

Bill C-51: Support declines after months of protest, but strong majority still backs anti-terror legislation

Number of people who say the legislation “goes too far” nearly doubles since February

May 25, 2015 – Vocal opposition to, painstaking review of, and wide protest against Bill C-51 have had some negative impact on Canadian support for the anti-terror legislation, but a clear majority still say they favour it.

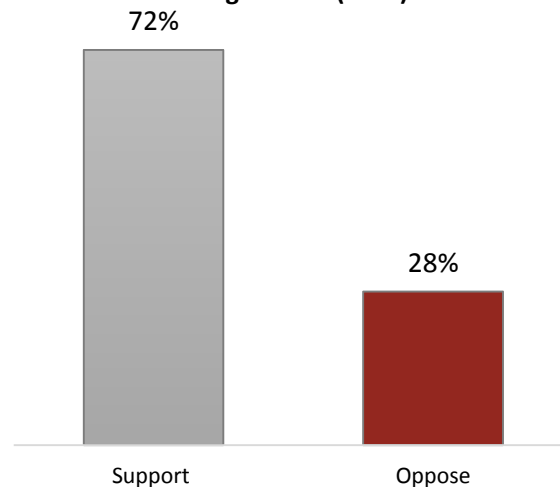
Nationally, nearly three-in-four (72%) Canadians polled in a new public opinion survey by the Angus Reid Institute say they support the legislation, which was introduced in late January and has now passed third reading in the House of Commons, including one-quarter (24%) who say they “strongly” support it.

That said, heightened awareness of the legislation has led to greater concern among those who are more engaged on the issue.

Key Findings:

- Majority support for Bill C-51 has softened, dropping ten points from 82 per cent in February of this year to 72 per cent.
- The number of Canadians polled who say the legislation goes “too far” has nearly doubled since the Angus Reid Institute last polled on this issue, from one-in-five (19%) to more than one-third (36%). That said, the plurality continue to be satisfied C-51 strikes the right balance.
- More Canadians (58%) have confidence in law enforcement agencies to appropriately interpret specific pieces of the legislation, namely “promoting terrorism” than those who don’t (42%).
- Stephen Harper is seen as the best federal leader to deal with the issue of domestic terrorism.

All things considered, do you yourself support or oppose this anti-terrorism legislation (C-51)?



METHODOLOGY:

The Angus Reid Institute conducted an online survey on May 20, 2015 among a representative randomized sample of 1006 Canadian adults who are members of the [Angus Reid Forum](#). For comparison purposes only, a probability sample of this size would carry a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding. The survey was self-commissioned and paid for by ARI. Detailed tables are found at the end of this release.

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Support for C-51

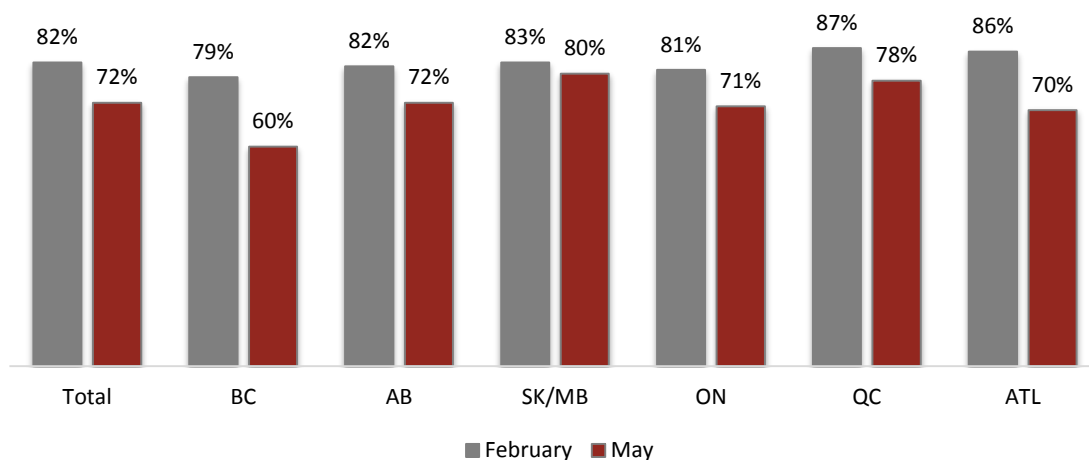
There is still strong majority support for Bill C-51, but the anti-terror legislation does not meet with quite the overwhelming endorsement it enjoyed when it was first announced.

