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As you may know, Canada is sending 750 ground troops to assist the US efforts to destroy the remaining Taliban and al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan. The Canadian troops will serve under Canadian command but be under US operational control. This will not be peacekeeping, but a military mission that could include combat and Canadian casualties. Now, some people say that they oppose the use of Canada's forces in this way because it is different from the traditional peacekeeping missions Canadian soldiers have had in the past. Others say that they support Canadian troops taking on a combat mission this time because it is necessary given the circumstances. 1. Which statement is closest to your point of view ?

		REGION TYPE		REGION						INCOME		
	TOTAL	Rural	Urban	BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL	<\$30K	\$30K- <\$60K	\$60K +
Base: All Respondents												
Unweighted Base	1000	182	818	150	100	100	300	250	100	250	329	339
Weighted Base	1000	175	825	130	90	70	377	251	81	256	327	333
Oppose the use of Canada's forces in this way	33%	33%	33%	33%	24%	30%	27%	50%	19%	39%	30%	28%
Support Canadian troops taking on a combat mission this time	66%	67%	66%	66%	76%	67%	71%	49%	81%	60%	70%	70%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	2%	2%	-	1%	0	2%

		AGE			GENDER		EDUCATION			
	TOTAL	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	<HS	HS	Post sec	University
Base: All Respondents										
Unweighted Base	1000	303	439	244	500	500	118	234	372	271
Weighted Base	1000	337	378	272	490	510	119	235	369	273
Oppose the use of Canada's forces in this way	33%	35%	31%	32%	29%	36%	36%	31%	27%	39%
Support Canadian troops taking on a combat mission this time	66%	65%	67%	67%	70%	62%	62%	68%	72%	59%
Don't know	1%	0	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0	1%	2%