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Introduction and Methodology

- ◆ Gregg, Kelly, Sullivan & Woolstencroft: *The Strategic Counsel* is pleased to present findings of a national survey of 1000 Canadians.
- ◆ Results are based on tracking among a proportionate national sample of Canadians 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Interviews were conducted between April 21st and April 24th, 2007.
- ◆ 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

	April 21-24	
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

How would Canadians vote today?

		Canada														
		2006										2007				
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24
			1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	37	30	28	29	31	27	26	29	26	32	37	35	29	31	31	30
Conservative candidate	30	36	39	39	35	36	37	38	35	32	31	31	34	36	39	36
NDP candidate	16	18	19	14	16	19	18	15	19	17	14	15	14	15	13	13
Bloc Quebecois candidate	12	11	9	11	10	9	11	11	12	11	11	11	11	9	8	9
Green Party candidate	4	5	5	7	9	9	8	7	8	9	7	8	12	10	9	12

		Quebec														Rest of Canada*																
		2006										2007						2006										2007				
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24
			247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	34	21	19	19	16	17	16	21	18	28	28	25	22	22	24	19	38	33	31	33	35	30	29	32	29	33	40	38	31	33	34	34
Conservative candidate	9	25	31	29	30	25	24	23	16	16	16	15	18	26	24	21	37	40	41	43	36	39	41	43	41	37	36	36	40	39	43	40
NDP candidate	5	8	10	4	6	12	5	6	11	6	6	9	8	9	8	9	19	21	22	17	19	21	22	18	21	20	17	17	16	17	14	15
Bloc Quebecois candidate	49	42	37	42	40	39	50	43	48	44	44	46	43	36	33	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Green Party candidate	3	4	3	5	8	7	6	8	7	6	6	5	9	7	11	12	5	5	6	7	10	10	8	7	9	10	7	9	13	11	9	11

		Ontario														West																
		2006										2007						2006										2007				
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24
			379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	45	40	38	40	42	35	36	39	37	36	48	45	39	41	40	41	27	23	21	20	25	23	21	20	17	27	28	26	21	19	24	23
Conservative candidate	32	35	36	36	34	36	34	41	35	33	32	32	34	34	40	33	46	49	49	53	42	45	51	50	50	42	45	42	48	50	50	50
NDP candidate	18	19	20	15	16	20	21	16	19	19	15	14	14	15	13	16	20	22	25	19	21	22	20	20	23	22	18	23	18	18	14	14
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	4	5	6	9	9	9	9	5	9	11	5	9	13	10	7	11	5	5	5	8	12	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	13	13	12	13

Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Q. In that case, which party's candidate in your local area would you be leaning towards at this time? Would it be the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians Support or Oppose Sending Troops To Afghanistan?

	Canada										Region																					
											Quebec							Rest of Canada*														
	2006					2007					2006				2007			2006							2007							
	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Apr 21-24	1000	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Apr 21-24	247	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Jun 7-8	Jul 13-16	Aug 10-13	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Apr 21-24	753		
n=	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total Support	55	40	48	39	37	42	44	35	36	43	27	39	24	21	27	30	23	24	59	44	51	44	42	47	49	38	39					
Strongly support	11	6	11	8	6	11	10	5	6	3	1	5	-	<1	3	4	2	3	14	8	13	11	8	13	12	6	6					
Support	44	34	37	31	31	32	34	30	30	40	26	34	24	21	23	26	21	21	45	36	38	33	34	35	37	32	33					
Oppose	26	31	26	31	31	26	26	35	31	32	39	33	36	41	33	29	38	32	24	28	23	29	29	24	25	35	31					
Strongly oppose	15	23	18	25	24	23	27	26	26	21	31	23	35	34	34	39	37	40	13	20	16	22	20	20	23	22	21					
Total Oppose	41	54	44	56	55	49	53	61	57	53	70	56	71	75	67	68	75	72	37	49	39	51	49	44	48	57	52					
DK/NA/Ref	4	6	8	5	8	8	3	4	7	4	3	5	5	4	6	3	2	4	4	7	9	5	9	9	3	5	8					

	Region																		
	Ontario									West									
n=	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total Support	58	42	49	39	42	46	46	35	38	61	49	56	50	42	49	53	45	40	
Strongly support	15	8	10	9	7	11	11	5	8	12	8	17	12	10	14	13	7	4	
Support	43	34	39	30	35	35	36	30	30	49	41	39	38	32	35	40	38	36	
Oppose	22	30	23	31	30	27	27	35	31	25	25	21	28	29	21	26	34	31	
Strongly oppose	16	20	18	23	19	18	25	24	22	10	20	14	19	21	21	18	18	21	
Total Oppose	38	50	41	54	49	44	51	59	53	35	45	35	47	50	42	44	51	52	
DK/NA/Ref	4	8	10	7	9	10	3	6	9	4	6	10	3	8	9	3	4	8	

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Overall, do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose the decision to send Canadian troops to Afghanistan?