The second wave of polling on this issue from the Angus Reid Institute pegs current public support at 72 per cent (24% strongly support) while 28 per cent of Canadians are opposed. This represents a 10-point decline in support from the 82 per cent reflected in [our first poll taken in February](#) and a corresponding increase in the levels of opposition.

Looking at the survey findings across major demographic groups provides some insight into where public support has softened:

- Regionally, the decline in public support for C-51 is most marked in British Columbia, where this most recent poll shows the lowest levels of public support. It is now at 60 per cent, down 19 points from the 79 per cent recorded in February.
- Elsewhere in the country, support for the anti-terror legislation ranges from 70 per cent in the Atlantic region (down 16 points from February) to 80 per cent in Manitoba-Saskatchewan (down three points).

Support for Bill C-51 by region



- There also appears to be a growing generation gap in perspectives on the anti-terror legislation. Among younger Canadians (those under age 35), support now stands at 57 per cent, also a 19 point decline since February. A closer look shows an even split among young men (51% support, 49% oppose) while more young women support the legislation (64%). Support for C-51 is 20

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points higher among middle-aged and older Canadians with more moderate declines over these three months (see detailed tables at the end of this release).

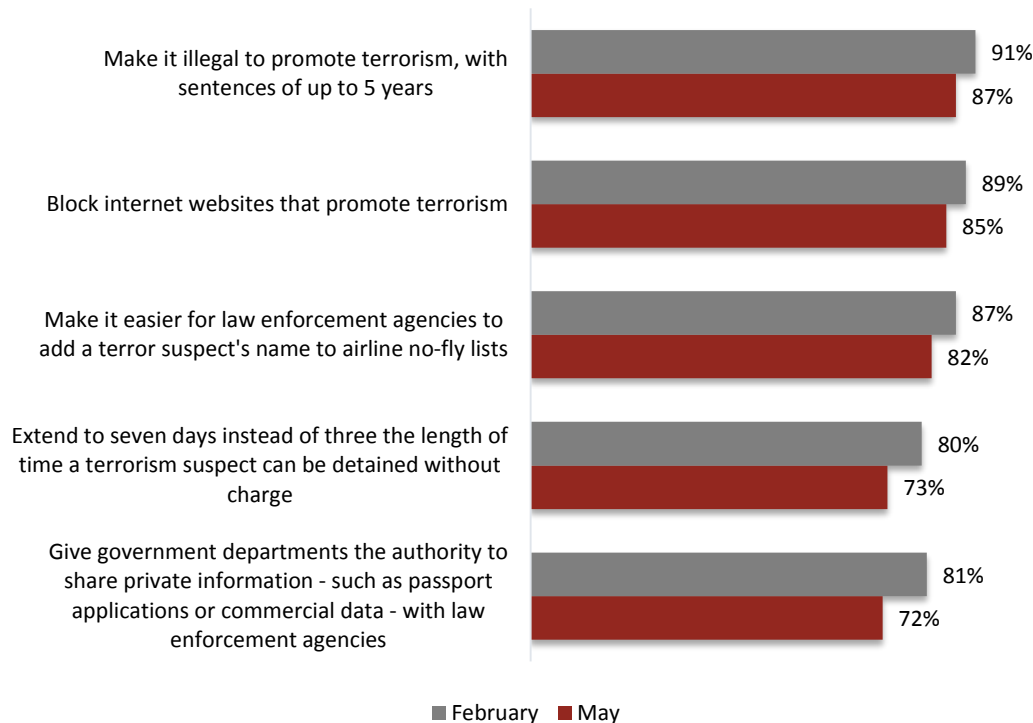
- Socio-economically, there is a continued skew by educational and income strata with higher support noted among Canadians with lower household incomes and less formal education and lower support at the higher ends (a 61 – 39% in favour split among university-educated Canadians).

Support remains for main elements of C-51:

Key individual elements of the anti-terror legislation continue to enjoy majority public support, although here again, there has been some minor softening since February:

- “Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to five years”: 87% support versus 91% in February
- “Block Internet websites that promote terrorism”: 85% support versus 89% in February
- “Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists”: 82% support versus 87% in February
- “Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge”: 73% support versus 80% in February
- “Give government departments the authority to share private information – such as passport applications or commercial data – with law-enforcement agencies”: 72% versus 81% in February

Support for provisions of C-51



Interestingly, a closer look at the tracking data shows that levels of *strong* support for these measures has eroded between eight and 10 points, indicating the overall drops in public support for these elements are accompanied by an ebbing in the intensity of that support.

