



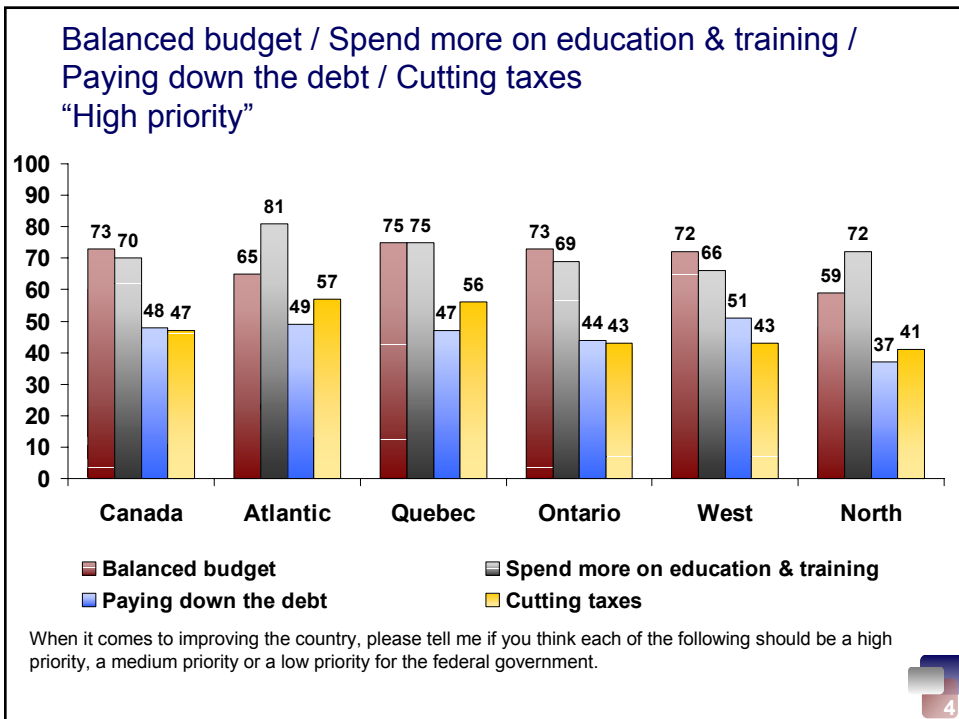
Portraits of Canada

2005

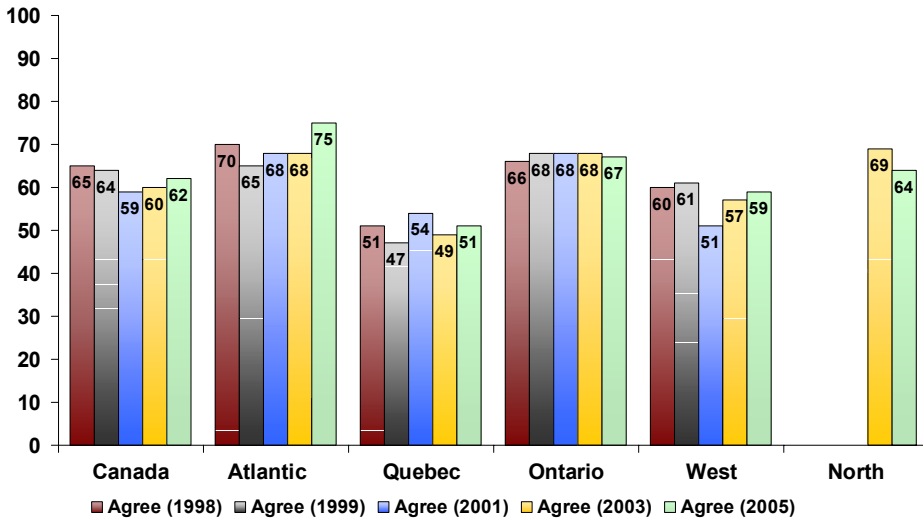


Priorities and the political landscape

Making the country work better, "High priority"			
Items	2003	2004	2005
(1) Protecting the environment	<i>Not asked</i>	76% (1)	78%
(2) Spending more money on health care	73% (1)	75% (2)	74%
(3) Maintaining a balanced budget	<i>Not asked</i>	<i>Not asked</i>	73%
(4) Spending more money on education and training	69% (3)	<i>Not asked</i>	70%
(5) Increasing cooperation between the federal and the provincial / territorial governments	70% (2)	74% (3)	66%
(5) Tighter ethics rules for governments and parliaments	<i>Not asked</i>	<i>Not asked</i>	66%
(7) Protecting Canadians against terrorist threats	<i>Not asked</i>	<i>Not asked</i>	55%
(8) Paying down the national debt	<i>Not asked</i>	<i>Not asked</i>	48%
(9) Cutting taxes	41% (6)	48% (7)	47%
(10) Reducing regional economic inequalities	40% (7)	<i>Not asked</i>	45%
(11) Transferring more powers from the federal to the provincial / territorial governments	32% (9)	<i>Not asked</i>	36%
(12) Having closer relations between Canada and the United States	42% (5)	37% (8)	31%



