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Middle East Conflict, Afghanistan

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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 August 2006.
- ◆ Results are based on tracking among a proportionate national sample of Canadians 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Interviews were conducted between August 10th and August 13th, 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

	August 10 - 13	
Region	Sample Size	Margin of Error (\pm)
Canada	1000	3.1
Quebec	247	6.3
Rest of Canada	753	3.6
Ontario	379	5.0
West	297	5.7

Detailed Tables

Do Canadians Support or Oppose Sending Troops To Afghanistan?

	Canada					Region																			
						Quebec					Rest of Canada*					Ontario					West				
	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13
n=	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	247	247	247	247	247	753	753	753	753	753	379	379	379	379	379	297	297	297	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total Support	55	40	48	39	37	43	27	39	24	21	59	44	51	44	42	58	42	49	39	42	61	49	56	50	42
Strongly support	11	6	11	8	6	3	1	5	-	<1	14	8	13	11	8	15	8	10	9	7	12	8	17	12	10
Support	44	34	37	31	31	40	26	34	24	21	45	36	38	33	34	43	34	39	30	35	49	41	39	38	32
Oppose	26	31	26	31	31	32	39	33	36	41	24	28	23	29	29	22	30	23	31	30	25	25	21	28	29
Strongly oppose	15	23	18	25	24	21	31	23	35	34	13	20	16	22	20	16	20	18	23	19	10	20	14	19	21
Total Oppose	41	54	44	56	55	53	70	56	71	75	37	49	39	51	49	38	50	41	54	49	35	45	35	47	50
DK/NA/Ref	4	6	8	5	8	4	3	5	5	4	4	7	9	5	9	4	8	10	7	9	4	6	10	3	8

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Overall, would you say you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose the decision to send Canadian troops to Afghanistan?
 Base: Total sample

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

	Region									
	Canada		Quebec		Rest of Canada*		Ontario		West	
	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13
n=	1000	1000	247	247	753	753	379	379	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Canadian government is supporting one side	39	35	46	42	36	32	40	35	35	30
Canadian government has taken neutral stand	12	13	5	8	14	15	15	14	13	17
DK/NA/Ref	49	52	49	50	50	53	45	51	52	53

*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	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13	Jul 27-30	Aug 10-13
n=	1000	1000	247	247	753	753	379	379	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	32	33	17	12	37	40	38	43	37	39
Strongly agree	13	12	5	4	15	15	18	18	14	14
Somewhat agree	19	21	12	8	22	25	20	25	23	25
Neither agree nor disagree	18	17	15	22	19	16	16	15	21	16
Somewhat disagree	20	18	27	23	18	17	16	17	21	16
Strongly disagree	25	26	34	40	22	21	24	19	18	21
TOTAL Disagree	45	44	61	63	40	38	40	36	39	37
DK/NA/Ref	5	6	7	4	4	6	6	6	3	8

*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

Canadian casualties: is it the price we have to pay, or is the price too high?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Aug 10-13	Aug 10-13	Aug 10-13	Aug 10-13	Aug 10-13
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
That is the price that must be paid by countries like Canada to help bring stability and peace to Afghanistan	36	23	41	42	41
Price is too high	58	74	53	50	53
DK/NA/Ref	6	3	6	8	6

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Q. On the issue of Afghanistan, as you may know, more than 20 Canadian soldiers have been killed to date. Some say that is the price that must be paid by countries like Canada to help bring stability and peace to Afghanistan. Others say it is too high a price to pay. Which is closer to your point of view?

Base: Total sample