(This, however, is not the case for overall support of C-51. In that instance, the 10-point decline is drawn from respondents who previously expressed moderate support for the bill. Strong support stands firm at 24%.)

Canadian public opinion expressing concern about domestic terrorism is [well-documented in previous surveys](#) from the Angus Reid Institute. This concern continues to be underlined in the findings of this most recent survey. Most Canadians who are themselves, on balance, opposed to C-51 still support two of the anti-terror elements in the legislation:

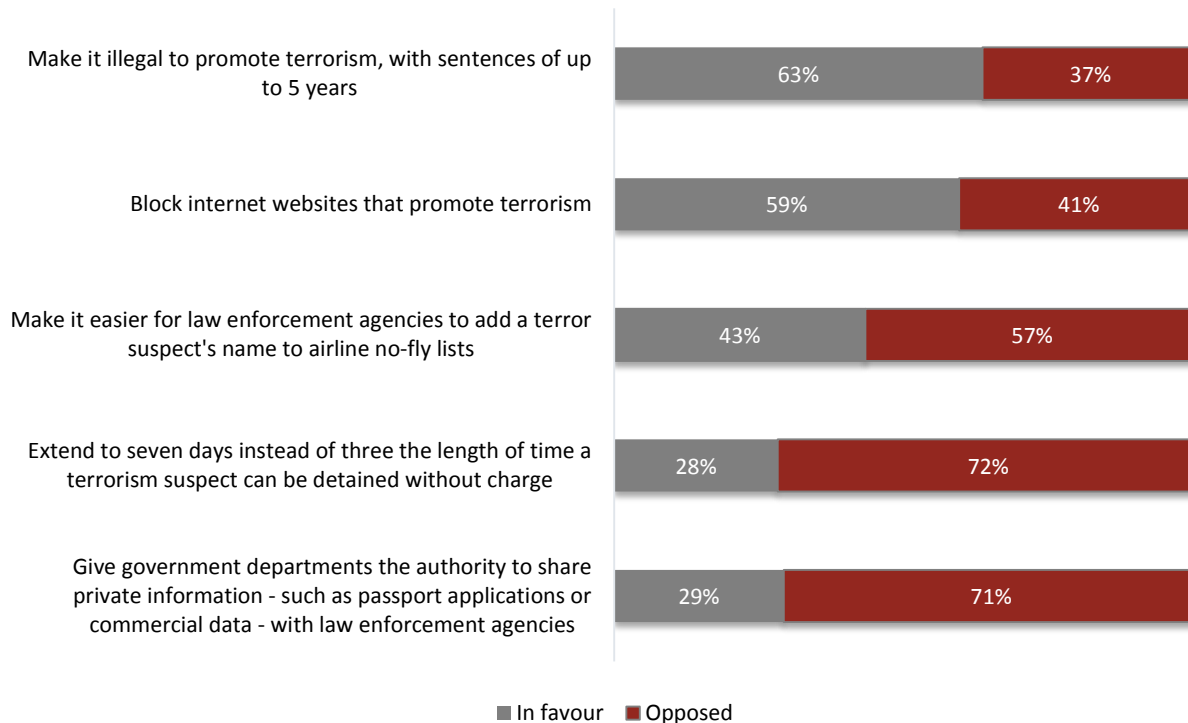
- Cracking down on the promotion of terrorism (63% of C-51 opponents support this element)
- Blocking websites that promote it (59% of C-51 opponents support this element).

That said, C-51 opponents draw the line with the other elements of the legislation, including: easing no-fly additions (57% against), extending suspect hold time to seven days (72% against) and information sharing with law enforcement agencies (71% against).

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Support for provisions of C-51 among those opposed to the bill



Opponents more engaged:

Support for C-51 is stronger among Canadians who are less engaged with the issue.

In general, Canadians are more aware of the new anti-terror legislation, and the corresponding issues surrounding it, than they were at the beginning of the year.

More than half (55%) could accurately be described as well-engaged on this issue: one-in-four (24%) say they have read or seen stories about the issue and discussed it with friends and family; one-in-three (31%) say they have seen a story or two and have had the odd conversation about it.

Compare this to the 43 per cent who said they were engaged (measured against the same metrics) three months ago.

