



EKOS/CBC/Toronto Star/La Presse Poll

Canada-US Relations

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Methodology

■ Telephone survey of the general public

- 1205 completed interviews with a national random sample of Canadians 18 years of age and over (n=403 in Quebec)
 - ✓ Interview period: December 2-4, 2002
 - ✓ National results valid within +/- 2.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20 (Quebec: \pm 4.9%)
- The margin of error increases when the results are sub-divided
- It should also be noted that the refusal rate and other measurement errors could also increase the margin of error

■ All the data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional, gender and age composition reflects that of the actual population of Canada according to Census data.

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Canada-US Relations (a)

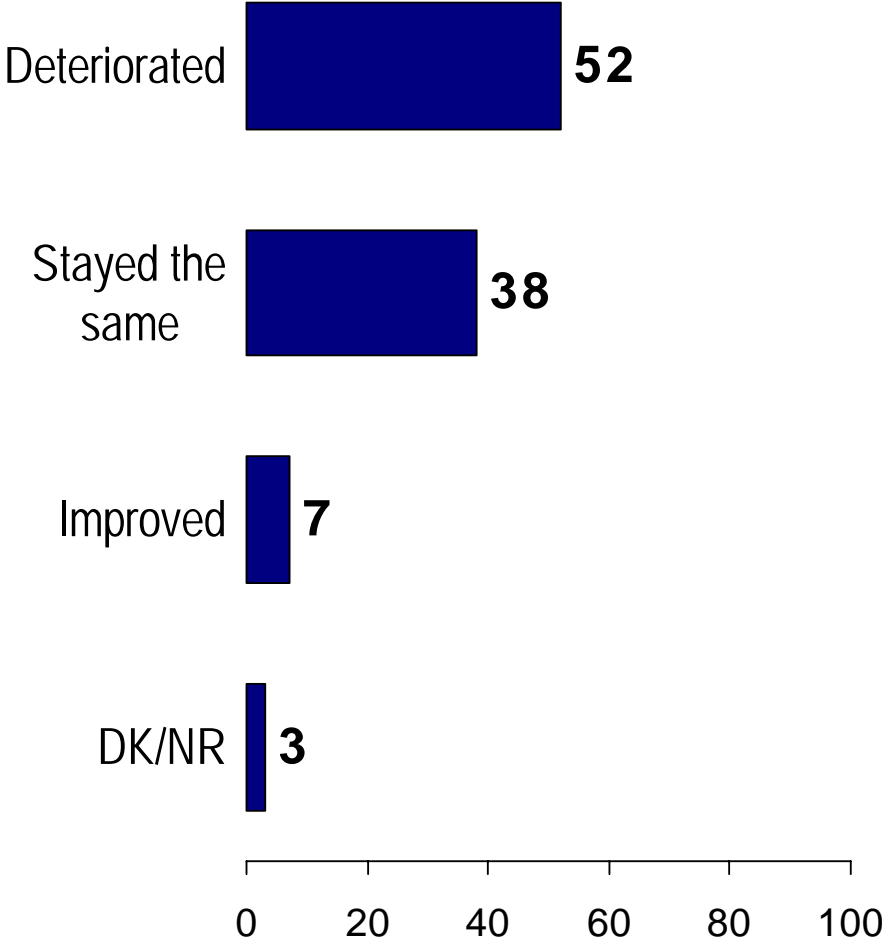
- There are considerable concerns about short term erosion in US-Canada relations (probably linked to trade disputes, friendly fire and the Ducros affair)
- Ironically, this may not be a bad thing for Canadians who bridle at the thought of sacrificing sovereignty or taking orders from Washington on defense spending
- There are huge regional and political variations on these issues with Quebeckers more resistant to US policy influences. A slim majority of alliance supporters prefer accommodation but Liberal, NDP and BQ supporters are staunchly opposed

Canada-US Relations (b)

- The theme of wariness is also reflected in the surprising view of 38 per cent Canadians that Bush is a more serious threat to world security than Saddam Hussein. Amongst Liberal supporter the contest is very close and it is a dead saw-off for BQ and NDP supporters. Slightly more BC respondents cited Bush as more dangerous than Hussein.

Canada-U.S. Relations?

Q: Over the past year or so, do you think that Canada-U.S. relations have deteriorated, stayed the same or improved?



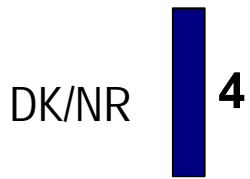
Defense Spending and US Foreign Policy

Q: Thinking specifically about defense and foreign policy, which of the following two options comes closest to your point of view?

