



DARFUR

MANY CANADIANS SUPPORT SENDING TROOPS WITH UN

**If UN asked, nearly half (48%) would support
sending Canadian troops to help in Darfur**

**Almost two-thirds (64%) think Canada's armed forces
are committed to too many efforts abroad**

**Half of Canadians feel reasonably informed
about the Darfur conflict; the other half do not**

**52% think financial aid is not the
best way to help the people in Darfur**

From August 10 to 13, 2007, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among a randomly selected, representative sample of 1,075 adult Canadians. The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 3.0 %, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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[VANCOUVER – Aug. 21, 2007] – As the UN prepares to send peacekeepers into the troubled Sudanese region of Darfur, almost half of Canadians would support sending Canadian troops if the UN asked, a new Angus Reid Strategies poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 48 per cent of Canadians say that they would support sending troops to Darfur if the UN requested their help. However, a high number (40%) would not support a deployment.

The divide may be caused by the feeling that Canadian troops are overstretched. Nearly two-thirds (64%) think Canada's armed forces are committed to too many efforts abroad. As well, only about half of Canadians (48%) feel reasonably informed about the conflict in Darfur – the other half (46%) does not.

However, over half of Canadians (52%) do not think providing financial aid is the best way to help the people in Darfur, perhaps suggesting that Canadians feel stronger action is a requisite to help in this case—but just not through Canada's military means.

More men (52%) than women (44%) agree with sending Canadian troops at the UN's request, as well as those in households earning \$100,000 or more a year, and those with university education or higher. Men also feel more informed than women about the conflict, and disagree much more that financial aid is the best way to help those in Darfur.

Canadians aged 55 and up are also more likely to feel more informed than other age groups about the conflict, and strongly disagree that financial aid is the best way to help. They are also very likely to think Canada's troops are committed to too many efforts abroad.

By political leanings, Conservative supporters (55%) feel more informed about the Darfur conflict than the Liberal (48%) or NDP voters (45%). They are also most likely to think that financial aid is not the best way to help.

However, while Conservative supporters are less likely to feel Canada's troops are overstretched, they are the least likely to support sending Canadian troops to help in Darfur if the UN asked. Liberal (56%) and NDP (53%) voters are much more in favour.

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48% feel reasonably informed about the Darfur conflict; 46% do not

*Q. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
I am reasonably informed about the conflict in Darfur*

	Region							Gender	
	Total	BC	AB	MB/SK	ONT	PQ	ATL	Male	Female
Strongly agree	10%	9%	11%	5%	11%	11%	8%	13%	7%
Moderately agree	38%	41%	30%	40%	41%	35%	41%	39%	38%
Moderately disagree	25%	28%	21%	34%	30%	19%	17%	25%	25%
Strongly disagree	20%	16%	34%	20%	12%	28%	25%	19%	22%
Not sure	6%	6%	4%	2%	7%	7%	9%	4%	8%
Total Agree	48%	50%	41%	45%	51%	46%	49%	52%	45%
Total Disagree	46%	44%	55%	53%	42%	47%	42%	44%	47%

	Total	Age			Household Income			Vote in next federal election		
		18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50-99K	\$100K+	Con	Lib	NDP
Strongly agree	10%	8%	10%	12%	9%	7%	14%	12%	10%	8%
Moderately agree	38%	26%	37%	53%	34%	41%	45%	43%	38%	37%
Moderately disagree	25%	27%	26%	22%	26%	28%	24%	28%	30%	29%
Strongly disagree	20%	34%	19%	9%	23%	19%	14%	12%	16%	22%
Not sure	6%	5%	9%	4%	7%	4%	3%	6%	6%	4%
Total Agree	48%	34%	46%	65%	43%	49%	59%	55%	48%	45%
Total Disagree	46%	61%	45%	31%	49%	47%	39%	39%	46%	51%

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52% do not think providing financial aid is the best way to help the people in Darfur

*Q. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Providing financial aid is the best way to help the people in Darfur*

	Region							Gender	
	Total	BC	AB	MB/SK	ONT	PQ	ATL	Male	Female
Strongly agree	6%	3%	4%	7%	7%	6%	2%	4%	7%
Moderately agree	26%	24%	21%	26%	31%	25%	18%	24%	28%
Moderately disagree	30%	28%	26%	30%	28%	33%	35%	30%	30%
Strongly disagree	22%	28%	35%	16%	20%	22%	12%	29%	16%
Not sure	16%	17%	14%	21%	14%	14%	32%	13%	20%
Total Agree	31%	28%	24%	33%	37%	30%	20%	28%	35%
Total Disagree	52%	55%	62%	46%	48%	56%	47%	59%	46%

	Total	Age			Household Income			Vote in next federal election		
		18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50-99K	\$100K+	Con	Lib	NDP
Strongly agree	6%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	4%	9%	6%
Moderately agree	26%	25%	24%	29%	24%	29%	25%	25%	31%	36%
Moderately disagree	30%	31%	30%	29%	34%	27%	32%	30%	30%	26%
Strongly disagree	22%	19%	23%	24%	18%	24%	26%	25%	19%	13%
Not sure	16%	19%	19%	11%	19%	14%	11%	16%	10%	19%
Total Agree	31%	31%	28%	37%	29%	34%	31%	29%	41%	42%
Total Disagree	52%	50%	53%	53%	52%	51%	58%	55%	49%	40%

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64% think Canada's armed forces are committed to too many efforts abroad

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Canada's armed forces are committed to too many efforts abroad

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	Total	BC	AB	MB/SK	ONT	PQ	ATL	Male	Female
Strongly agree	29%	29%	20%	26%	30%	31%	34%	29%	28%
Moderately agree	36%	42%	31%	39%	33%	37%	36%	34%	37%
Moderately disagree	20%	14%	26%	18%	25%	19%	9%	20%	20%
Strongly disagree	8%	4%	19%	12%	6%	9%	2%	11%	5%
Not sure	8%	11%	5%	5%	7%	5%	20%	5%	10%
Total Agree	64%	71%	50%	65%	63%	68%	70%	63%	65%
Total Disagree	28%	19%	45%	30%	30%	27%	11%	31%	25%

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Strongly agree	29%	24%	30%	32%	29%	28%	22%	22%	29%	29%
Moderately agree	36%	36%	35%	36%	34%	36%	38%	38%	36%	41%
Moderately disagree	20%	22%	18%	21%	16%	24%	27%	26%	25%	16%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%	7%	7%	8%	8%	10%	8%	7%	8%
Not sure	8%	8%	10%	4%	12%	3%	4%	6%	4%	6%
Total Agree	64%	60%	65%	69%	64%	65%	60%	60%	65%	70%
Total Disagree	28%	32%	26%	28%	24%	32%	36%	35%	32%	24%

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48% would support sending Canadian troops to Darfur if the UN requested it

Q. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

If the UN asked Canada for military support in Darfur, I would support sending Canadian troops to help out

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	Total	BC	AB	MB/SK	ONT	PQ	ATL	Male	Female
Strongly agree	17%	17%	17%	11%	18%	20%	7%	20%	14%
Moderately agree	31%	29%	30%	39%	33%	26%	34%	31%	30%
Moderately disagree	21%	19%	17%	26%	21%	25%	9%	18%	23%
Strongly disagree	19%	26%	25%	17%	18%	16%	20%	22%	16%
Not sure	12%	9%	12%	8%	10%	13%	29%	8%	16%
Total Agree	48%	46%	47%	50%	51%	46%	42%	52%	44%
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Not sure	12%	12%	16%	6%	15%	10%	5%	13%	6%	13%
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