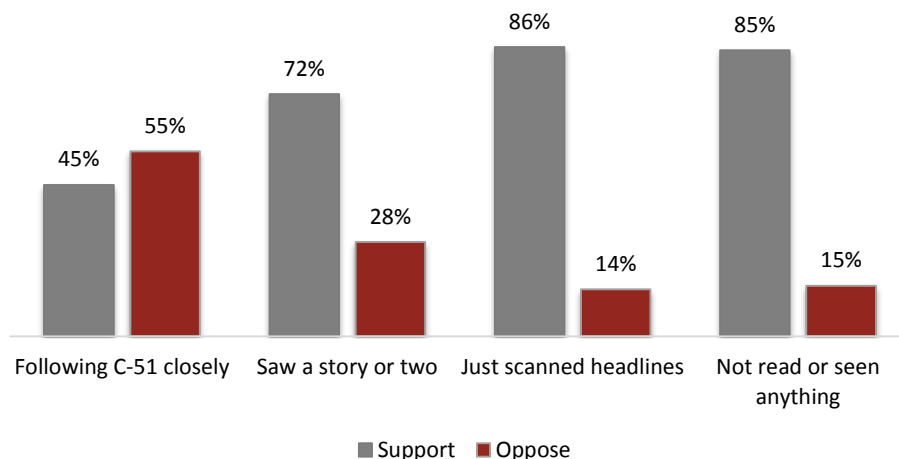
Among the 45 per cent who are today reporting they're less engaged on this issue – either only scanning headlines, or not following it at all, support for C-51 is in the 85 per cent range.

By contrast, a slim majority of Canadians following the issue most closely today oppose C-51 (55% versus 45% support).

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Position on Bill C-51 by awareness of the issue



Oversight versus Rights

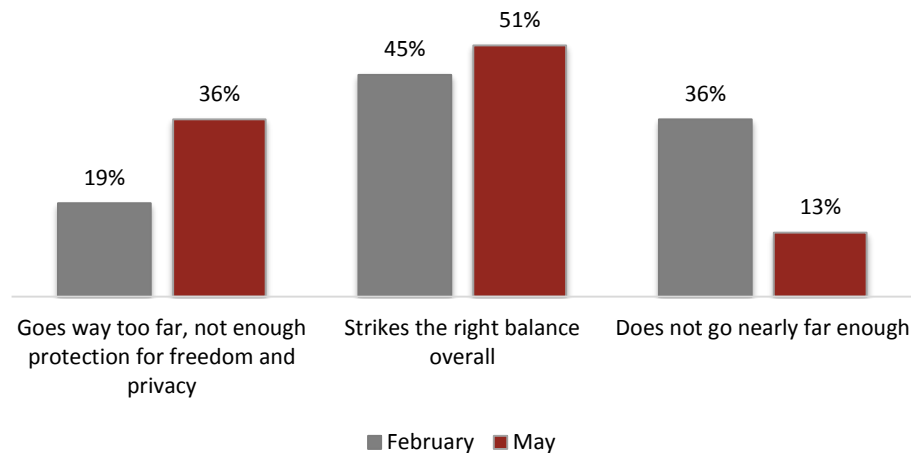
Canadians remain concerned about the issue of police oversight – one of the central items in the debate surrounding the legislation. Seven-in-ten (71%) surveyed express an as-yet unmet desire to see additional supervision of law enforcement to ensure they don't go overboard with their new powers. Conversely, one-in-three (29%) are satisfied with the level of police oversight that exists today. On this key issue, there has been no change in public opinion since the February poll.

Importantly, however, the survey data show there has been significant change over the past few months in the public's overall assessment of the legislation's balance between security and freedom/privacy concerns.

The latest survey shows a slim majority (51%) of Canadians continue to believe the legislation does indeed strike the right balance, but fully 36 per cent now say it "goes way too far". This represents a near-doubling in the last three months of Canadians expressing this concern: it was 19 per cent in February.

By contrast – the number of Canadians who say Bill C-51 "doesn't go far enough" has plummeted: it was 36 per cent in February, and now sits at 13 per cent today.

Would you say this legislation:



The view that the legislation "goes too far" is strongest among some population segments noted earlier for their more tepid overall support of the legislation -- notably B.C. residents, younger Canadians and those with a university education.

