

# THE MEDIA ENVIRONMENT

March - June 2005





 Data on newspaper headlines, editorial content and television newscasts were collected between March and June, 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.

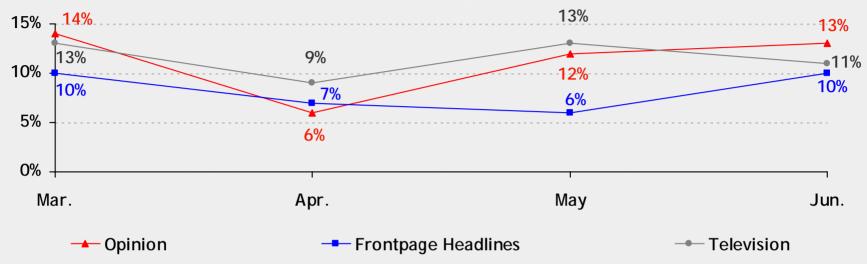


## Overview

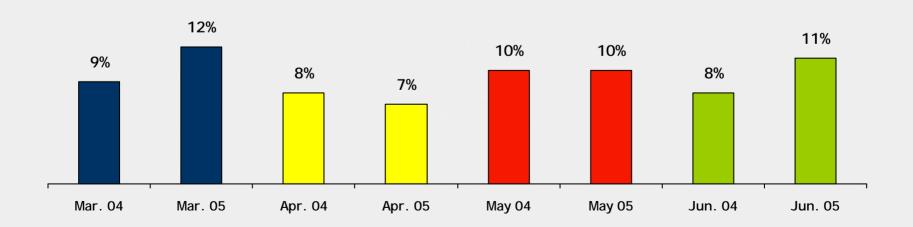
| Issue                            | Average | Editorial | Headline    | TV News Story |  |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Aboriginals                      | 0.65%   | 1.14%     | 0.46%       | 0.35%         |  |
| Economy                          | 10.40%  | 11.61%    | 7.99%       | 11.59%        |  |
| Foreign and Defence Policy       | 5.20%   | 7.32%     | 3.60%       | 4.69%         |  |
| Global Security                  | 3.59%   | 1.85%     | 1.98%       | 6.93%         |  |
| Governance                       | 12.32%  | 18.96%    | 8.29%       | 9.71%         |  |
| Health                           | 4.49%   | 4.60%     | 4.92%       | 3.94%         |  |
| International Affairs            | 10.99%  | 4.37%     | 8.50%       | 20.10%        |  |
| Miscellaneous                    | 13.47%  | 1.97%     | 23.34%      | 15.12%        |  |
| Natural Resources                | 3.03%   | 4.92%     | 4.92% 2.98% |               |  |
| Politics                         | 6.48%   | 10.31%    | 6.51%       | 2.62%         |  |
| Provincial and Municipal Affairs | 12.34%  | 16.17%    | 10.64%      | 10.22%        |  |
| Justice and Public Safety        | 10.36%  | 7.79%     | 13.23%      | 10.06%        |  |
| Social Issues                    | 6.22%   | 8.10%     | 7.46%       | 3.09%         |  |
| Unity                            | 0.46%   | 0.90%     | 0.11%       | 0.38%         |  |



## The Economy

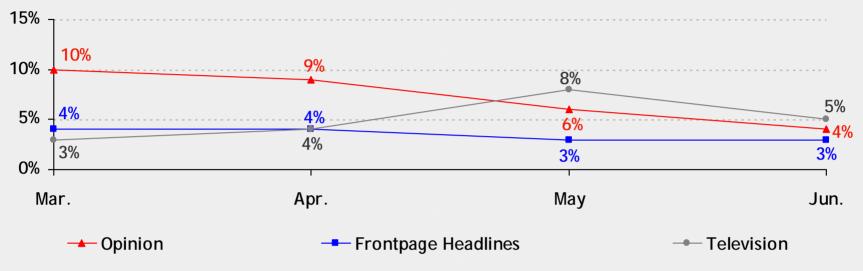


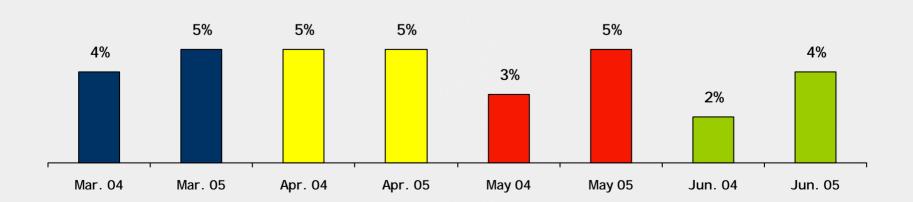
All media average (2004 vs. 2005)





