



Attitudes towards the Canadian Forces' Participation in Afghanistan

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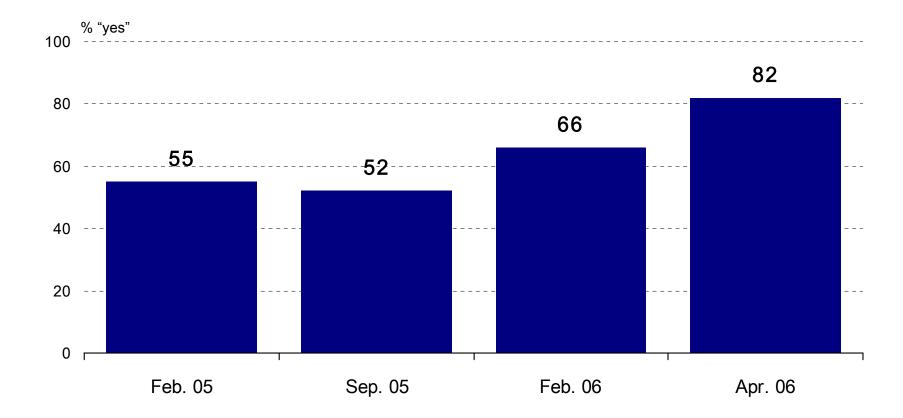


- This analysis based on the results of a telephone survey of 1,013 interviews with a national random sample of Canadians 18 years of age and older.
 - Interviews were conducted between April 20 to April 27, 2006
 - ✓ A sample of this size provides a statistical error margin of +/- 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
 - ✓ The statistical error margin of for questions posed on half of the sample is +/4.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
 - Margin of error increases when the results are sub-divided (e.g., by region, gender, etc.). It should also be noted that the refusal rate and other measurement errors could also increase the margin of error.

Key Findings

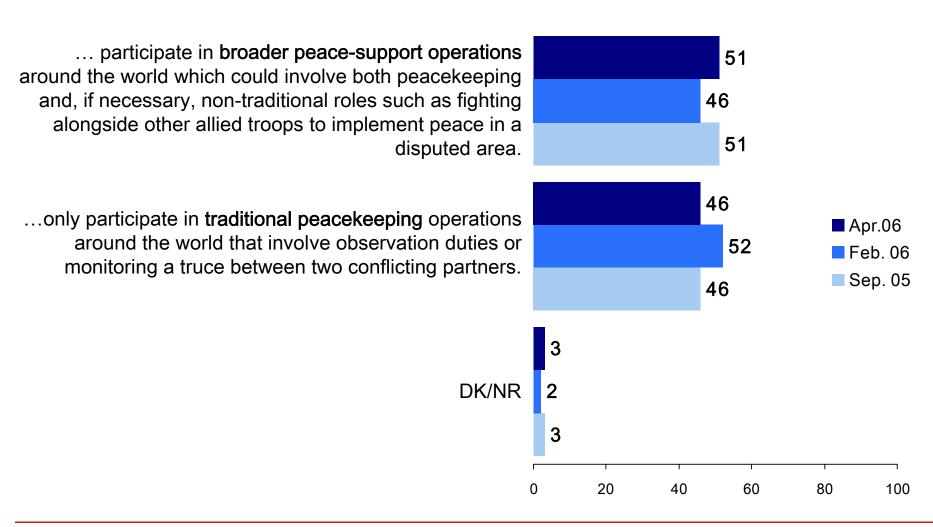
General awareness

Q: Have you recently read, seen or heard anything about the Canadian Forces?



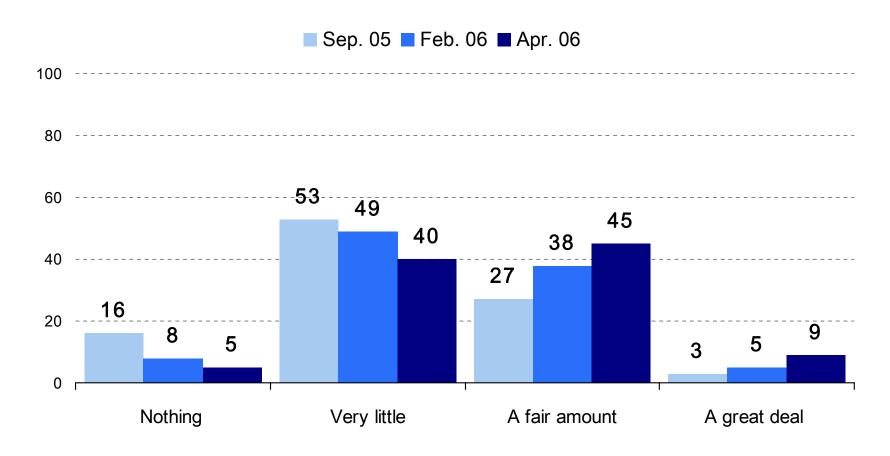
Role for the CF: traditional peacekeeping vs. peace-support

Q: Which of the following two statements is closest to your own point of view? Canadian Forces should...