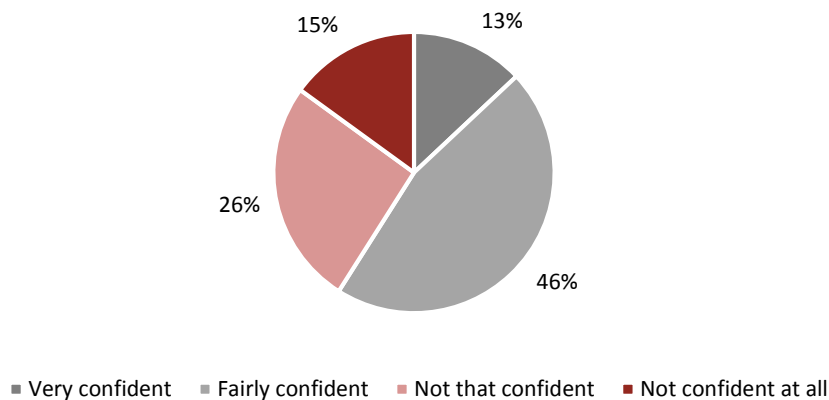
And one's assessment on this count strongly correlates to overall views of the legislation: supporters of C-51 are comfortable that it has struck the right balance (69% take this view), while those opposed to C-51 are highly likely to be concerned that it "goes too far" (90%).

Trust in Police to Interpret C-51 Appropriately?

One of the criticisms of the legislation (and indeed, of polling that directly quotes parts of the legislation) is the bill's wording – specifically pertaining to “making it illegal to promote terrorism”.

As we have noted, that particular element of the draft law has high public support. But critics have fairly asked, what constitutes "promoting terrorism" and who defines it? The Angus Reid Institute asked respondents if they had confidence in law enforcement agencies to interpret this appropriately once the new legislation comes into effect. Well over half (58%) of those polled said they have confidence (although it should be noted, only 13% are “very confident”). In turn, 42 per cent say they are “not that confident” or “not at all confident” on this count.

How confident are you personally that "promoting terrorism" will be appropriately interpreted with this new legislation in place?



Unsurprisingly, confidence is much higher among those who support the legislation. Still, a significant number of supporters (22%) do express unease over how this key element will actually be interpreted by law enforcement with C-51 in place.

Political implications:

Described by media accounts as a “**political juggernaut**”, Bill C-51 and the domestic terrorism file have granted the Conservative Party of Canada and its leader Stephen Harper a politically advantageous wedge. In terms of support for the legislation overall, the CPC’s 2011 voting base is most enthusiastic about the anti-terror legislation, with nine-in-ten (89%) supporting it.

That said, it is important to note that opposition party supporters also give C-51 an overall endorsement: three-in-five (60%) 2011 Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) voters and about as many (58%) 2011 New Democratic Party (NDP) voters.

To what extent is the public safety and domestic terror file looming in the minds of respondents ahead of a fall election? Those surveyed were asked to describe how much of a voting factor the issue will likely be for them using a 10-point scale where one represented “not a factor at all” and 10 represented “it’s the deciding factor”.

Overall, one-in-five (21%) surveyed chose an 8, 9 or 10 on this scale, while the same number (21%) said the issue would be, at best, a minor one as they decide how to vote. The rest – indeed, the majority - (58%) chose somewhere in the middle range (4-7 on the scale).

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Regardless of how much weight the issue carries for them personally, Canadians still give Harper the edge regarding best leadership on the issue. Asked which major federal party leader was best to deal with the domestic terrorism file *if* it were to become the defining issue of a federal election campaign:

- 44% chose CPC leader and Prime Minister Stephen Harper
- 28% chose NDP and Opposition leader Thomas Mulcair
- 28% chose LPC leader Justin Trudeau

Notably, Harper has retained the most in-party support on this metric – four-in-five (83%) past CPC voters select him as best on the issue. This compares with just over half (55%) of past Liberal voters who give the edge to Trudeau, and fewer than half (48%) of past NDP voters who say Mulcair is best on the issue. It is also of note that roughly one-fifth of both past Liberal and NDP voters say Harper is best on the domestic terror issue (see detailed tables at the end of this release).

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In January, the federal government introduced anti-terror legislation, known as Bill C-51 [...] How familiar are you with this legislation?							
(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
Read/saw stories about it and discussed it with friends and	24%	31%	24%	19%	27%	19%	23%
Saw a story or two, and had the odd conversation about it	31%	28%	38%	33%	31%	25%	38%
Just scanned/saw the headlines	30%	31%	23%	31%	27%	38%	26%
Not read/seen anything at all	15%	10%	15%	17%	16%	18%	13%

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		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
Read/saw stories about it and discussed it with friends and	24%	39%	30%	19%	22%	16%	22%
Saw a story or two, and had the odd conversation about it	31%	30%	28%	46%	29%	24%	28%
Just scanned/saw the headlines	30%	19%	33%	31%	22%	39%	32%
Not read/seen anything at all	15%	12%	10%	4%	26%	21%	18%

All things considered, do you yourself support or oppose this anti-terrorism legislation (C-51)?