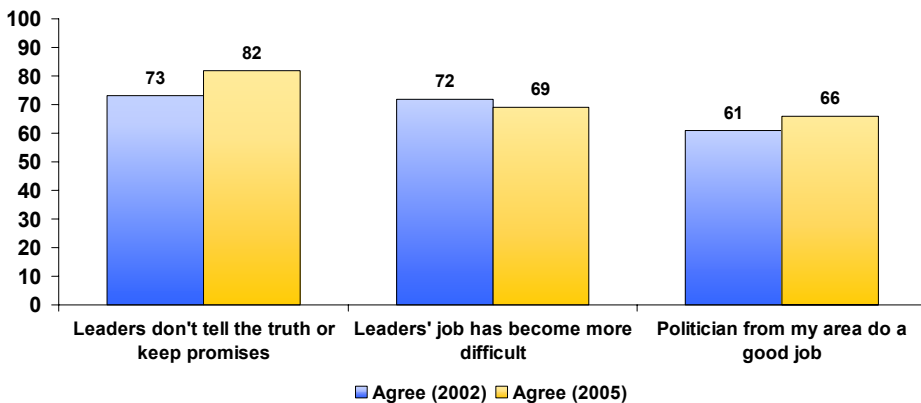
Canadian federalism: More advantages than disadvantages?



Under the Canadian federal system, the federal government has responsibility for some areas and the provincial [and territorial] governments have responsibility for others. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements... Canadian federalism has more advantages than disadvantages for my province / territory.

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Leadership: An assessment

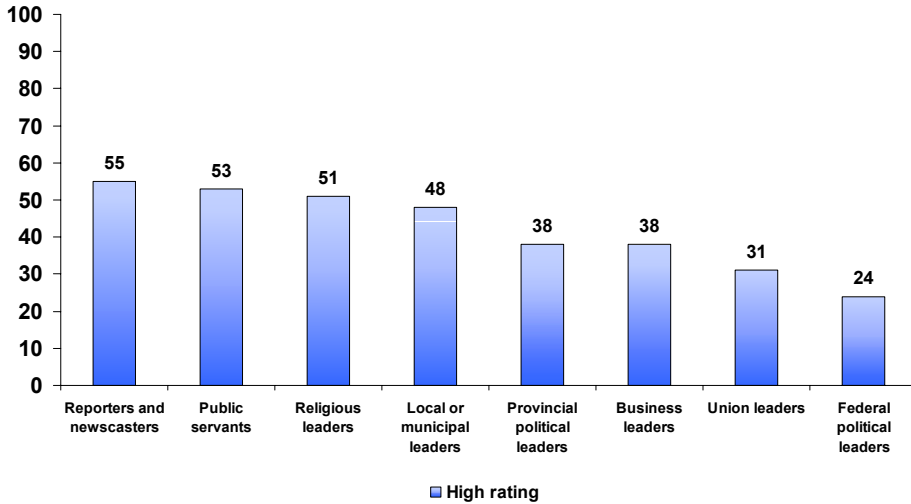


Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

- Most political leaders do not tell the truth or keep their promises.
- In recent years, the job that political leaders have to do has become much more difficult.
- On the whole, the politicians who are elected in my area do a good job of serving the interests of my community.

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Honesty and ethical standards of leaders

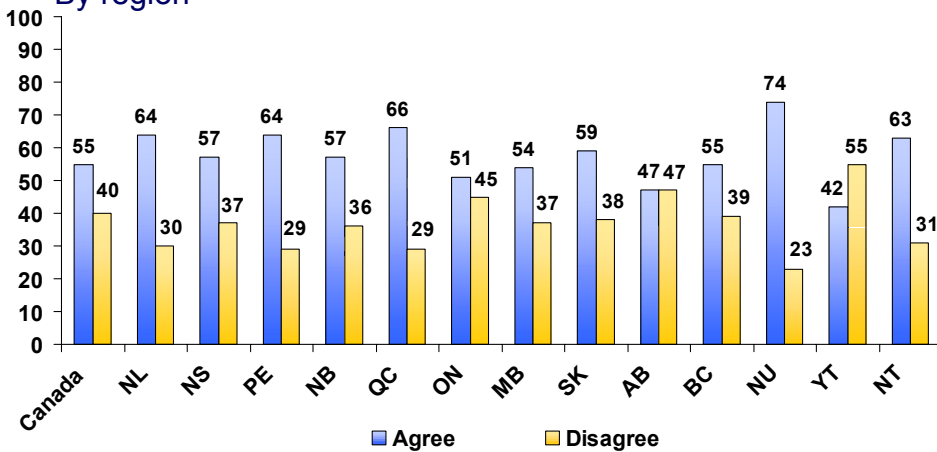


Generally, how would you rate the honesty and ethical standards of the following leaders? Would you give them a very high rating, a high rating, a low rating, or a very low rating for honesty and ethical standards?