Base: Total sample

How long should Canadian troops stay in Afghanistan?

	Canada		Region							
			Quebec		Rest of Canada*		Ontario		West	
	Dec 3 2006	Apr 21-24 2007	Dec 3 2006	Apr 21-24 2007	Dec 3 2006	Apr 21-24 2007	Dec 3 2006	Apr 21-24 2007	Dec 3 2006	Apr 21-24 2007
n=	1000	1000	247	247	753	753	379	379	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Return as soon as possible	43	46	51	51	41	44	41	48	35	37
Stay until original commitment in 2007	25	18	21	14	26	19	29	19	25	21
Stay until our new commitment in 2009	7	8	6	8	8	8	6	7	11	11
Stay as long as it takes to rebuild and stabilize the country	22	24	21	24	23	24	20	22	26	26
DK/NA/Ref	3	5	1	3	4	5	4	5	3	5

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. If you had your way, would you like to see the Canadian troops... return as soon as possible, stay until our original commitment in 2007, stay until our new commitment in 2009 or stay as long as it takes to rebuild and stabilize the country?

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					
	2006		2007			2006		2007			2006		2007			2006		2007			2006		2007			
	Mar 9-12 (some*)	Aug 10-13 (20*)	Sep 14-17 (32*)	Oct 12-15 (40*)	Apr 21-24 (50*)	Mar 9-12 (some*)	Aug 10-13 (20*)	Sep 14-17 (32*)	Oct 12-15 (40*)	Apr 21-24 (50*)	Mar 9-12 (some*)	Aug 10-13 (20*)	Sep 14-17 (32*)	Oct 12-15 (40*)	Apr 21-24 (50*)	Mar 9-12 (some*)	Aug 10-13 (20*)	Sep 14-17 (32*)	Oct 12-15 (40*)	Apr 21-24 (50*)	Mar 9-12 (some*)	Aug 10-13 (20*)	Sep 14-17 (32*)	Oct 12-15 (40*)	Apr 21-24 (50*)	
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	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
That is the price that must be paid	59	36	36	42	34	47	23	24	27	24	63	41	40	46	37	61	42	38	43	33	65	41	43	52	42	
Price is too high	39	58	57	55	61	51	74	72	69	73	35	53	53	50	56	36	50	56	53	60	33	53	48	45	52	
DK/NA/Ref	2	6	6	4	6	2	3	4	5	2	2	6	7	3	7	3	8	6	4	7	2	6	8	3	7	

Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. More than 50 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?
 (Question wording in March 2006 survey slightly different: As you may know, the Canadian troops have experienced some casualties in Afghanistan. Some people say this is the price we have to pay to be part of international efforts to achieve security and stability in the region. Other people say this is too high a price to pay and if it means Canadian lives will be lost, we shouldn't be there. Which one of these two views best represents your own?)

Base: Total sample
 * Indicates number of soldiers killed to date stated in question

“Made-in-Canada” environmental plan or keep Kyoto commitments?

	Canada		Region							
			Quebec		Rest of Canada*		Ontario		West	
	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	1000	247	247	753	753	379	379	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Should continue to try to achieve targets and keep our Kyoto commitments	63	61	76	76	59	56	61	62	55	50
Goals are unachievable and we now need our own “made-in-Canada” plan	30	32	20	19	33	36	32	31	37	43
DK/NA/Ref	7	7	5	6	8	8	8	8	8	8

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. As you may know, some time ago, Canada agreed to be part of the Kyoto Agreement and committed to reduce greenhouse gases by 2012. The position of the current federal government is that we have fallen so far behind that those goals are unachievable and we need our own “made-in-Canada” plan. Others have said that we should continue to try to achieve our targets and keep our Kyoto commitments. Which one of these best represents your own view?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians believe that keeping our Kyoto commitments would cost 275,000 jobs and take the country into a recession?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Believable	36	22	41	37	46
Very believable	8	3	10	10	10
Somewhat believable	28	19	31	27	36
Not very believable	35	43	32	35	30
Not believable at all	25	31	22	25	19
TOTAL Not Believable	60	74	54	60	49
DK/NA/Ref	4	4	5	3	6