(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
Strongly support	24%	16%	26%	24%	24%	28%	16%
Support	48%	44%	46%	56%	46%	50%	53%
Oppose	16%	22%	15%	13%	14%	17%	21%
Strongly oppose	12%	19%	12%	7%	15%	6%	9%

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		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
Strongly support	24%	11%	28%	42%	14%	22%	22%
Support	48%	41%	46%	37%	50%	59%	53%
Oppose	16%	23%	16%	15%	21%	10%	16%
Strongly oppose	12%	26%	10%	6%	15%	9%	8%

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(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Education			Household Income		
		High School or less (423)	College/tech school (318)	Uni+ (264)	Under \$50k (352)	\$50k to \$99,999 (305)	\$100k+ (185)
Strongly support	24%	30%	22%	16%	26%	26%	25%
Support	48%	47%	52%	45%	47%	46%	43%
Oppose	16%	13%	16%	23%	14%	16%	20%
Strongly oppose	12%	10%	10%	16%	12%	11%	11%

All things considered, do you yourself support or oppose this anti-terrorism legislation (C-51)?				
(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Federal Vote 2011		
		Conservative Party (304)	Liberal Party (181)	New Democratic Party (223)
Strongly support	24%	40%	15%	13%
Support	48%	49%	45%	45%
Oppose	16%	8%	29%	21%
Strongly oppose	12%	3%	11%	21%

All things considered, do you yourself support or oppose this anti-terrorism legislation (C-51)?					
(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Awareness of Bill C-51			
		Read/saw stories about it (244)	Saw a story or two (307)	Just scanned headlines (301)	Not read/ seen anything (154)
Strongly support	24%	22%	25%	27%	18%
Support	48%	22%	48%	59%	67%
Oppose	16%	21%	22%	11%	10%
Strongly oppose	12%	34%	6%	3%	5%

[Summary of in favour] Below is a summary of some of the specific measures included in C-51. Please indicate whether you are in favour or opposed:							
(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to 5 years	87%	80%	85%	88%	87%	91%	90%
Block internet websites that promote terrorism	85%	77%	81%	80%	83%	93%	89%
Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists	82%	75%	80%	87%	78%	89%	83%
Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge	73%	64%	71%	88%	72%	77%	67%
Give government departments the authority to share private information - such as passport applications or commercial data - with law enforcement agencies	72%	61%	74%	76%	70%	81%	70%

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Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to 5 years	87%	77%	88%	93%	79%	90%	92%
Block internet websites that promote terrorism	85%	70%	84%	90%	78%	91%	92%
Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists	82%	64%	86%	86%	74%	88%	85%
Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge	73%	51%	74%	80%	68%	81%	78%
Give government departments the authority to share private information - such as passport applications or commercial data - with law enforcement agencies	72%	55%	77%	79%	67%	78%	73%

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(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Support C-51 (722)	Oppose C-51 (284)
Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to 5 years	87%	96%	63%
Block internet websites that promote terrorism	85%	95%	59%
Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists	82%	97%	43%
Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge	73%	90%	28%
Give government departments the authority to share private information - such as passport applications or commercial data - with law enforcement agencies	72%	89%	29%

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Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to 5 years	13%	20%	15%	12%	13%	9%	10%
Block internet websites that promote terrorism	15%	23%	19%	20%	17%	7%	11%
Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists	18%	25%	20%	13%	22%	11%	17%
Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge	27%	36%	29%	12%	28%	23%	33%
Give government departments the authority to share private information - such as passport applications or commercial data - with law enforcement agencies	28%	39%	26%	24%	30%	19%	30%

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Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to 5 years	13%	23%	12%	7%	21%	10%	8%
Block internet websites that promote terrorism	15%	30%	16%	10%	22%	9%	8%
Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists	18%	36%	14%	14%	26%	12%	15%
Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge	27%	49%	26%	20%	32%	19%	22%
Give government departments the authority to share private information - such as passport applications or commercial data - with law enforcement agencies	28%	45%	23%	21%	33%	22%	27%

What is your view of the overall balance between security concerns and Canadians' freedom and privacy under this new anti-terror legislation? Would you say this legislation:							
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Goes way too far, not enough protection for freedom and privacy	36%	47%	37%	25%	35%	32%	42%
Strikes the right balance overall	51%	45%	48%	60%	50%	57%	52%
Does not go nearly far enough	13%	8%	15%	15%	16%	11%	5%

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Strikes the right balance overall	51%	40%	51%	57%	49%	57%	52%
Does not go nearly far enough	13%	5%	10%	18%	11%	16%	14%