The Gomery Inquiry – Evidence that when abuses of power happen, corrective measures are taken

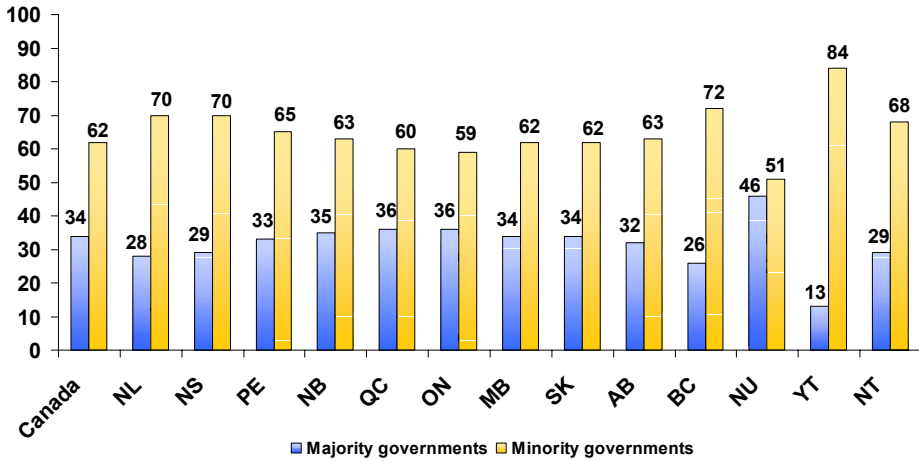
By region



Thinking about the Gomery Inquiry into the federal sponsorship program, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The Gomery Inquiry shows that when abuses of power happen in government, they are investigated and corrective measures are taken.



Majority governments vs. minority governments By region



Which of these views is closer to your own? Majority governments are preferable because the government does not have to negotiate with other political parties and can carry out its plans more easily. Minority governments are preferable because they force the government to negotiate with other political parties and adjust its plans.



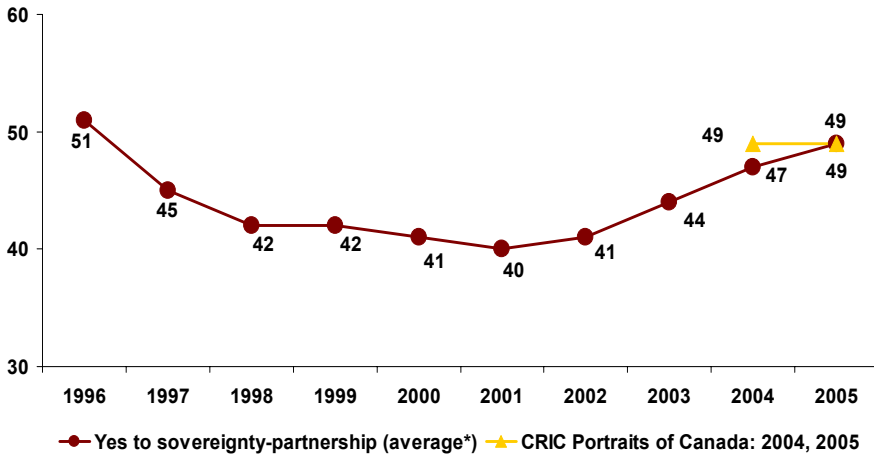
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Quebec

Support for “Sovereignty-Partnership” – Decided voters, with undecided redistributed on a pro rata basis



If a referendum were held today on the same question as that asked in 1995, that is, sovereignty with an offer of partnership with the rest of Canada, would you vote YES or would you vote NO?

Sources: * Averages from CROP polls. Number of polls for each year: 1996 = 9; 1997 = 5; 1998 = 13; 1999 = 8; 2000 = 10; 2001 = 13; 2002 = 13; 2003 = 12; 2004=12; 2005 (to Sept.) = 8.



