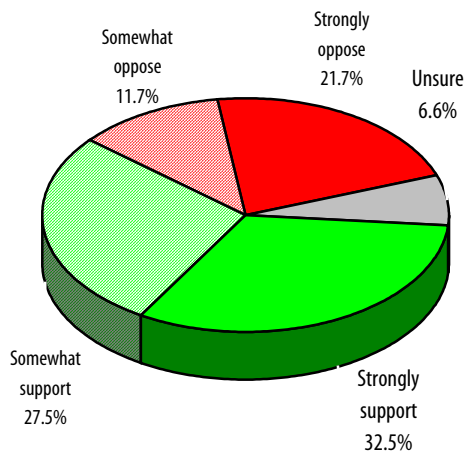


MISSILE DEFENCE SHIELD (N=1,000)



COMMENTARY

A clear majority of Canadians strongly/somewhat support participating in the US missile defence shield.

Regionally, support was the lowest (53%) among Quebecers (7% below national average) compared to other Canadians .

Clear divisions in opinion emerged among Party Lines. Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative voters were the most likely to support participation while Bloc Quebecois and NDP voters were the most likely to oppose participation.

THE QUESTION

Canada is being asked by the United States to participate in a new space-based missile defence shield. This new US system is designed to allow countries to protect themselves from incoming inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose Canada participating in a new space-based missile defence shield with the United States?

Target Groups (+/- index score)	Strongly/somewhat support	Unsure	Strongly/some what Oppose
Atlantic	+7	+1	-8
Quebec	-7	-3	+10
Ontario	0	0	0
West	+3	0	-3
Men	0	-2	+1
Women	0	+1	0
18 to 29	-5	-4	+8
30 to 39	0	+2	-2
40 to 49	+1	+1	-1
50 to 59	+2	-4	+2
60 plus	+3	+1	-4
Liberal voters	-1	-1	+2
CA voters	+18	-2	-16
PC voters	+12	-1	-11
NDP voters	-25	0	+25
BQ voters	-12	-5	+17
Undecided	-4	+5	-1

Note: Plus/minus index scores are based on the difference between the sub-group and the sample average. For example the +18 score noted above among CA voters would indicate that CA voters are 18% percent more likely to support participating in the missile defence shield compared to the national average. Readers should focus on scores greater than +/-5.

THE METHODOLOGY

Between May 13th and May 23rd, 2003, SES conducted a total of 1,000 telephone interviews across Canada with eligible voters as part of the SES National Quarterly Omnibus. Aggregate results of the survey are accurate $\pm 3.1\%$, 19 times out of 20.

Validation of the demographic profile of respondents indicates that the poll is a fair representation of Canadian voters.

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