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Very confident	13%	10%	15%	13%	14%	11%	11%
Fairly confident	46%	40%	42%	40%	45%	54%	46%
Not that confident	26%	30%	26%	37%	23%	26%	28%
Not confident at all	15%	21%	17%	9%	18%	9%	14%

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Very confident	13%	13%	18%	20%	4%	11%	9%
Fairly confident	46%	32%	47%	46%	43%	55%	47%
Not that confident	26%	26%	20%	22%	35%	25%	32%
Not confident at all	15%	29%	15%	12%	19%	9%	12%

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Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to 5 years

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Strongly in favour	58%	47%	61%	61%	60%	56%	62%
In favour	30%	33%	24%	28%	27%	35%	28%
Opposed	9%	14%	13%	8%	8%	7%	10%
Strongly opposed	4%	5%	2%	4%	5%	2%	0%

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In favour	30%	36%	29%	22%	31%	27%	32%
Opposed	9%	14%	10%	7%	12%	8%	6%
Strongly opposed	4%	9%	2%	1%	8%	2%	2%

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Strongly in favour	59%	49%	57%	63%	57%	65%	69%
In favour	26%	29%	24%	17%	26%	28%	21%
Opposed	10%	17%	13%	13%	10%	5%	10%
Strongly opposed	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	2%	1%

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Strongly opposed	5%	9%	4%	2%	13%	1%	1%

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Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists**

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Strongly in favour	44%	36%	48%	47%	44%	45%	50%
In favour	37%	40%	31%	40%	34%	44%	33%
Opposed	12%	15%	14%	7%	14%	6%	12%
Strongly opposed	7%	10%	6%	6%	7%	5%	5%

**Below is a summary of some of the specific measures included in C-51. Please indicate whether you are in favour or opposed:
Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists**

(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Male			Female		
		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
Strongly in favour	44%	25%	46%	52%	35%	51%	51%
In favour	37%	39%	40%	34%	39%	38%	34%
Opposed	12%	20%	9%	10%	12%	8%	12%
Strongly opposed	7%	16%	4%	3%	13%	3%	3%

Below is a summary of some of the specific measures included in C-51. Please indicate whether you are in favour or opposed:
Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge

(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
Strongly in favour	40%	37%	46%	44%	40%	39%	44%
In favour	33%	27%	26%	43%	33%	38%	22%
Opposed	19%	25%	20%	8%	17%	18%	25%
Strongly opposed	8%	11%	9%	5%	11%	5%	8%

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(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Male			Female		
		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
Strongly in favour	40%	25%	40%	54%	31%	44%	43%
In favour	33%	26%	33%	26%	36%	37%	35%
Opposed	19%	33%	16%	15%	16%	14%	19%
Strongly opposed	8%	16%	10%	5%	16%	5%	3%

Below is a summary of some of the specific measures included in C-51. Please indicate whether you are in favour or opposed: Give government departments the authority to share private information - such as passport applications or commercial data - with law enforcement agencies							
(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
Strongly in favour	34%	25%	45%	38%	32%	37%	32%
In favour	38%	35%	29%	38%	38%	45%	38%
Opposed	18%	26%	18%	13%	18%	15%	19%
Strongly opposed	10%	13%	9%	12%	12%	4%	11%

Below is a summary of some of the specific measures included in C-51. Please indicate whether you are in favour or opposed: Give government departments the authority to share private information - such as passport applications or commercial data - with law enforcement agencies							
(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Male			Female		
		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
Strongly in favour	34%	22%	37%	43%	23%	38%	37%
In favour	38%	33%	40%	36%	44%	40%	36%
Opposed	18%	22%	16%	15%	20%	17%	20%
Strongly opposed	10%	23%	7%	7%	13%	5%	7%

Which of the following is closest to your view?							
(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
We already have adequate oversight of the police agencies, nothing additional was required in this new legislation	29%	24%	33%	30%	30%	28%	31%
There should have been additional oversight to ensure the police agencies do not go overboard with these new powers	71%	76%	67%	70%	70%	72%	69%

Which of the following is closest to your view?							
(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Male			Female		
		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
We already have adequate oversight of the police agencies, nothing additional was required in this new legislation	29%	24%	34%	40%	19%	27%	28%
There should have been additional oversight to ensure the police agencies do not go overboard with these new powers	71%	76%	66%	60%	81%	73%	72%

