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# A Report To The Globe and Mail and CTV

## The Middle East Conflict

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## Introduction and Methodology

- ◆ Gregg, Kelly, Sullivan & Woolstencroft: *The Strategic Counsel* is pleased to present findings of The Globe and Mail/CTV Polling Program for July 2006.
- ◆ Results are based on tracking among a proportionate national sample of Canadians 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Interviews were conducted between July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- ◆ The following table outlines the sample distribution and associated margin of error.
- ◆ Note: Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

# Sample Distribution and Margin of Error

	<b>July 27 – 30</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b>Sample Size</b>	<b>Margin of Error (<math>\pm</math>)</b>
Canada	1000	3.1
Quebec	247	6.3
Rest of Canada	753	3.6
Ontario	379	5.0
West	297	5.7

Detailed Tables



# How closely have Canadians been following the recent Middle East conflict?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>TOTAL Closely</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>
Very closely	25	18	27	31	21
Somewhat closely	47	46	48	46	52
Not too closely	18	22	16	16	15
Not at all closely	10	14	9	7	11
<b>TOTAL Not Closely</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>
DK/NA/Ref	<1	-	<1	<1	1

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. How closely have you been following the recent conflict in Israel and Lebanon? Have you been following it very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

Base: Total sample

# What do Canadians think about sending an international force of peacekeepers to the area?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
International peacekeepers should be sent to ensure a cease fire	53	67	48	51	43
International community should not be involved	34	26	37	35	41
DK/NA/Ref	13	7	15	14	16

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. As you may know, Hezbollah has been firing rockets into Israel from southern Lebanon and Israel has responded by bombing and sending its army into this area. From your point of view should an international force of peacekeepers be sent into the area to ensure a cease fire or should the international community not be involved?

Base: Total sample

# Should Canadian troops participate in an international peacekeeping force?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>TOTAL Supportive</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>
Very supportive	21	18	22	24	19
Somewhat supportive	36	43	34	34	37
Somewhat opposed	20	21	21	18	22
Very opposed	19	16	19	19	18
<b>TOTAL Opposed</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>
DK/NA/Ref	4	2	4	5	4

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. If an international force were sent into the area to ensure a ceasefire, how supportive or opposed would you be of Canadian troops participating? Are you very supportive, somewhat supportive, somewhat opposed or very opposed?

Base: Total sample

# What should Canada's position be in the current conflict?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
We should support Israel	16	9	18	19	19
We should support Hezbollah	1	2	1	1	1
We should stay neutral	77	79	76	74	75
DK/NA/Ref	6	10	5	6	5

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. What do you believe Canada's position should be in this current conflict? Should we be supporting Israel? Supporting Hezbollah? Or staying neutral?  
 Base: Total sample

# What do Canadians think the government's position is – are they staying neutral or supporting one side?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Canadian government is supporting one side	39	46	36	40	35
Canadian government has taken neutral stand	12	5	14	15	13
DK/NA/Ref	49	49	50	45	52

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. To the best of your knowledge, has the Canadian government taken a neutral stand on the Hezbollah-Israel conflict, or has it come down supporting one side, or are you not sure?

Base: Total sample

# Do Canadian's agree with Harper's support for Israeli actions?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>TOTAL Agree</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>
Strongly agree	13	5	15	18	14
Somewhat agree	19	12	22	20	23
Neither agree nor disagree	18	15	19	16	21
Somewhat disagree	20	27	18	16	21
Strongly disagree	25	34	22	24	18
<b>TOTAL Disagree</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>
DK/NA/Ref	5	7	4	6	3

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said that he fully supports Israeli actions in its conflict with Hezbollah. Would you say that you agree or disagree with his position? That is, do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?

Base: Total sample

# Do Canadians feel Harper's support for Israel is consistent with previous government's positions?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Consistent with positions of previous governments	22	14	25	24	27
Represents a change of position	51	66	46	48	44
DK/NA/Ref	27	20	29	28	29

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. From your point of view, is the support that Prime Minister Harper is giving Israel consistent with the positions of previous Canadian governments, or is it a change of position?

Base: Total sample

# Why do Canadian's think Harper has taken this position in the conflict?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Out of principle	19	11	21	22	23
Because of domestic political considerations	10	7	12	11	14
Because it is in line with the position of US President Bush and his administration	53	72	46	47	40
Other	4	1	5	6	4
DK/NA/Ref	14	9	16	14	19

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Q. Why do you believe that Prime Minister Harper has taken this position?  
Base: Total sample

# Dual Passports – Do Canadians support or oppose the practice?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>TOTAL Support</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>
Very support	19	13	22	25	17
Somewhat support	21	26	19	18	21
Neither support nor oppose	17	19	17	14	20
Somewhat oppose	15	15	15	14	18
Very oppose	25	23	25	27	22
<b>TOTAL Oppose</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>
DK/NA/Ref	3	4	2	2	2

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. As you may know, some Canadians hold two passports at the same time. That is, they hold a Canadian passport and a passport for a different country. Do you support or oppose this practice of holding two passports? That is, do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this practice?

Base: Total sample

# Should Canadian passport holders who permanently live in Lebanon receive protection and assistance from Canada?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30	Jul 27-30
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Should receive protection and assistance from Canada	40	36	42	42	39
Should no longer be able to receive protection and assistance from Canada	51	59	48	50	50
DK/NA/Ref	9	5	10	8	11

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. A number of Canadians living in Lebanon have both Lebanese and Canadian passports. In your opinion, should a person who has a Canadian passport but lives permanently in Lebanon still be considered a Canadian citizen and therefore receive protection and assistance from Canada, or should they no longer be able to receive protection and assistance from Canada?

Base: Total sample