

*As you may be aware, Marty McSorley of the Boston Bruins was recently charged by the Vancouver Police for assault because of a high-sticking incident against Donald Brashear of the Vancouver Canucks during a hockey game. Do you feel that the Vancouver Police were right to charge McSorley with assault for this incident?*

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	Total	BC	Alberta	Sask/ Man	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	18 to 34	35 to 54	55+	Male	Female
Base: All respondents	1409	202	135	120	531	301	120	388	616	397	657	752
Weighted	1409	183	127	98	533	353	116	473	547	382	692	717
Yes, right	68%	67%	58%	66%	60%	85%	69%	62%	69%	74%	64%	72%
No	29%	28%	40%	32%	37%	12%	31%	35%	28%	23%	34%	24%
(DK/NS)	3%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%

*Recently, there has been a lot of talk about violence in hockey. Some people say that hockey is too violent and that the rules should be changed to limit its presence in the game. Other people say that violence is an acceptable part of hockey and there is no need to change the rules to limit it. Which one of these two opinions is closer to your point of view?*

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Too violent/Rules should be changed	71%	71%	57%	70%	68%	82%	69%	56%	76%	84%	61%	81%
Violence is part of the game/No need to change rules	27%	25%	40%	27%	30%	16%	31%	43%	21%	13%	36%	18%
(DK/NS)	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	-	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%

*Compared to a few years ago, would you say that the level of unnecessary violence in hockey has increased or decreased?*

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Increased	75%	66%	69%	82%	72%	84%	77%	71%	73%	84%	67%	83%
Decreased	6%	8%	11%	5%	6%	4%	8%	8%	7%	4%	10%	3%
Stayed the same	14%	17%	15%	11%	17%	10%	13%	17%	16%	8%	21%	8%
(DK/NS)	4%	9%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%