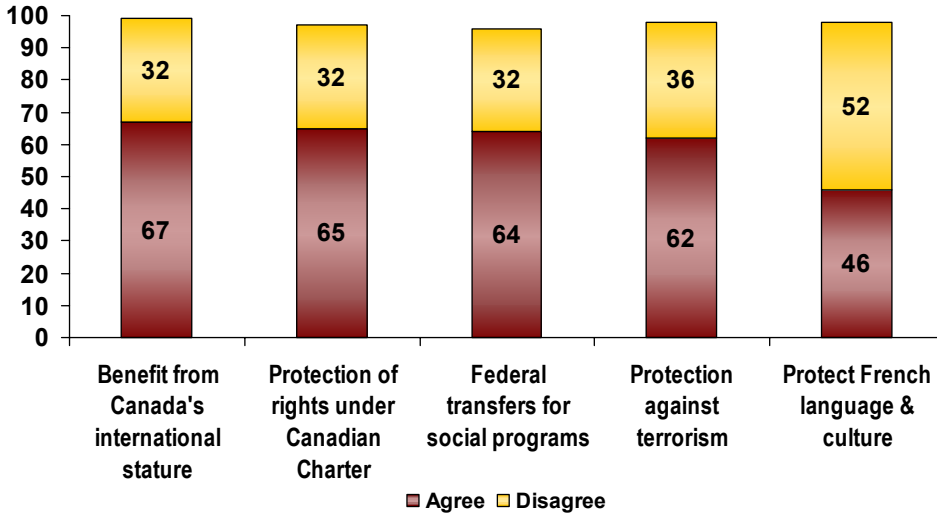
Constitutional options

If a referendum were held today on the same question that was asked in 1995, that is, sovereignty with an offer of partnership with the rest of Canada, would you vote yes or would you vote no?	% who would vote “Yes”	
	2001 / 2004	2005
	39% / 49%	49%
If a referendum were held today asking you if you wish Quebec to accede to the status of a sovereign country , without the offer of a partnership but with a free trade agreement to be subsequently proposed to the rest of Canada, would you vote YES or would you vote NO?	% who would vote “Yes”	
	2005, June / August*	2005
	47%	47%
If a referendum were held today asking you if you wish Quebec to accede to the status of an independent country , without the offer of a partnership but with a free trade agreement to be subsequently proposed to the rest of Canada, would you vote YES or would you vote NO?	% who would vote “Yes”	
	2005	
	40%	
If a referendum were held on the following question: "Do you want Quebec to become a completely independent country , would you vote or be tempted to vote YES or NO?	% who would vote “Yes”	
	2001 / 2004	2005
	27% / 35%	34%

* Average of two CROP polls, June and August, 2005. All data reflect decided voters, with undecided redistributed on a pro rata basis.



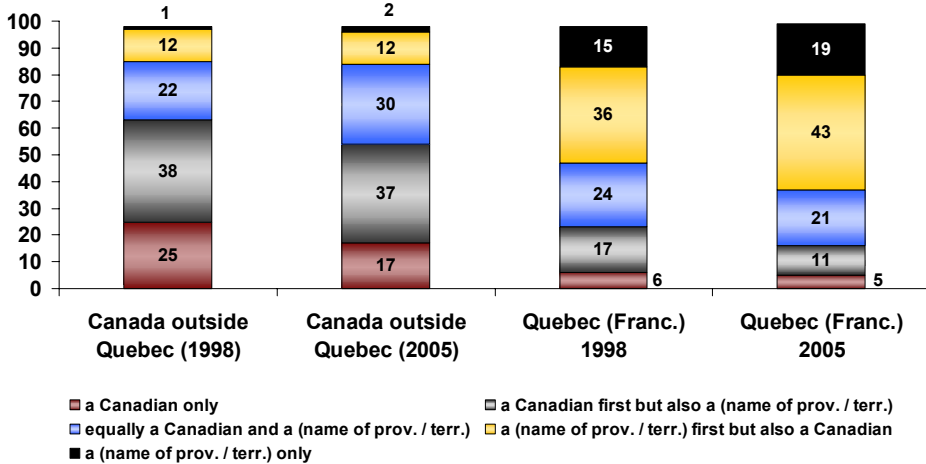
It is an advantage for Quebec to be part of Canada...



Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements: It is an advantage for Quebec to be part of Canada...

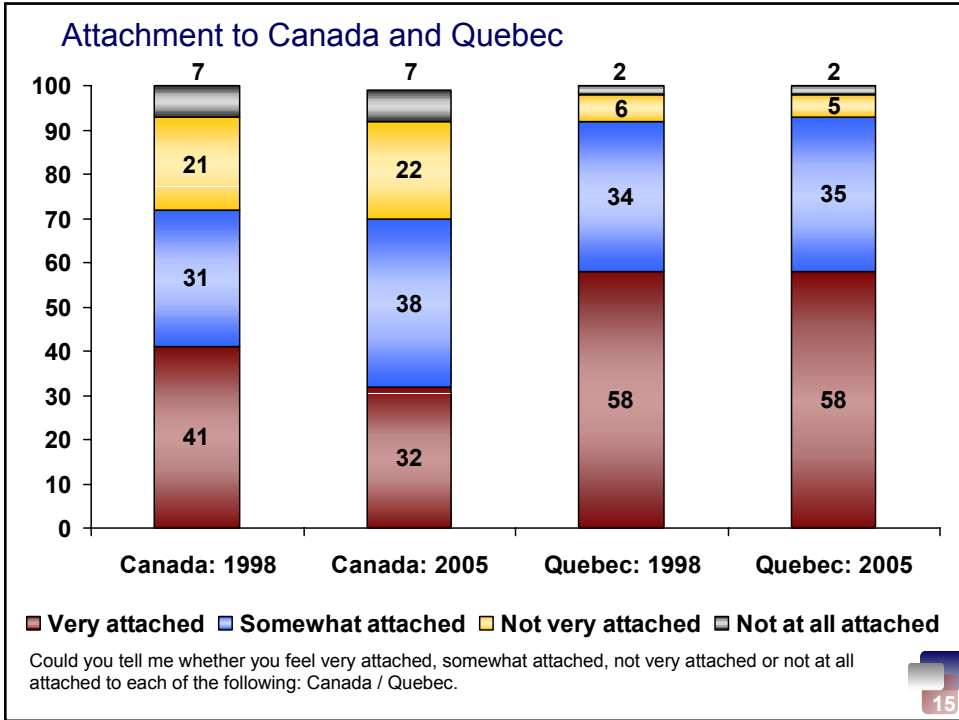



Canadian and Quebec identities




People have different ways of defining themselves. Do you consider yourself to be...





