)
 - TB President's annual report on Official Languages
 - Great-Lakes Commission semi-annual meeting - Chicago

- 8.
- @ Informal meeting of NATO Defense Ministers (8-9) - Colorado, US
- Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Day on the Hill (T)

- 15.
- @ F/P/T Immigration Ministers' meeting - Winnipeg (15-16)
- @ Interim report of the Joint Power System Outage Task Force (T)
- Meeting of Spouses of Heads of Gvt of the Americas - Dominican Republic (12-13)
 - Bank of Canada release its decision on interest rate
 - CBC-Big Picture Day on Power

- 22.
- 29.
- @ Tabling of 2004 report on immigration levels
- Inter-American Conference of Labour Ministers - Brazil (29-31)
 - Canadian Conference on Counter-Terrorism & Public Health - Toronto (Oct 29 - Nov 1)
 - US Maritime Security Conference - New York (29-30)

- 2.
- @ PM to sign MOU with BC for the creation of 2 Marine Conservation Areas & 1 new National Park
- @ Provincial election - Ontario

- 9.
- Release of 2002-03 Public Accounts of Canada (T)

- 16.
- @ APEC ministerial meeting, Bangkok (16-19)
- World Food Day
 - Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network AGM (16-19)
 - 6th annual ministerial meeting of the International Network on Cultural Policy - Croatia (16-19)
 - International Atlantic Economic Conference - Quebec City (16-19)

- 23.
- @ Iraq Donors Conference - Madrid, Spain (23-27)

- 30.
- Mining Ministers of the America's conference - Quito, Ecuador (30-31)

- 3.
- @ Manley to meet with US Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge - TO
- Alcohol & Illicit Drugs conference - Kanata
 - Canadian Ethnic Studies Ass. Biennial Conference - Banff
 - Canadian Resources & Environmental Economics Conference - Victoria (3-5)

- 10.
- @ F/P/T Finance Ministers meeting - Ottawa
- Conférence sur les menaces chimiques et biologiques et la prolifération des armes de destruction de masse - UK (10-12)

- 17.
- International Day for Eradication of Poverty

- 24.
- @ Conseil de la Fédération, Québec
- @ Deadline for creation of Health Council
- World Development Information Day
 - Disarmament Week (24-30)
 - United Nations Day

- 31.
- Atlantic Energy Roundtable

- 4/5.
- World Forum on Energy Regulation in Rome, Italy (5-9)
 - XI World Water Congress in Spain
 - EDAC National Conference in St. John's, NFLD&L
 - World Teachers Day

- 11/12.
- Knutson to lead a trade mission to Slovenia, Croatia & Slovakia

- 18/19.
- Canadian Medical Association Leaders Forum - Ottawa (19-20)
 - Institute of Agricultural & Environmental Health's conference - Saskatoon (19-22)

- 25/26.
- International conference for People Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda (26-30)
 - Meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors - Morelia, Mexico (26-27)
 - Diwali (Hinduism)