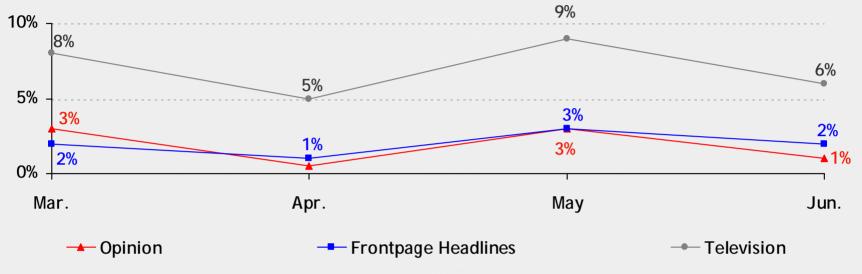
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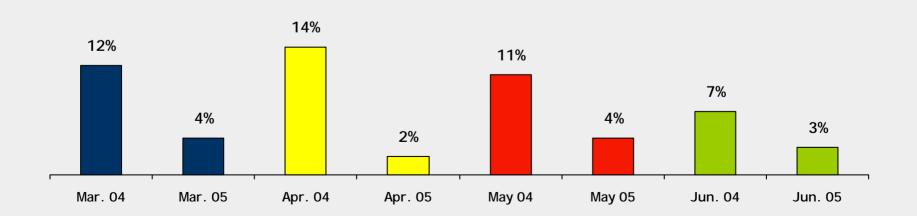






