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Aleppo

Changing topics now, we want to ask a few questions about the situation in Syria and specifically the recent battle and bombings in the Syrian city of Aleppo.

20. How closely have you been following this issue? Would you say you are:

Seeing a lot of media coverage and discussing it with family and friends

Seeing some coverage and having the odd conversation about it

Just scanning the headlines

Not aware of this issue at all

21. Thinking about the situation in Syria, and the battle of Aleppo specifically, how much would you say you know about this situation? Do you know...

A lot about it – all the major points

The general picture – who the main players are

Just a bit – that there's a war there

Don't really know anything about it

22. In November and December, Syrian government forces – backed by Russian airstrikes – surrounded rebel-held areas of Aleppo, cutting off rebel supply lines and trapping tens of thousands of civilians still living in the city. The siege has been described as a humanitarian crisis.

Which of the following two statements is closer to your own overall opinion on the role Western nations (the U.S., Canada, and our NATO allies) have played in this situation in Aleppo? (even if neither is exactly how you feel)

[Rotate statements]

Western nations failed here – they should have done more to try to prevent the death and destruction in Aleppo

OR

Western nations were right not to get more involved – it would not have helped in the end