



Attitudes towards the Canadian Forces' Participation in Afghanistan

Methodology



- This analysis based on the results of a telephone survey of 1,002 interviews with a national random sample of Canadians 18 years of age and older.
 - Interviews were conducted between February 6 and 14, 2006
 - A sample of this size provides a statistical error margin of +/- 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
 - ✓ This 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

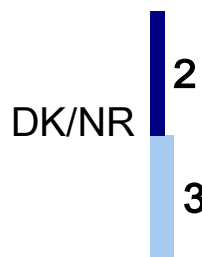
Role for CF: traditional peacekeeping vs. peace-support

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

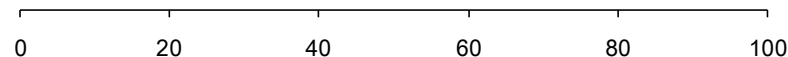
...only participate in **traditional peacekeeping** operations around the world that involve observation duties or monitoring a truce between two conflicting partners.



... participate in **broader peace-support operations** around the world which could involve both peacekeeping and, if necessary, non-traditional roles such as fighting alongside other allied troops to implement peace in a disputed area.

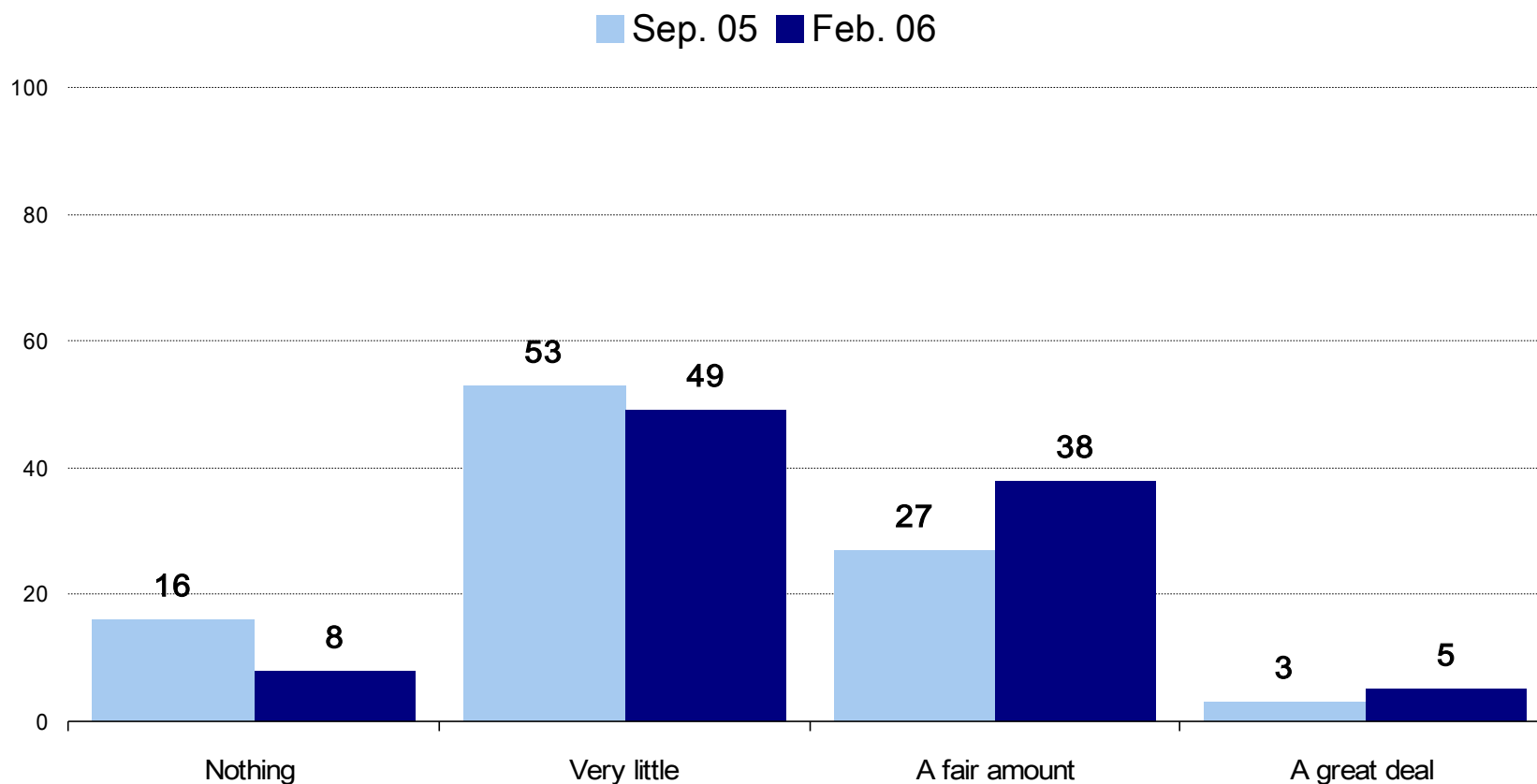


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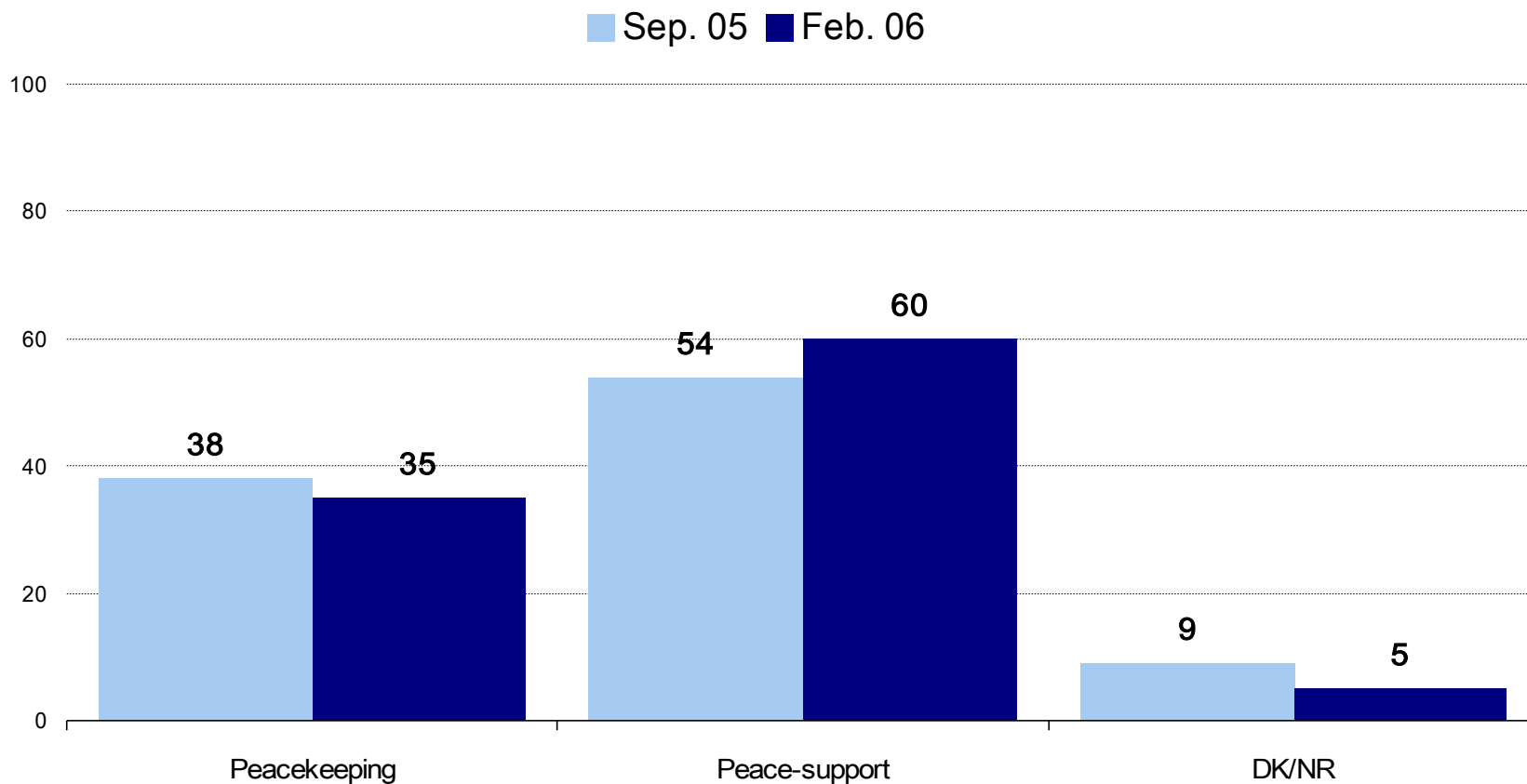
Knowledge of Canadian Forces' operations in Afghanistan

