

Table 1

INITIAL PUBLIC REACTION TO THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON QUÉBEC SEPARATION							
	REGION						
	Canada	B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask.	Ontario	Québec	Atlantic
(Weighted Bases)	(1511) (%)	(197) (%)	(136) (%)	(106) (%)	(570) (%)	(379) (%)	(123) (%)
IMPACT ON NATIONAL UNITY:							
Future Unity of Canada will be:							
More secure	47	48	41	52	47	47	49
Less secure	33	31	39	32	35	32	29
(Not affected)	14	15	14	15	13	15	16
(Unsure)	5	6	6	1	5	6	6
WHAT'S A CLEAR MAJORITY?							
50% plus one	22	15	22	21	17	32	27
Larger Majority - Total	77	83	75	77	82	66	72
How Large? - 51-60% (These figures	20	16	19	16	19	29	13
- 61-70% re-calculated	25	24	22	28	27	23	22
- 71-80% to total sample)	25	37	28	29	27	10	33
- 80%+	5	7	6	3	8	2	5
(Unsure)	2	2	3	2	2	3	1
WHO WRITES THE QUESTION?							
Government of Québec	11	3	8	6	7	27	2
Federal government	9	11	12	10	11	4	11
Both Québec and federal government	49	49	47	51	50	43	63
A body of Academics	13	18	14	12	13	11	9
Some other group	16	18	15	19	17	12	14
(Unsure)	3	1	4	2	2	2	2

First, based on whatever you've seen or heard about this, all things considered, do you think that the future national unity of Canada will be more secure or less secure as a result of this Supreme Court decision?

This Supreme Court decision refers to the issue of a "clear majority" vote in a future Québec referendum, but does not specify what a "clear majority" would be. In your opinion, would a 50 percent plus one referendum vote meet the definition of a clear majority, or would a larger majority be required?

(If larger majority): What percentage, in your view, would be a clear majority vote?

This Supreme Court decision also refers to the issue of a "clear question" being asked in a referendum on Québec sovereignty. This raises the issue of who should write the question. Of the following, who would you say should write the question in a future Québec sovereignty referendum? Should it be: The government of Québec, The federal government, Both those governments together, A body of academics, or some other group?

Table 2

THE CURRENT CLIMATE IN QUÉBEC									
	QUÉBEC		REGION		GENDER		AGE		
	May/June	August	Mtl. Area	Elsewhere	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
(Weighted Bases)	(1000) (%)	(423) (%)	(200) (%)	(223) (%)	(175) (%)	(175) (%)	(114) (%)	(137) (%)	(98) (%)
THE PARTY STANDINGS									
Liberal	48	48	54	43	42	55	36	45	68
Parti Québécois	40	44	37	51	46	42	55	46	28
P.A.D.	8	6	8	5	9	4	8	6	4
Other	3	1	1	2	3	-	1	3	-
THE REFERENDUM VOTE: SOVEREIGNTY-PARTNERSHIP AND INDEPENDENCE									
	QUÉBEC		REGION		GENDER		AGE		
	May/June	August	Montreal Area	Elsewhere	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
	(1000) (%)	(423) (%)	(200) (%)	(223) (%)	(175) (%)	(175) (%)	(114) (%)	(137) (%)	(98) (%)
Sovereignty-Partnership									
Yes	49	48	46	52	52	46	56	50	39
No	51	52	54	48	48	54	44	50	61
Independence									
Yes	33	37	33	41	42	32	43	37	28
No	66	63	67	59	58	68	57	63	72
Note: All of the above are decided vote calculations – undecided/refused excluded.									

Now thinking about provincial politics, based on how you feel right now, if a provincial election were held tomorrow here in Québec, which of the following parties' candidates would you, yourself, be most likely to support?

If a referendum were held today, would you vote "Yes" or "No" to Québec sovereignty, accompanied by an offer of a partnership with the rest of Canada?

If a referendum were held today, would you vote "Yes" or "No" on Québec becoming an independent country, separate from Canada?