What is your view of the overall balance between security concerns and Canadians' freedom and privacy under this new anti-terror legislation? Would you say this legislation:							
(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
Goes way too far, not enough protection for freedom and privacy	36%	47%	37%	25%	35%	32%	42%
Strikes the right balance overall	51%	45%	48%	60%	50%	57%	52%
Does not go nearly far enough	13%	8%	15%	15%	16%	11%	5%

What is your view of the overall balance between security concerns and Canadians' freedom and privacy under this new anti-terror legislation? Would you say this legislation:							
(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Male			Female		
		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
Goes way too far, not enough protection for freedom and privacy	36%	55%	39%	25%	40%	27%	35%
Strikes the right balance overall	51%	40%	51%	57%	49%	57%	52%
Does not go nearly far enough	13%	5%	10%	18%	11%	16%	14%

What is your view of the overall balance between security concerns and Canadians' freedom and privacy under this new anti-terror legislation? Would you say this legislation:							
(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Education			Household Income		
		High School or less (423)	College/tech school (318)	Uni+ (264)	Under \$50k (352)	\$50k to \$99,999 (305)	\$100k+ (185)
Goes way too far, not enough protection for freedom and privacy	36%	32%	33%	46%	36%	33%	38%
Strikes the right balance overall	51%	53%	54%	46%	52%	56%	46%
Does not go nearly far enough	13%	15%	13%	7%	12%	11%	16%

What is your view of the overall balance between security concerns and Canadians' freedom and privacy under this new anti-terror legislation? Would you say this legislation:			
(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)		
		Support C-51 (722)	Oppose C-51 (284)
Goes way too far, not enough protection for freedom and privacy	36%	15%	90%
Strikes the right balance overall	51%	69%	8%
Does not go nearly far enough	13%	17%	3%

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How much will this whole issue of domestic terrorism be a factor for you in this year's federal election?							
(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
1 Not a factor at all	9%	11%	12%	7%	6%	12%	7%
2	6%	10%	5%	2%	5%	6%	7%
3	6%	7%	4%	14%	4%	6%	6%
4	8%	9%	6%	13%	7%	9%	6%
5	15%	18%	19%	10%	15%	14%	16%
6	18%	23%	11%	18%	17%	18%	18%
7	18%	8%	19%	10%	20%	19%	23%
8	12%	8%	13%	17%	13%	10%	9%
9	6%	3%	7%	4%	7%	4%	4%
10 It's the deciding factor	4%	2%	4%	6%	5%	3%	2%

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(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Male			Female		
		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
1 Not a factor at all	9%	8%	13%	9%	8%	7%	9%
2	6%	11%	5%	9%	5%	4%	3%
3	6%	7%	7%	8%	3%	5%	6%
4	8%	3%	9%	7%	9%	11%	6%
5	15%	11%	11%	13%	19%	15%	22%
6	18%	18%	13%	16%	20%	22%	17%
7	18%	23%	19%	15%	12%	19%	18%
8	12%	10%	13%	14%	14%	9%	9%
9	6%	6%	6%	5%	3%	7%	6%
10 It's the deciding factor	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%	2%	5%

Regardless of how important it is to you personally, if domestic terrorism were to become a defining issue of the upcoming federal campaign, which of the main federal party leaders would you say is best to deal with this issue?							
(unweighted bases)	Total (1006)	Region					
		BC (136)	AB (113)	SK/MB (92)	ON (360)	QC (223)	ATL (82)
Stephen Harper	44%	42%	58%	61%	47%	32%	32%
Justin Trudeau	28%	28%	23%	26%	30%	26%	41%
Thomas Mulcair	28%	30%	19%	14%	23%	43%	27%

Regardless of how important it is to you personally, if domestic terrorism were to become a defining issue of the upcoming federal campaign, which of the main federal party leaders would you say is best to deal with this issue?

(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Male			Female		
		18-34 (144)	35-54 (182)	55+ (165)	18-34 (142)	35-54 (196)	55+ (176)
Stephen Harper	44%	38%	54%	53%	35%	38%	42%
Justin Trudeau	28%	25%	27%	22%	34%	32%	30%
Thomas Mulcair	28%	37%	19%	25%	31%	30%	28%

Regardless of how important it is to you personally, if domestic terrorism were to become a defining issue of the upcoming federal campaign, which of the main federal party leaders would you say is best to deal with this issue?

(weighted sample sizes)	Total (1006)	Federal Vote 2011		
		Conservative Party (304)	Liberal Party (181)	New Democratic Party (223)
Stephen Harper	44%	83%	19%	22%
Justin Trudeau	28%	8%	55%	30%
Thomas Mulcair	28%	9%	26%	48%