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Changing topics now ...

We would like to ask you some questions about Canada's role in the manufacturing and sale of Canadian weapons, military vehicles and parts, and other defence-related technology to buyers overseas.

QS1. First, where do you think Canada ranks compared to other countries in terms of the amount of weapons and military technology it produces and sells to other nations.

Is Canada:

A major player – one of the top 10 defence exporters in the world

An intermediate player – outside the top 10, but in the top 20

A minor player – not in the top 20

QS2. In fact, Canada ranked 6th in the world for exports of military and defence technology exports in 2016, according to IHS Jane's, an industry analyst.

The Canadian defence industry employs more than 70,000 people, which represents about 4 per cent of manufacturing jobs in this country. According to IHS Jane's, Canadian military and defence exports were worth more than \$4.3 billion last year, which is less than one per cent of all exports from Canada.

If you had to pick, of the following countries, are there any you think we *shouldn't* sell military goods and defence technology to? (Choose all that apply)

[RANDOMIZE]

Saudi Arabia

Australia

United Kingdom

Peru

France

Germany

Norway

United States

[ANCHORED, EXCLUSIVE] No, it's fine for us to sell to any or all of these countries

QS3. In fact, Canada sells to all of these countries.

The U.S. is the biggest buyer of Canadian arms and military technology.

The second biggest customer is Saudi Arabia. Last year, the Canadian government approved a 15-year, \$15 billion deal for a Canadian manufacturer to sell armoured vehicles to Saudi Arabia.

Recently, video has surfaced that appears to show Saudi soldiers using those Canadian-made combat vehicles to fire on civilians in the country's Eastern Province. This video is unverified, and the Canadian government is investigating.

Suppose you were an advisor to the Canadian government. Based on what you know today, including what you've learned in this survey, what would you advise the government to do?

Cancel this deal with Saudi Arabia, and prohibit any future sales of Canadian weapons to that country
Leave this deal in place but prohibit any other weapons deals with Saudi Arabia
Maintain the current deal and continue to allow weapons sales to Saudi Arabia

QS4. Some people say Canada is responsible when weapons manufactured here and sold to governments abroad are used against civilians

Other people say it's not our responsibility if governments abroad use Canadian weapons against civilians, because we can't control how those governments behave

Which statement is closer to your own view...

[ROTATE]

Canada is responsible in situations like this

Canada is not responsible in situations like this