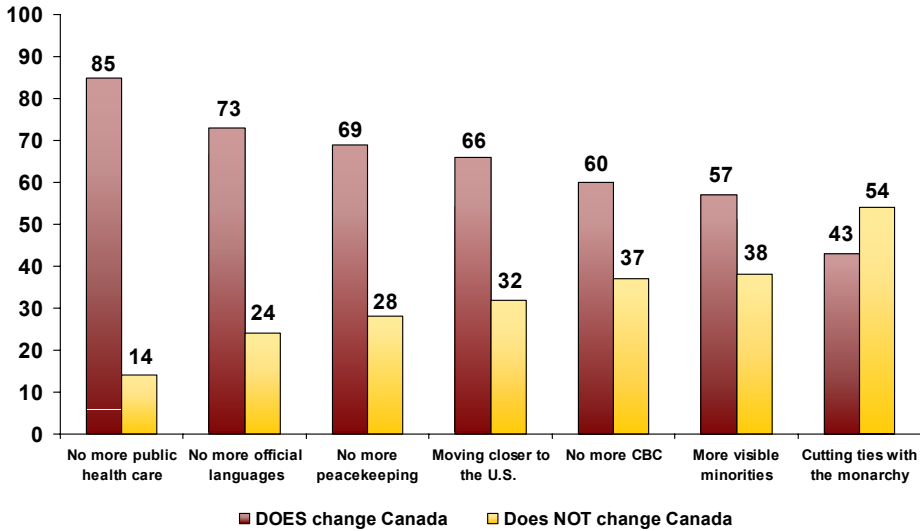
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Nature of Canada

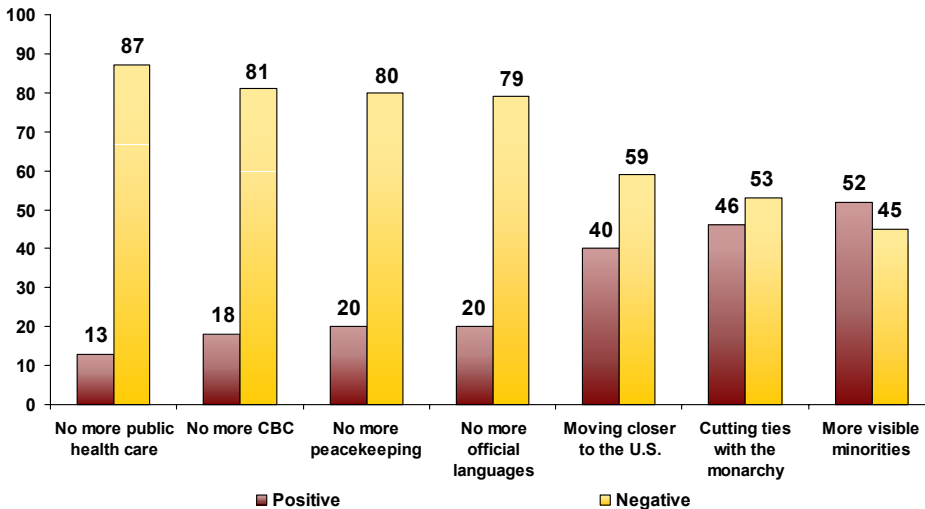
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Nature of Canada – Fundamental change



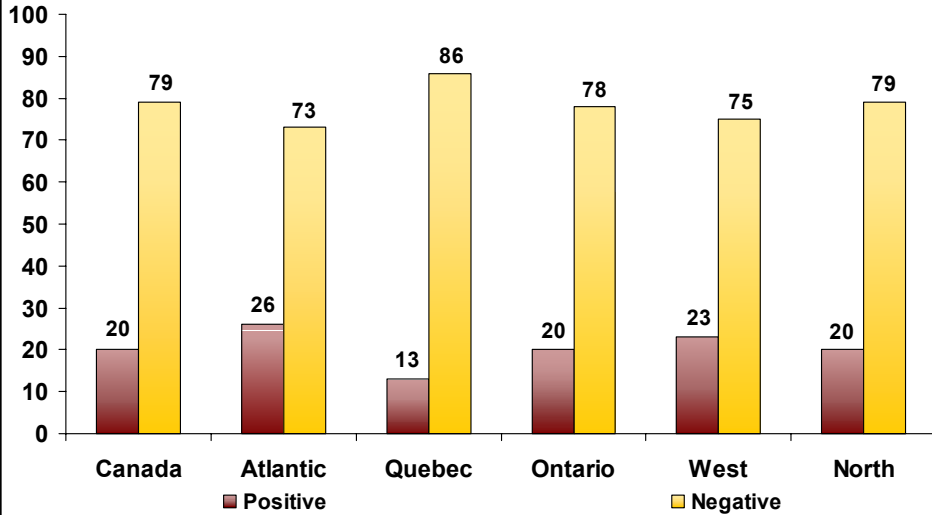
For each of the following items, do you tend to agree or disagree that they would result in a fundamental change to the nature of Canada? a) Cutting ties with the monarchy b) Growing proportion of visible minorities c) Canada becoming closer with the U.S. than it is now d) Eliminating public health care e) Abandoning English and French as Canada's two official languages f) Not having a national, publicly financed broadcaster like the CBC g) Eliminating peacekeeping operations for the Canadian military.