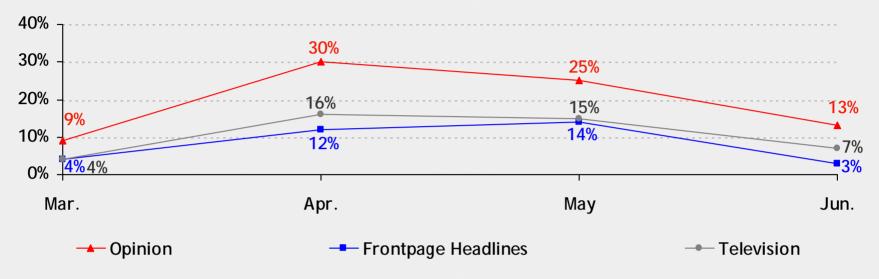
## **Global Security**



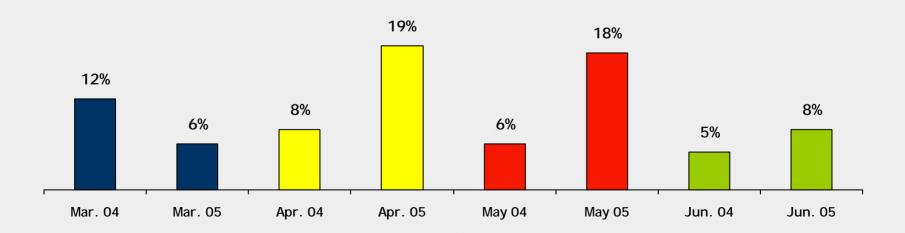




#### Governance

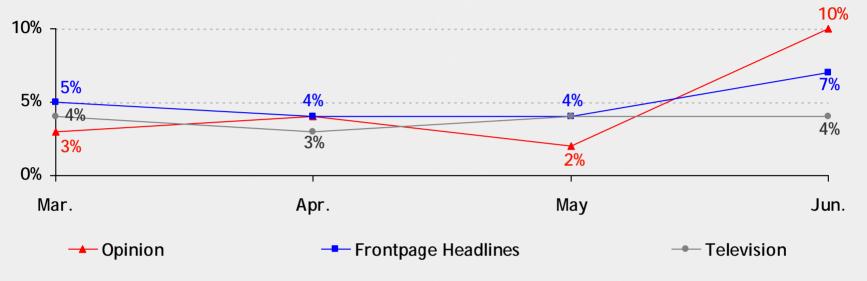




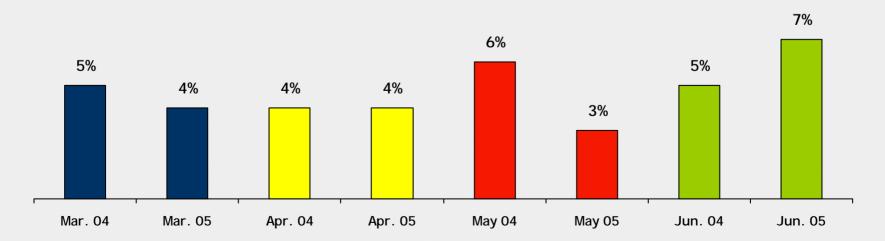




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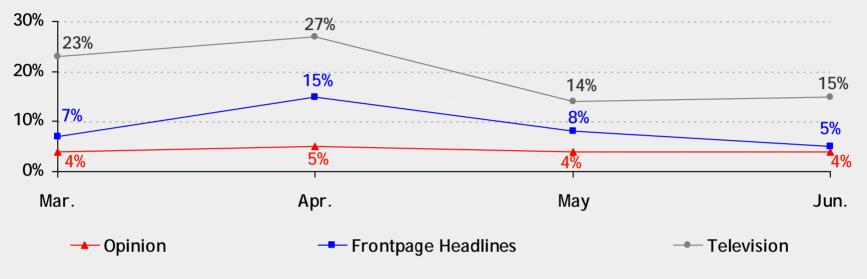


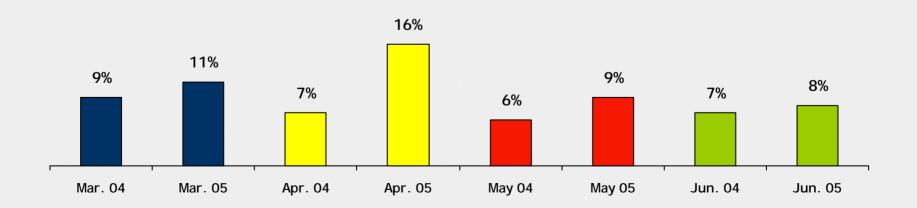






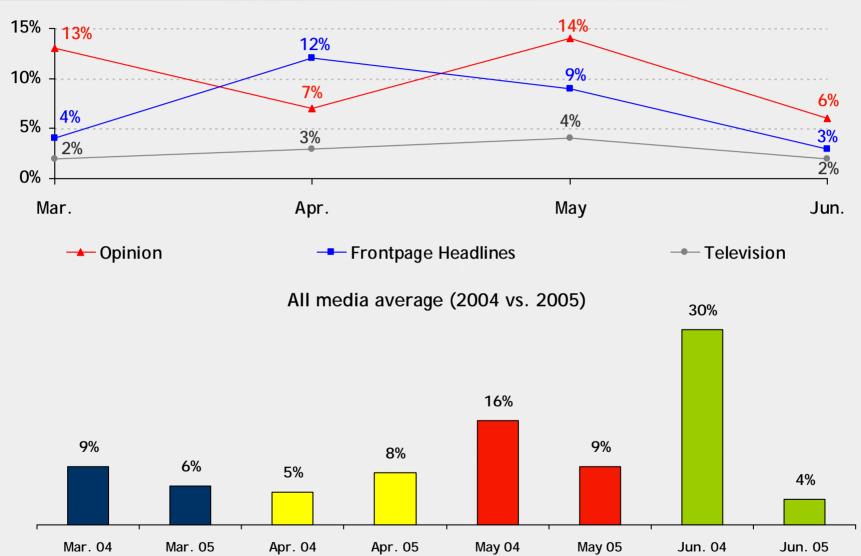
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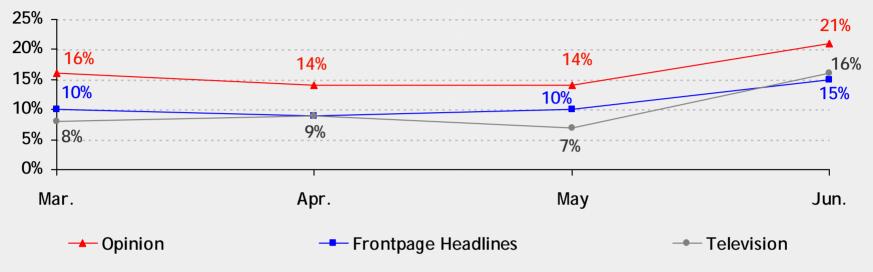