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<p>3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Victims Conference - Ottawa (3-5) President of South Africa to visit Canada (3-5) Canada Career Week 2003 (3-8) 5th Global Forum on Re-inventing Gvt: Innovation & Quality in the Gvt of the 21st Century - Mexico City (3-4) Veterans Week 	<p>4.</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>@ Deadline for tabling of GoC response to Standing Committee report on broadcasting</p>	<p>6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F/P/T meeting of Consumers Ministers - Winnipeg (6-7) 	<p>TBC</p> <p>@ Report of Finance Committee re. pre-budget consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada & Nova Scotia to sign Immigration Agreement Global Health Research Initiative SC on Health to table report on First Nations & Inuit Mental Health 	<p>1/2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F/P/T Tourism Ministers meeting - Quebec City Team Canada Atlantic Trade Mission to travel to Washington, DC (2-6) 19th World Mining Congress in India (1-5) Air Transport Association of Canada annual meeting - Quebec City (2-4) World Summit on Ethanol Transportation - Québec City
<p>10.</p> <p>@ Ontario Municipal Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian Urban Transit Association Conference - Toronto 	<p>11.</p> <p>@ Remembrance Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonwealth Games Federation General Assembly - Jamaica (11-15) 	<p>12.</p> <p>@ Liberal Party of Canada to hold its leadership convention - Toronto (12-15)</p>	<p>13.</p>	<p>14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabling of the annual report on Employment Equity - Ottawa (T) 	<p>8/9</p> <p>15/16.</p>
<p>17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoC Results Summit - Ottawa (17-19) (T) Business Case for Sustainability conference - Vancouver (17-18) 	<p>18.</p>	<p>19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th ACSUS Biennial Conference - Oregon, US (19-23) 	<p>20.</p> <p>@ FTA Ministerial meeting in Miami (20-21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Children Day World Anti-Doping Agency Executive meeting - Montreal 	<p>21.</p>	<p>22/23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Trade Conference in Toronto (23-24) National Injury Prevention conference - Ottawa (Nov 23-25)
<p>24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration Forum in Europe F/P/T Council of Ministers for the Environment - Victoria, BC (24-25) Sts Cda, CIC, HRDC & PCH to hold a joint conference on "The Opportunity and Challenge of Diversity: A Role for Social Capital ?" - Montreal (24-25) 	<p>25.</p> <p>@ Auditor General to table Vol III of her 2003 annual report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women CCME meeting 	<p>26.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F/P/T Ministers responsible for Seniors - Halifax (26-27) Sommet ministériel de la Francophonie - Burkina-Faso (26-27) Forum of Federations to hold a conference on Decentralization of Health Care Delivery - New Delhi, India (26-28) 	<p>27.</p>	<p>28.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian Medical Association to host the Leadership Workshop for Medical Women - Toronto (28-29) 	<p>29/30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for report of the Wise Person's Committee on securities regulation (30) 13th Annual Canadian Home Care Association Conference (30-2) - Toronto

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<p>1. @ NATO Defense Ministers meeting in Brussels - Belgium (1-2)</p> <p>@ OSCE ministerial meeting - Netherlands (1-2)</p> <p>@ 9th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (CoP-9) - Milan, Italy</p>	<p>2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank of Canada to release its decision on interest rate Congrès annuel de l'Union des producteurs agricoles (2-5) - Québec Conférence sur le renouvellement des fonctions publiques - Montréal 	<p>3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Disabled Persons Forum international sur l'Amérique latine - Montréal (3-4) 	<p>4.</p> <p>@ NATO Foreign Ministers meeting - Brussels, Belgium (4-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Board of Canada to hold a conference on "Canada's Competitiveness in a Global Financial Marketplace" - Toronto (4-5) 	<p>TBC</p> <p>@ Opening of the New Canadian Patient Safety Institute (deliverable from 2003 Health Accord)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assemblée traditionnelle afghane to be in place 	<p>TBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabling of report on Performance Management Program for Executives: 2002-03 exercise - Ottawa
<p>8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union for African Population Studies conference - Tunisia (8-12) 	<p>9.</p>	<p>10.</p> <p>@ OECD-DAC Senior Level meeting in Paris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights Day 	<p>11.</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>@ Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting - Abuja, Nigeria (5-8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN World Summit on Information Society - Geneva, Switzerland (5-6) <p>12.</p>	<p>6/7.</p> <p>13/14.</p>
<p>15.</p> <p>@ Release of the final report of the Joint Power System Outage Task Force (T)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conférence sur la non-prolifération des armes de destruction de masse - Royaume uni (15-18) 	<p>16.</p>	<p>17.</p> <p>@ Canada-EU summit - Ottawa (T)</p>	<p>18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Migrants Day 	<p>19.</p> <p>@ First anniversary of ratification of Kyoto Protocol by Canada</p>	<p>20/21.</p>
<p>22.</p>	<p>23.</p>	<p>24.</p>	<p>25.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas 	<p>26.</p>	<p>27/28.</p>
<p>29.</p>	<p>30.</p>	<p>31.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent Resident Card now mandatory Deadline for public comments on bank mergers 			