



EKOS/CBC/Toronto Star/La Presse Poll

Security and Geopolitics

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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.

Middle East and Security (a)

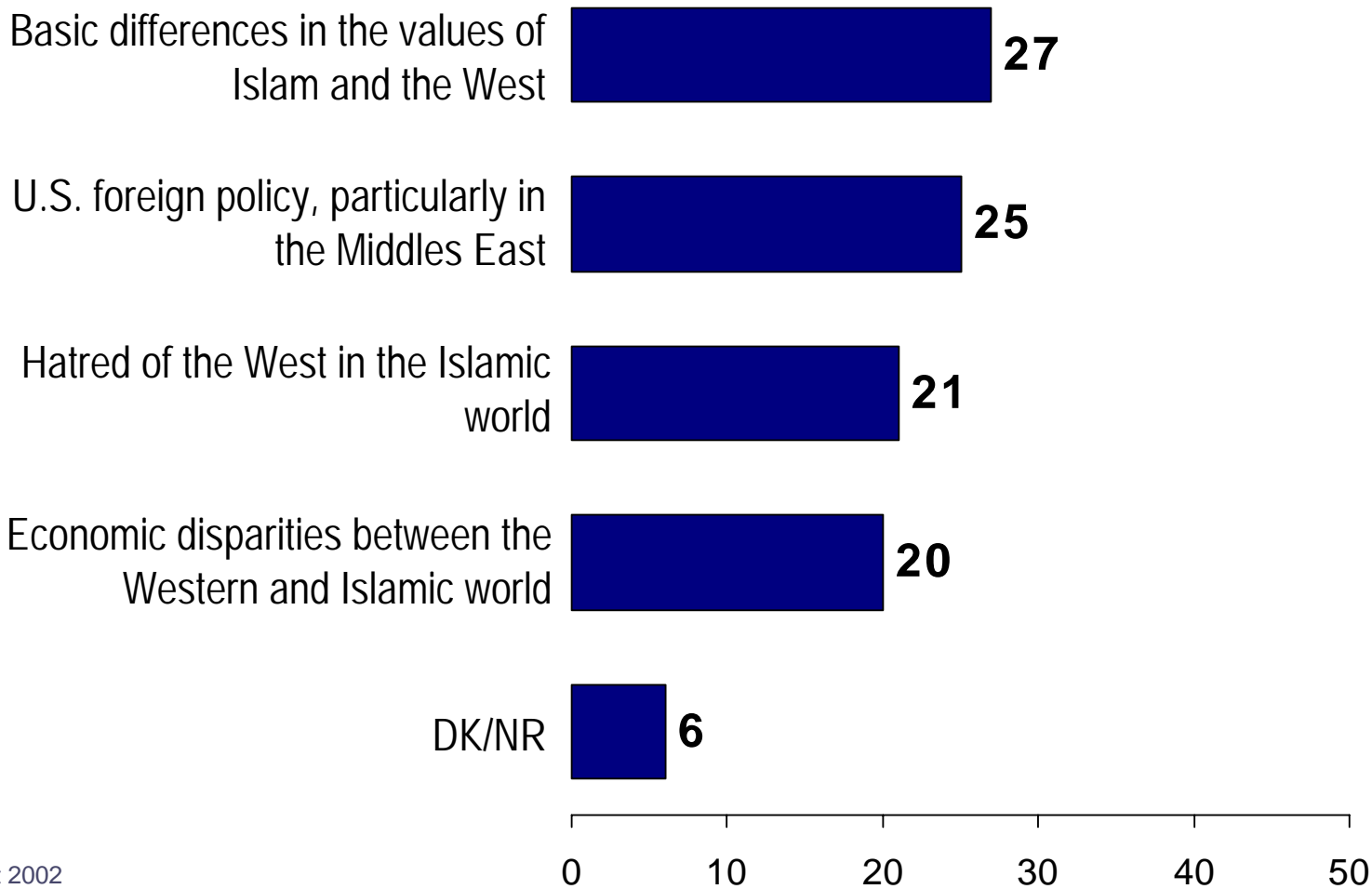
- Canadians have difficulty choosing a “root cause” of Islamic-Western tension
 - Value differences and US policy are the most popular choices at one in four each
 - Less popular, but still selected by one in five are the arguments of economic gaps and anti-Western sentiment in the Muslim world
 - Quebeckers emphasized value conflicts; Albertans Muslim hatred of West
- Concerns about terrorism, while not extreme, are dramatically higher than in early 2002

