

ARI Iran Affairs
Standard National Sample n=1,500

QU1. Last week a Ukraine International Airlines plane crashed shortly after take-off from Tehran, the capital of Iran. All 176 people on the flight were killed, including at least 57 Canadian citizens.

How closely have you been following this event? Would you say you are...?

Following it in the news and discussing it with friends and family
Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it
Just scanning the headlines
Haven't heard anything about it until now

QU2. The plane crashed shortly after Iran launched a missile attack on two US bases in Iraq. This was in retaliation for a US drone attack that killed a senior Iranian General. Iran initially denied that the plane was shot down but has since confirmed that this was the case. Iranian officials have invited Canadian officials to view the crash site, though it is not yet known if they will offer access to flight recording devices, which were initially withheld.

How confident are you that the world will ultimately get the full, accurate story of what actually happened here?

Very confident
Confident
Not that confident
Not at all confident

QU3. Canada has not had formal diplomatic relations or an embassy in Iran since 2012, when Prime Minister Stephen Harper ordered the government to close the embassy and expelled Iranian diplomats in Canada over human rights abuses by the Iranian regime. This has made the current situation more complicated.

In your opinion, what approach should the Canadian government take going forward:

Work with Iran during the investigation but make no attempt to re-establish diplomatic ties
Use this event as an opportunity to open some diplomatic relations with Iran
Work towards re-establishing full diplomatic relations with Iran, including an embassy in Tehran

QU4. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. airstrike in Iraq that killed Qassim Suleimani, a top Iranian general?

Strongly approve
Approve
Disapprove
Strongly Disapprove
Not sure/Can't say

QU5. The Trump administration has stated that there was an imminent threat to Americans and that the strike was necessary and has made the world a safer place. Critics have said that the evidence of a threat provided by the administration is weak, and that the Middle East has now been destabilized further.

Overall, do you think the US action of killing the Iranian General has made the world a safer or more dangerous place, or makes no real difference either way?

Safer

More dangerous

No real difference

QU6. US President Trump has suggested that other NATO allies, which includes Canada, need to step up and do more to advance security in the Middle East. Canada has had about 500 troops in Iraq for the fight against ISIS, though they were moved to Kuwait as a precaution after these events. What would you do if you were in charge of Canada's military operations in Iraq? Would you:

Keep current levels, about 500 Canadian troops, in Iraq once things calm down

Increase troop levels there

Decrease troop levels there

Get Canadian troops out of Iraq entirely

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Finally, just a few questions on Canadian politics.

Q12. Do you approve or disapprove of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau?

Strongly approve

Approve

Disapprove

Strongly disapprove

Not sure/Can't say

Q13. If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you yourself be most likely to support?

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada

Bloc Quebecois (BQ)

Green Party

Other Party/Independent

Undecided /Don't know

Rather not say

Will not vote

[if undecided/rather not say in Q13]

Q14. We've noticed you did not select a party. Is there a party you are currently leaning towards?

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada

Bloc Quebecois (BQ)

Green Party

Other Party/Independent

Undecided /Don't know

Rather not say

Will not vote