Nature of Canada – Direction of change



For each of the following items, do you tend to agree or disagree that they would result in a fundamental change to the nature of Canada? a) Cutting ties with the monarchy b) Growing proportion of visible minorities c) Canada becoming closer with the U.S. than it is now d) Eliminating public health care e) Abandoning English and French as Canada's two official languages f) Not having a national, publicly financed broadcaster like the CBC g) Eliminating peacekeeping operations for the Canadian military. (Those who agree) ...and would you say that this would be a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative change?

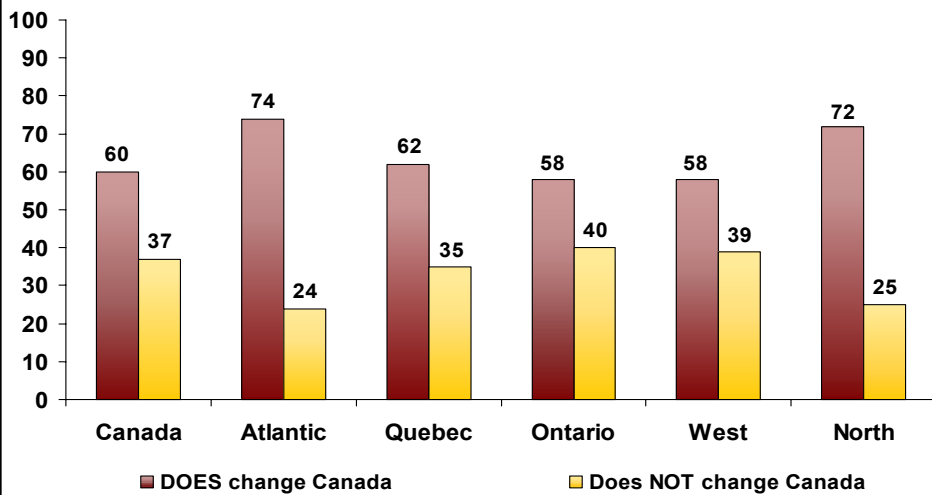
Nature of Canada – No more official languages By region



For each of the following items, do you tend to agree or disagree that they would result in a fundamental change to the nature of Canada? e) Abandoning English and French as Canada's two official languages. (Those who agree)...and would you say that this would be a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative change?



Nature of Canada – No more CBC Fundamental change / By region

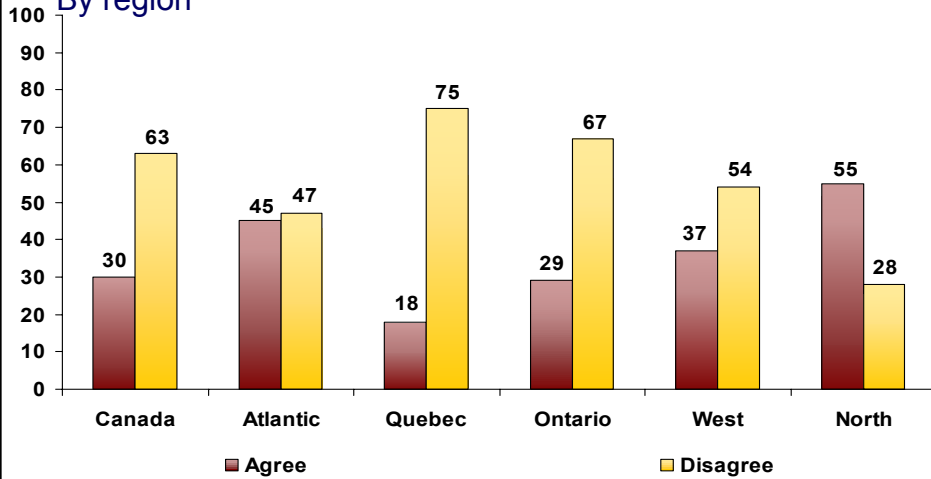


For each of the following items, do you tend to agree or disagree that they would result in a fundamental change to the nature of Canada? f) Not having a national, publicly financed broadcaster like the CBC.