Middle East and Security (b)

- Although no shift in high likelihood of experiencing terrorism the “moderately likelihood” has risen from 15 per cent at the start of the year to 36 per cent
- Support for participating in the war in Iraq is highly polarized with major regional and demographic fractures. Prairies are more militant with Quebec and BC much less so. PC’s and CA supporters are pro- participation while BQ and NDP supporters are off side

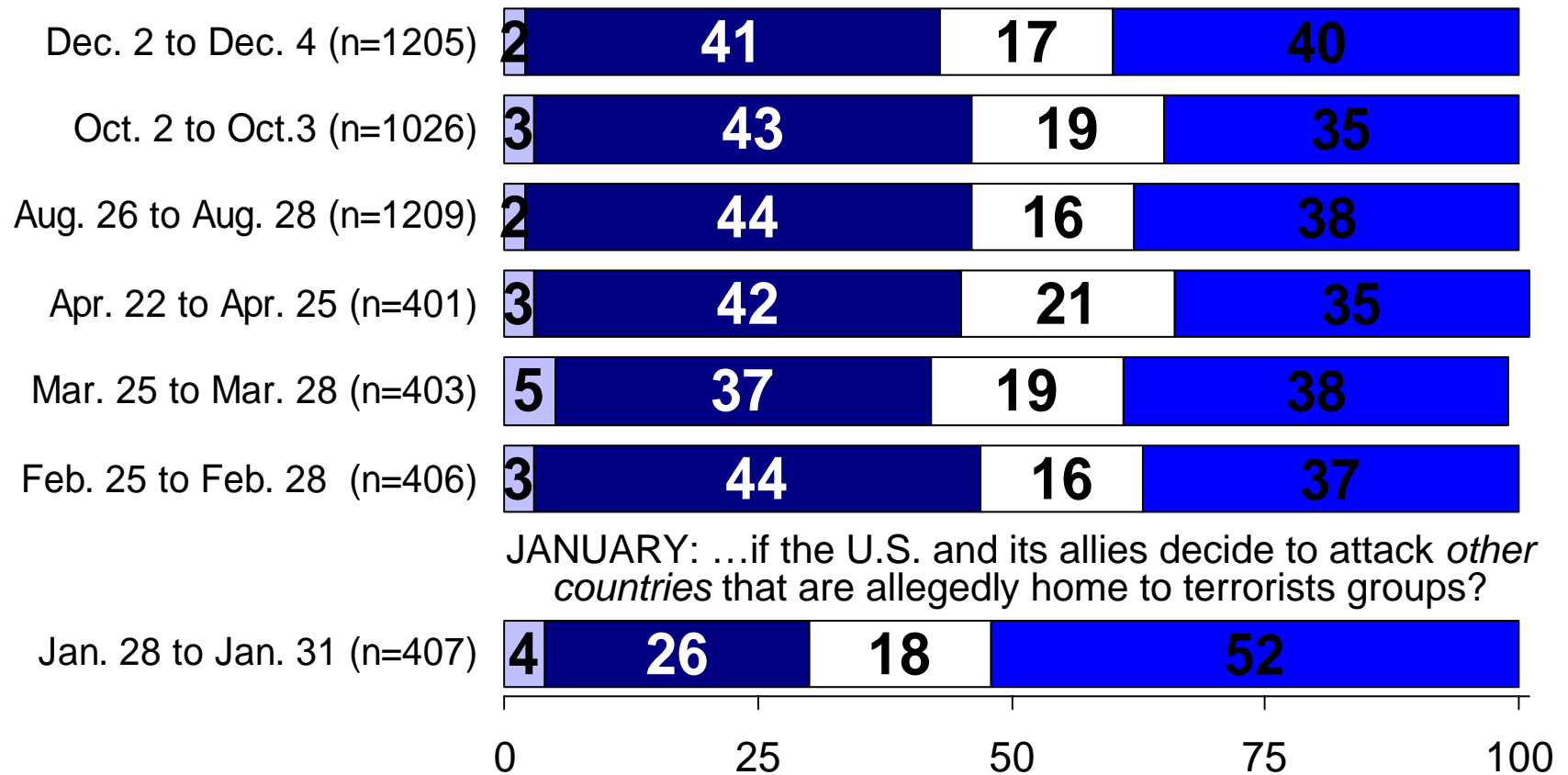
Tension Between the Western and Islamic World

Q: What do you think is the most important "root cause" of the conflicts and tensions between Western and Islamic world?