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Recently the federal Minister of the Environment, John Baird, said that keeping our Kyoto commitments would cost Canada 275,000 jobs and take the country into a recession. Do you find this statement very believable, somewhat believable, not very believable or not believable at all?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians support the one year extension for rifle owners to sign up with the Gun Registry?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Support	37	28	39	35	45
Strongly support	10	4	11	10	14
Support	27	24	28	25	31
Oppose	26	23	27	29	22
Strongly oppose	31	45	27	29	26
TOTAL Oppose	57	68	54	58	48
DK/NA/Ref	6	4	7	7	7

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. On another topic, the federal government, once again, extended the amount of time rifle-owners have to sign up with the Gun Registry by one year. In other words, people who own rifles or “long guns” will not have to register their firearms for another year. Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose this extension?

Base: Total sample

Does the Gun Registry have an impact on reducing violent crime in Canada?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Has Impact	47	61	43	43	41
Significant impact	19	33	14	14	14
Some impact	28	28	29	29	27
Not much impact	17	15	19	20	15
No impact at all	33	23	35	33	42
TOTAL Has No Impact	50	38	54	53	57
DK/NA/Ref	3	1	3	4	2

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Q. And do you think having a Gun Registry has a significant impact, some impact, not much impact, or no impact at all in reducing violent crime in Canada?
 Base: Total sample

When would Canadians like to hold the next federal election?

	Canada			Region											
				Quebec			Rest of Canada*			Ontario			West		
	2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007	
	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	1000	1000	247	247	247	753	753	753	379	379	379	297	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Immediately	8	10	10	8	11	8	8	10	11	7	11	10	7	10	11
At some point in 2007	35	25	17	35	28	17	36	24	17	40	24	17	29	26	14
First half of 2008	14	14	21	17	12	22	13	15	21	10	16	21	16	12	20
Second half of 2008 or later	38*	38	44	39*	35	44	38*	39	44	36*	36	42	41*	41	46
DK/NA/Ref	5	13	9	2	15	9	7	13	9	6	13	9	7	11	8

Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. If you had your own way, would you like to see a federal election held immediately, at some later point in 2007, in the first half of 2008, in the second half of 2008 or later? (Question wording in Dec 2006: "With the election of a new Liberal leader, would you like to see a federal election held immediately, at some point in 2007, in the first half of 2008, in the second half of 2008 or later?")

Base: All respondents

* In Dec 2006 "second half of 2008" and "later" were accepted as separate responses – the combined total is shown.

Would the federal government be justified in calling an election if the oppositions combined to defeat ...

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
One of the crime or law and order bills					
Justified	55	53	55	55	55
Not Justified	33	39	31	33	28
DK/NA/Ref	13	8	14	13	16
An environmental bill					
Justified	55	58	55	55	52
Not Justified	34	34	34	36	34
DK/NA/Ref	10	8	11	9	14

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Because we have a minority government in Ottawa, it could fall at any time if any of its major legislation was defeated in the House of Commons. Do you think the federal government would be justified or not justified in calling an election if the oppositions combined to defeat ... ?

Base: Total sample

Which Party do Canadians think cares the most about them?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal Party	22	19	24	27	18
Conservative Party	26	15	29	24	39
NDP	20	14	22	23	20
Bloc Quebecois	7	28	-	-	-
DK/NA/Ref	25	24	26	26	24

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Regardless of how you might vote if an election was held tomorrow, which federal political party do you think cares the most about people like you?
 Base: Total sample

A Conservative majority government: better or worse?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24	Apr 21-24
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Better	23	21	24	25	24
Significantly better	6	3	6	7	6
Somewhat better	18	18	17	17	18
The same	45	50	44	41	47
Somewhat worse	13	11	14	17	10
Significantly worse	12	13	12	10	12
TOTAL Worse	25	25	26	27	22
DK/NA/Ref	6	4	7	8	7

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. If there was another election and Stephen Harper and the Conservatives had a majority, do you think you would receive significantly better, somewhat better, the same, somewhat worse or significantly worse government than you are receiving right now?

Base: Total sample