Faith-based arbitration – Muslim community should also be allowed to use it

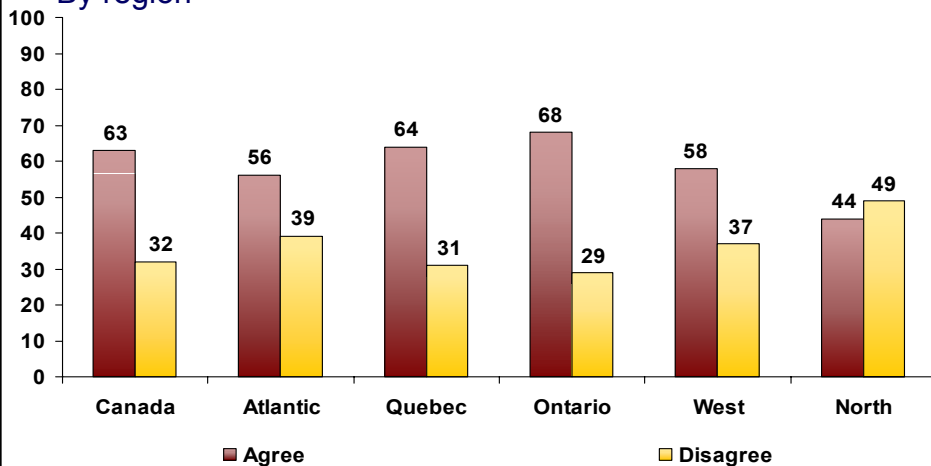
By region



Until new legislation is passed, Ontario allows religious communities like Catholics and Jews to use faith-based arbitration to settle family disputes. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with: a) The Muslim community should also be allowed to use faith-based arbitration to settle family disputes.

Faith-based arbitration – No religious community should be allowed to use it

By region

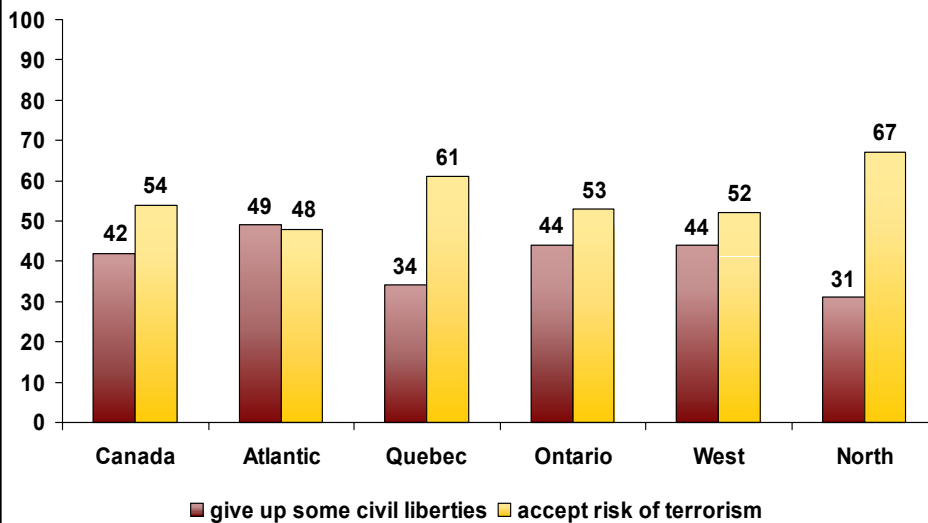


Until new legislation is passed, Ontario allows religious communities like Catholics and Jews to use faith-based arbitration to settle family disputes. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with: b) No religious community should be allowed to use faith-based arbitration to settle family disputes.

Public safety and civil liberties

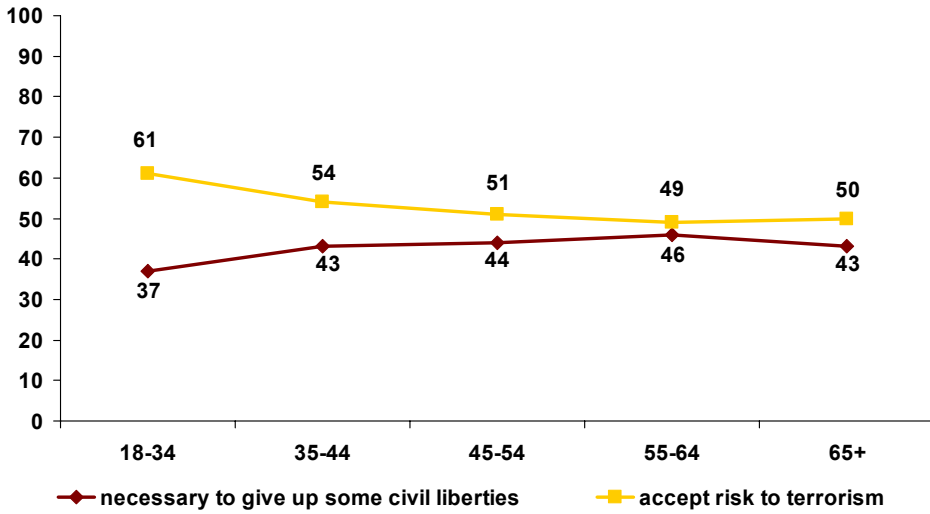


Public safety and civil liberties – Give up civil liberties / accept terrorist risk