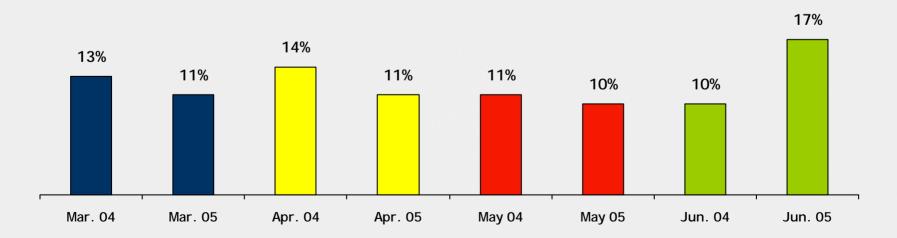
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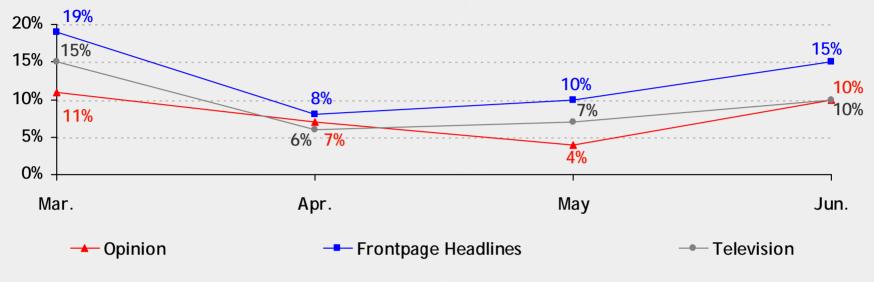
### Provincial and Municipal Issues

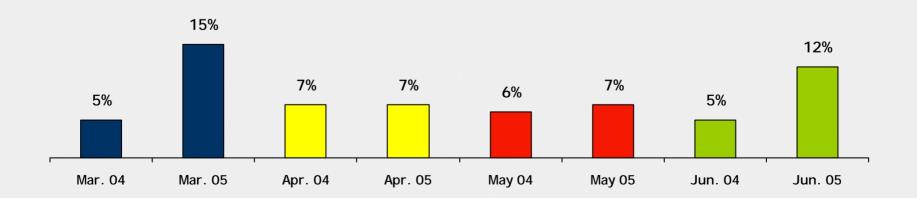






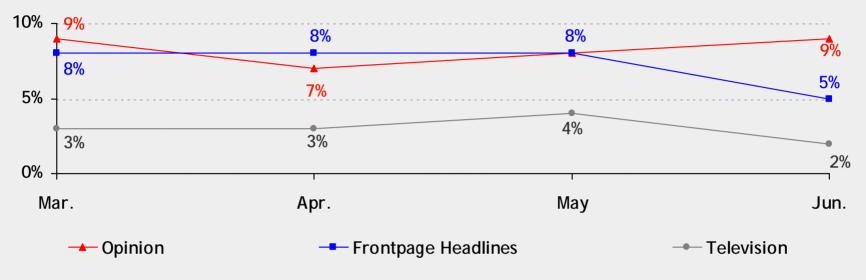
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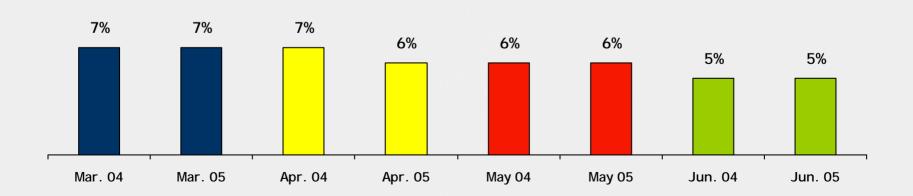




#### Social Issues









# Frontpage Coverage by Region

| Issue                            | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | ВС    |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| Aboriginals                      | 0.40%    | 0.52%  | 0.68%   | 0.36%    | 0.48% |
| Economy                          | 10%      | 7%     | 6%      | 7%       | 9%    |
| Foreign and Defence Policy       | 4%       | 2%     | 5%      | 1%       | 2%    |
| Global Security                  | 0.69%    | 4%     | 3%      | 0.49%    | 0.48% |
| Governance                       | 3%       | 18%    | 10%     | 4%       | 6%    |
| Health                           | 5%       | 2%     | 5%      | 5%       | 11%   |
| International Affairs            | 4%       | 16%    | 9%      | 6%       | 9%    |
| Miscellaneous                    | 27%      | 12%    | 23%     | 33%      | 18%   |
| Natural Resources                | 6%       | 1%     | 2%      | 2%       | 2%    |
| Politics                         | 5%       | 4%     | 7%      | 7%       | 7%    |
| Provincial and Municipal Affairs | 14%      | 20%    | 6%      | 11%      | 12%   |
| Justice and Public Safety        | 11%      | 8%     | 16%     | 14%      | 17%   |
| Social Issues                    | 10%      | 5%     | 8%      | 8%       | 6%    |
| Unity                            |          | 0.52%  | 0.08%   |          |       |