The U.S. has no business telling Canadians to increase defense spending or to support U.S. foreign policy as these are sovereign issues for Canada

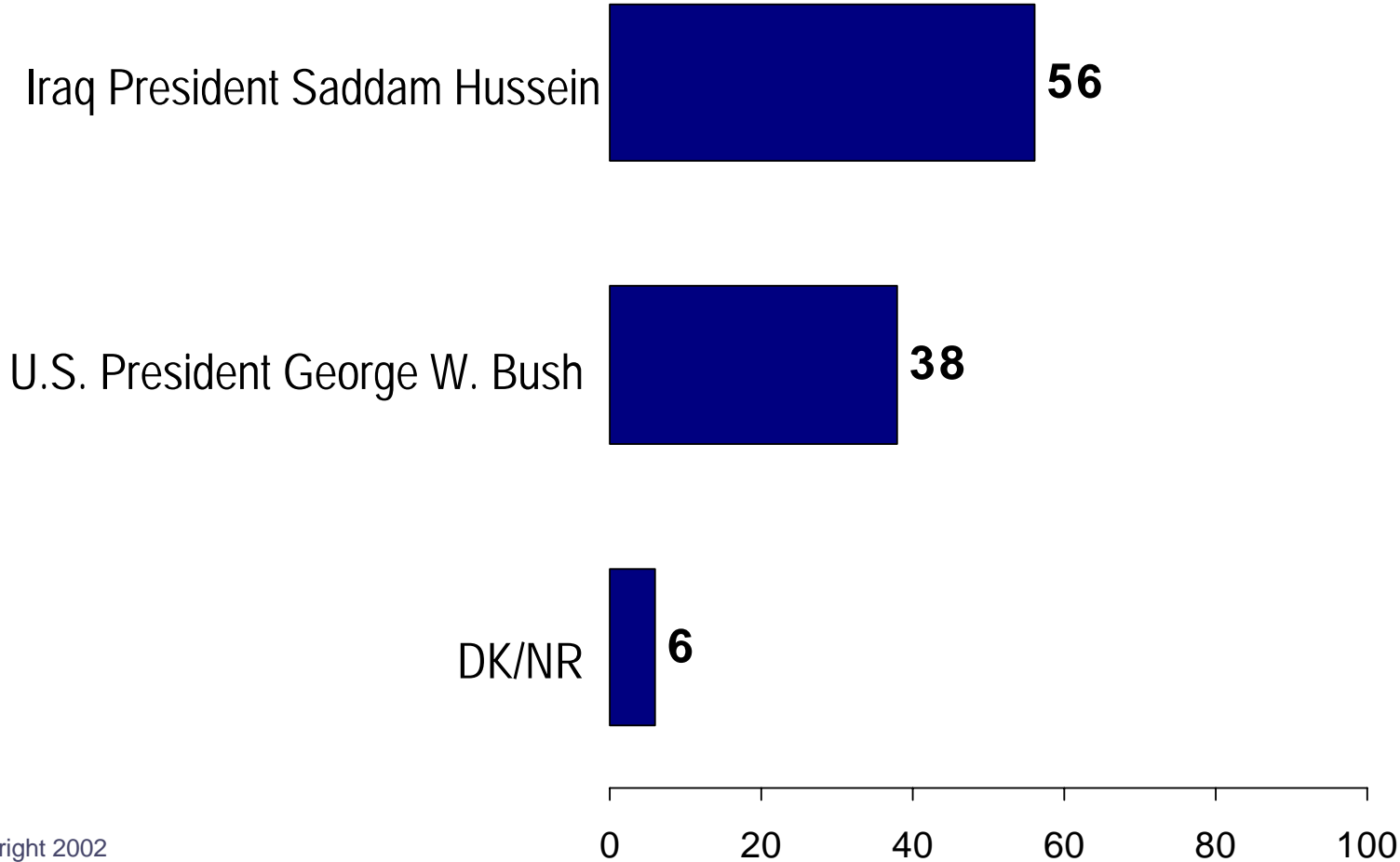


The U.S. government is reasonable to request that Canada spend more on defense and support U.S. foreign policy and we are risking our own interests and better U.S. relations by ignoring U.S. requests



Threat to World Peace/Security: Bush or Hussein?

Q: Which of the following leaders poses the most serious threat to world security/peace?





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