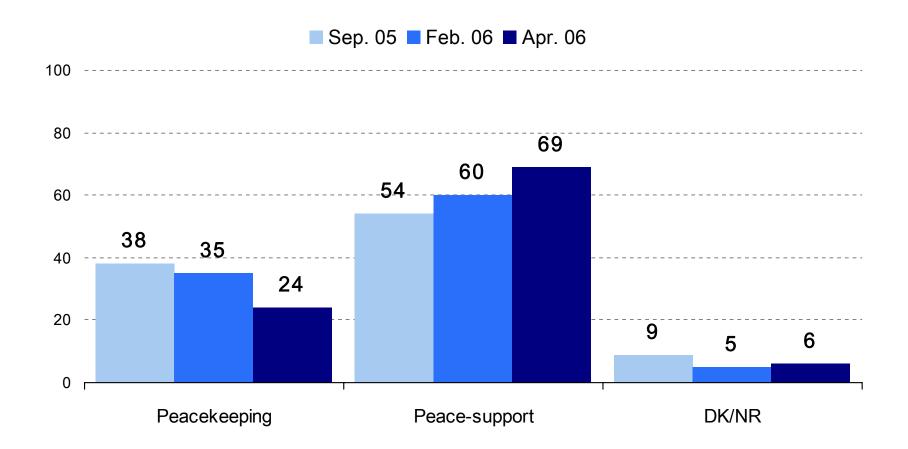
Knowledge of Canadian Forces' operations in Afghanistan

Q: How much do you know about Canadian Forces operations currently taking place in Afghanistan?



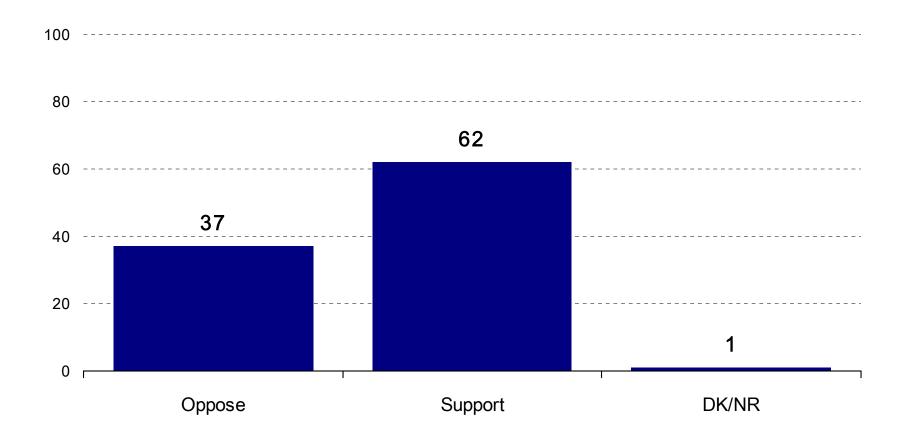
Recognition of peace-support role

Q: Based on what you know, do you think the Canadian Forces operation in Afghanistan is a traditional peacekeeping operation or is it a peace-support operation?



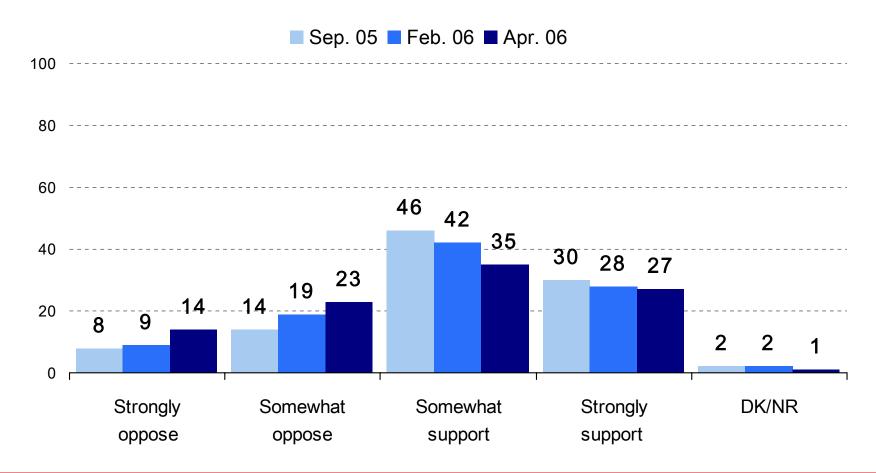
Support for peace-support role in Afghanistan

Q: Right now, the Canadian Forces are involved in a broader peace-SUPPORT operation in Afghanistan, helping to rebuild the country and maintain security with our troops fighting on the frontline if necessary. Would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose these contributions?



Tracking support for peace-support role in Afghanistan

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