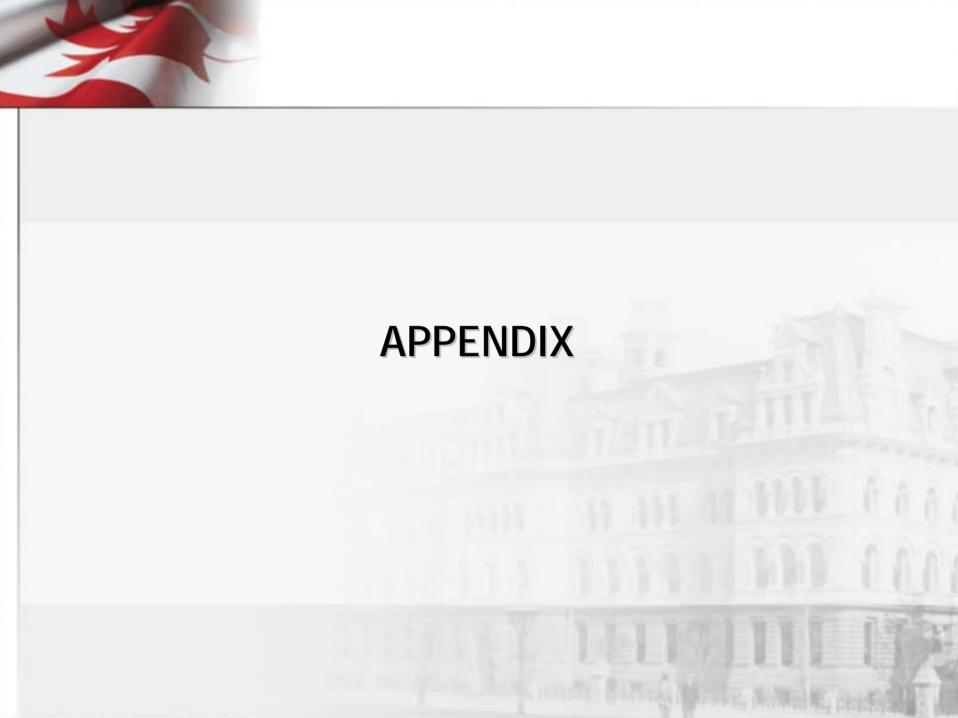
Note: Totals exclude Globe & Mail and National Post



# **Editorial Coverage by Region**

| Issue                            | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | BC.   |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| Aboriginals                      | 0.21%    | 0.82%  | 1%      | 2%       | 0.99% |
| Economy                          | 14%      | 14%    | 9%      | 13%      | 13%   |
| Foreign and Defence Policy       | 6%       | 2%     | 10%     | 9%       | 7%    |
| Global Security                  | 0.41%    |        | 3%      | 2%       | 0.99% |
| Governance                       | 13%      | 28%    | 19%     | 16%      | 20%   |
| Health                           | 5%       | 6%     | 5%      | 6%       | 3%    |
| International Affairs            | 2%       | 2%     | 5%      | 6%       | 0.49% |
| Miscellaneous                    | 3%       | 0.27%  | 0.98%   | 4%       | 0.49% |
| Natural Resources                | 11%      |        | 5%      | 4%       | 6%    |
| Politics                         | 9%       | 6%     | 10%     | 11%      | 19%   |
| Provincial and Municipal Affairs | 23%      | 35%    | 12%     | 11%      | 9%    |
| Justice and Public Safety        | 5%       | 2%     | 8%      | 8%       | 11%   |
| Social Issues                    | 9%       | 3%     | 11%     | 8%       | 7%    |
| Unity                            | 0.21%    | 2%     | 0.98%   | 0.45%    | 1%    |

Note: Totals exclude Globe & Mail and National Post





# **Sources and Sample Details**

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

#### Sample Sizes

|                     | March 2005 | April 2005 | May 2005 | June 2005 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Frontpage Headlines | 1555       | 1384       | 1370     | 1360      |
| Editorial/Opinion   | 691        | 629        | 644      | 578       |
| Television          | 1700       | 1384       | 1320     | 1582      |



## **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 -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 / 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 / Education / Culture / Same-Sex marriage

Unity / Federal-provincial relations / Fiscal federalism