

## Two-thirds of Canadians support some involvement in American-led action against ISIS

*Majority also say coalition fight against Islamic State will not be entirely successful at stamping out threat*

**September 25, 2014** – Two-in-three Canadians support some form of involvement in the American-led coalition's military fight against ISIS – but are split on what that involvement should be.

Those are the findings of the latest online public opinion poll of Canadian adults from Angus Reid Global (ARG).

The survey – paid for and commissioned by ARG – show a majority of Canadians (58%) say they have been following ISIS-related events and developments in the news.

### **METHODOLOGY:**

On Sept 17-19, 2014, ARG conducted an online survey among 1502 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Angus Reid Forum panelists. A probability sample of this size carries a margin of error of +/- 2.5%, 19 times out of 20.

Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

**These surveys were self-commissioned and paid for by ARG.**

Detailed charts, tables and regional results are found at the end of this release.

Overall, 41 per cent of those Canadians surveyed say the US-led response to ISIS terror, including airstrikes in Iraq and Syria, is the “right action”, while more than a quarter (28%) say it’s “too little”.

On the issue of Canada’s involvement, nearly two-in-five (38%) say they back Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s commitment to send military advisors to support the coalition.

While Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says Canada isn’t currently contemplating a ground combat role in the fight against ISIS, 28 per cent of Canadians say they “would support Canada getting more involved, including military intervention.”

It is of note that there are no significant differences in opinion on these questions based on past federal voting preferences.

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**Detailed tables are on the following pages.**

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How closely have you been following this situation in the news?							
	Total (1502)	Region					
		BC (200)	AB (151)	MB/SK (100)	ON (508)	PQ (403)	ATL (140)
Very closely	14%	15%	11%	13%	14%	16%	17%
Quite closely	44%	44%	48%	37%	44%	46%	42%
Not that closely	33%	35%	36%	41%	32%	28%	34%
Not following it at all	9%	6%	5%	9%	10%	10%	7%

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The right action	41%	36%	45%	43%	40%	42%	42%
Too little	28%	25%	28%	27%	27%	31%	23%
Too much	11%	13%	12%	9%	11%	9%	13%
Not sure	21%	26%	16%	21%	22%	18%	23%

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America should be getting involved; it's their responsibility as the global superpower	66%	57%	66%	65%	67%	69%	70%
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America should not be getting involved; it often makes matters worse	34%	22%	31%	36%	50%

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	Total (1502)	Awareness of Issues	
		Following the story	Not following the story
America should be getting involved; it's their responsibility as the global superpower	66%	72%	57%
America should not be getting involved; it often makes matters worse	34%	28%	43%

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		BC (200)	AB (151)	MB/SK (100)	ON (508)	PQ (403)	ATL (140)
I support Canada sending military advisors	38%	33%	37%	33%	40%	40%	34%
I would support Canada getting more involved, including military intervention	28%	26%	32%	36%	30%	23%	29%
I am opposed to Canada getting involved at all	23%	27%	20%	19%	22%	26%	24%
Not sure	11%	14%	10%	11%	9%	12%	13%

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Yes, it will ultimately succeed	10%	8%	11%	8%	11%	8%	12%
Not entirely, but it is still worthwhile	30%	28%	37%	31%	29%	28%	27%
The Islamic State will be hurt, but will still be dangerous	33%	31%	28%	28%	31%	39%	32%
Efforts will fail, the Islamic State will remain a serious threat	14%	16%	13%	17%	16%	12%	14%
Can't say/Don't know	14%	17%	11%	17%	13%	13%	15%

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