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



Recognition of peace-support role

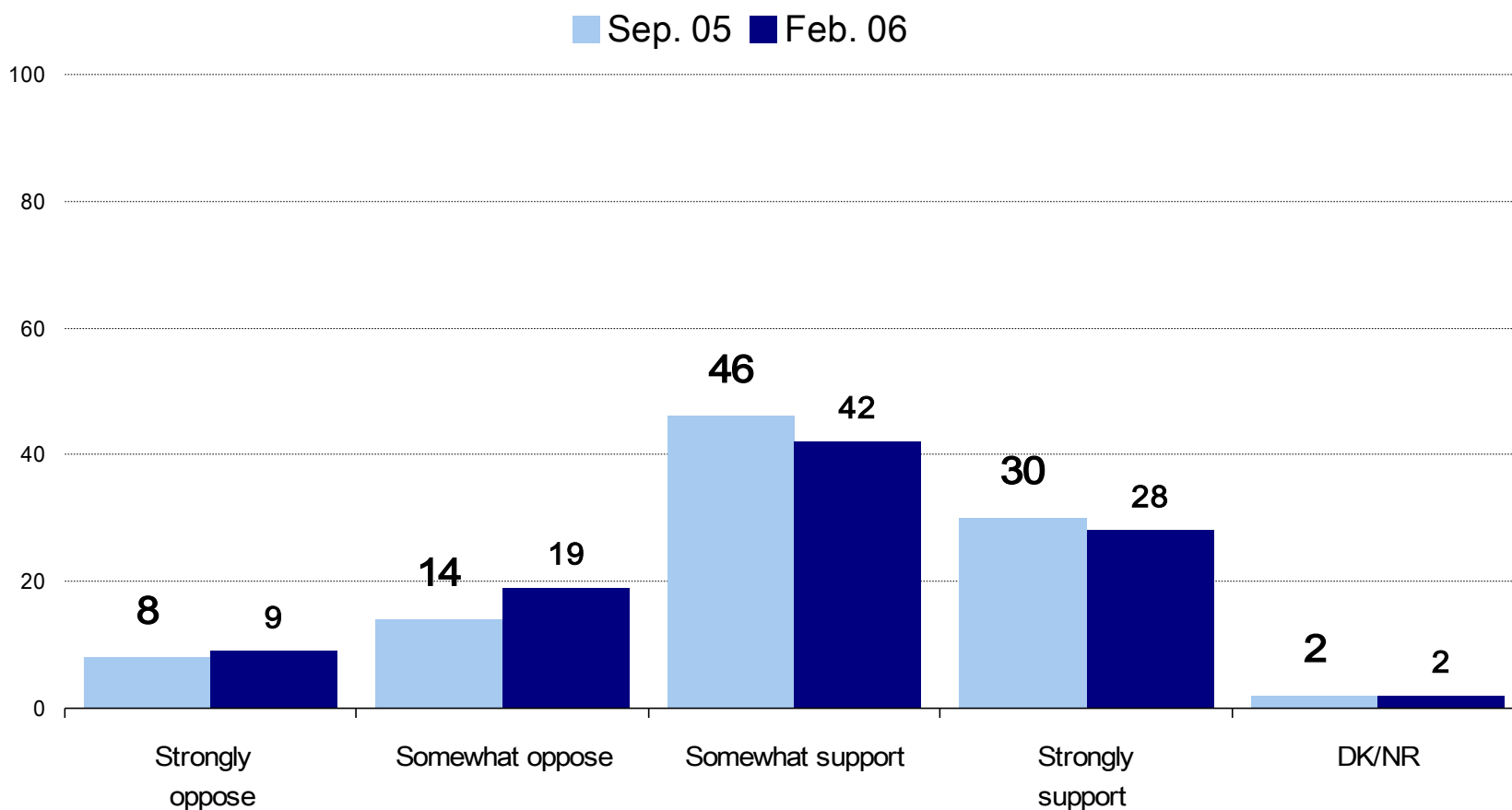
Q: Based on what you know, do you think the Canadian Forces operation in Afghanistan is a traditional peacekeeping operation or is it a peace-support operation?*



*Only asked of those with at least some awareness of CF operations in Afghanistan (n=924).

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?





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