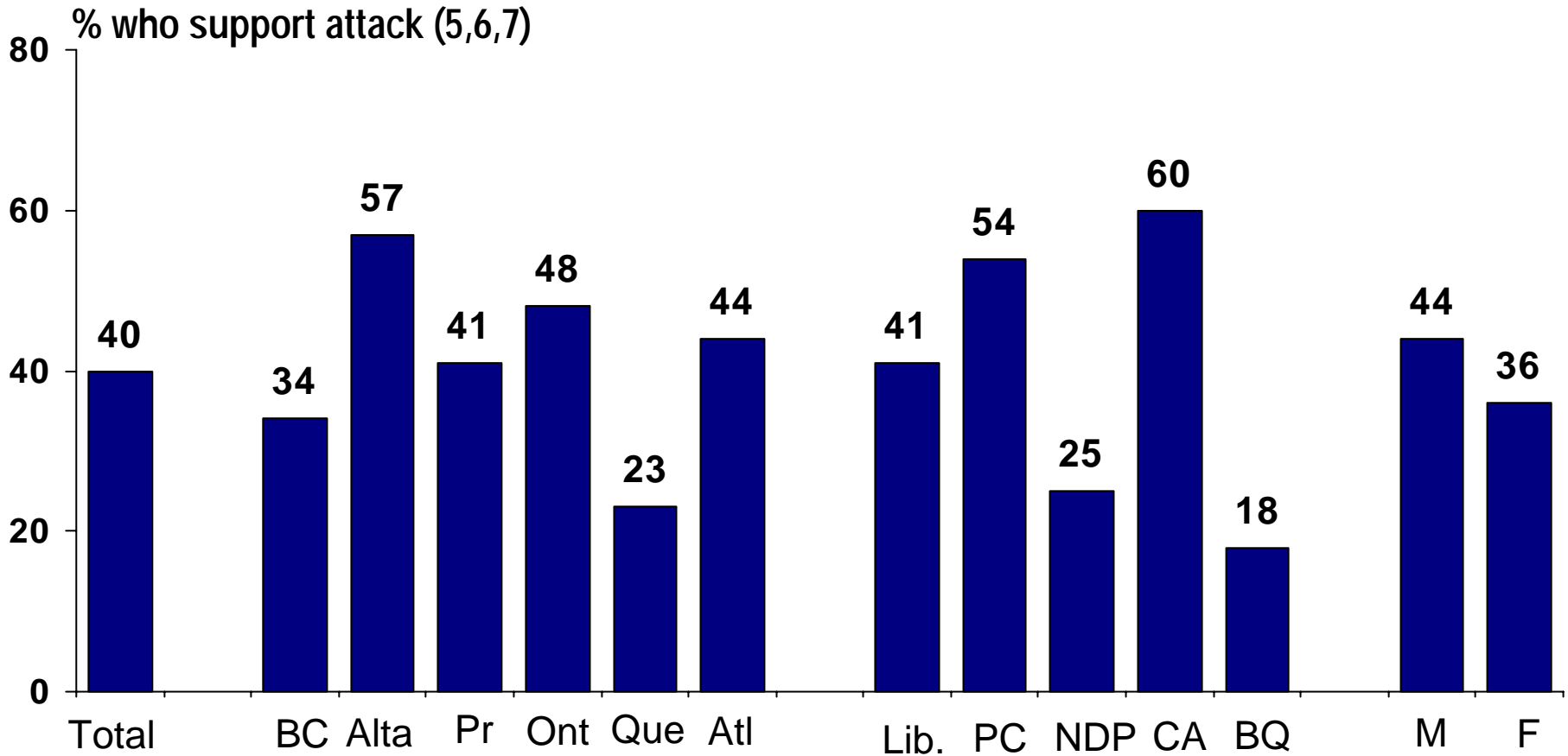
Tracking Support for Attacks in Iraq - Overall

Q: Do you support or oppose Canadian participation if the US and its allies decide to attack IRAQ? Please respond using a 7-point scale where 1 means strongly oppose, 7 means you strongly support and the mid-point 4 means you neither oppose nor support.



Support for Attacks in Iraq – Fractured Landscape

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