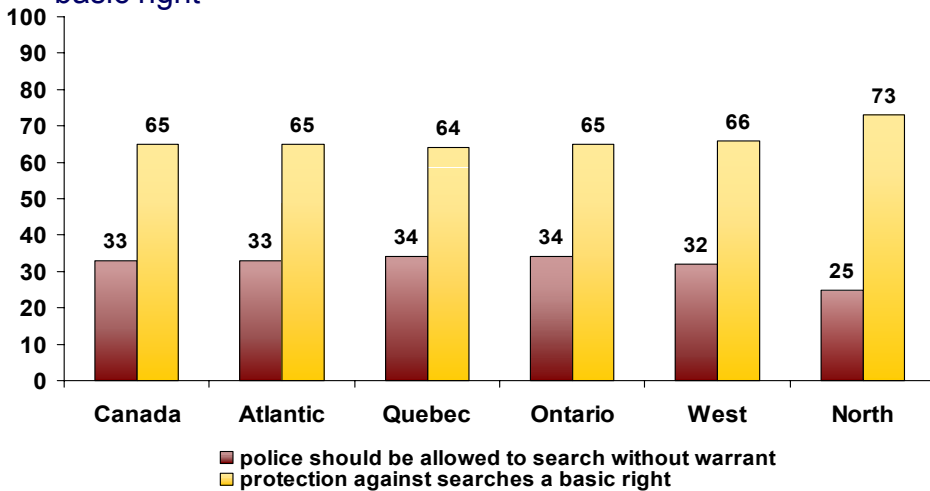
Please tell me which one [of the statements] you agree with most. In order to curb terrorism in this country, it will be necessary to give up some civil liberties. / We should preserve our civil liberties above all, even if some risk of terrorism remains.

Public safety and civil liberties – Give up civil liberties / accept terrorist risk



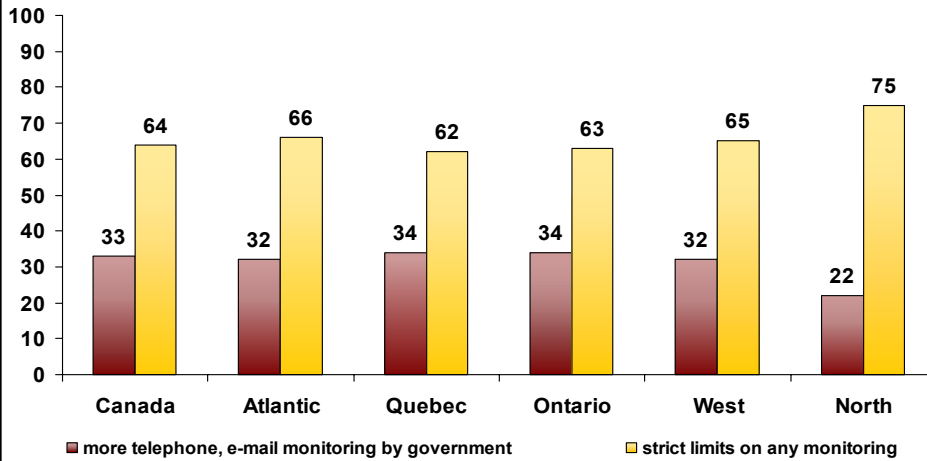
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Public safety and civil liberties – Police should be allowed to search without warrant / protection against searches a basic right



Please tell me which one [of the statements] you agree with most. Police should be able to search a property without a warrant solely on the suspicion that a terrorist act is being planned there. / Protection against searches without a warrant is a basic right that should not be given up for any reason.

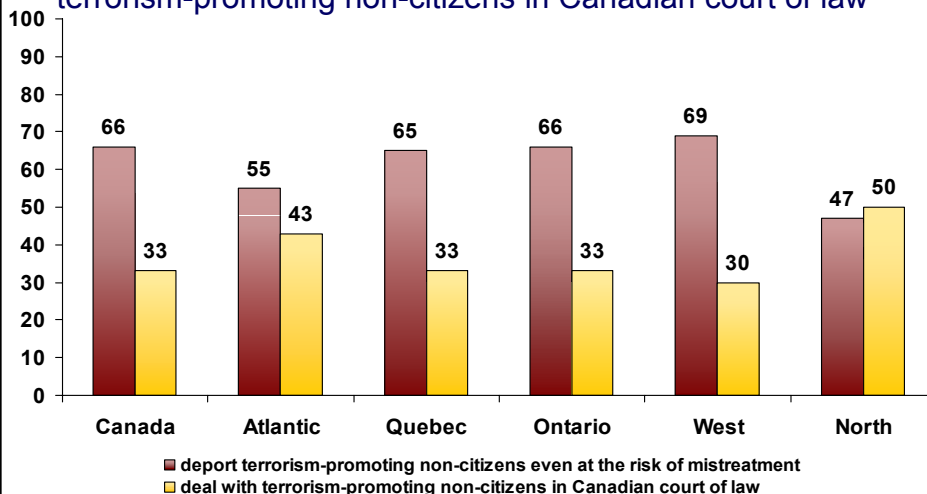
Public safety and civil liberties – More telephone, e-mails monitoring by government / strict limits on any monitoring



Please tell me which one [of the statements] you agree with most. Government should be given greater powers to record telephone calls and monitor e-mails in order to prevent people from planning terrorist acts. / People's conversations and e-mails are private and there should be strict limits on giving governments access to them.

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Public safety and civil liberties – Deport terrorism-promoting non-citizens even at the risk of mistreatment / deal with terrorism-promoting non-citizens in Canadian court of law



Please tell me which one [of the statements] you agree with most. Non-citizens who promote terrorist activity should be deported from Canada even if they might face mistreatment. / Non-citizens who promote terrorist activity should be dealt with in a Canadian court of law and not deported.

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