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Toronto, ONTARIO – The call by United States President George W. Bush, in the State of the Union address this week to expand the 'War on Terrorism' beyond Afghanistan, appears to be supported by Canadians according to an Ipsos-Reid/Globe and Mail/CTV poll released today. In fact, over two-thirds (67%) of Canadians support the expansion of military activity against other countries, such as Iraq and Somalia, where terrorist groups are alleged to be based. Over four-in-ten (42%) strongly support this action and a further quarter (26%) somewhat support. This compares to three-in-ten (30%) who oppose this action.

These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid/Globe and Mail/CTV poll conducted between January 29th and January 30th, 2002. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 930 adult Canadians. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 3.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 1996 Census data.

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- Support for this proposal is strongest in Alberta (80%), Manitoba/Saskatchewan (76%) and Atlantic Canada (75%), followed by Ontario (68%) and British Columbia (65%). Residents of Quebec (58%) are least supportive of expansion of the 'War on Terrorism'.
- Men (71% versus 64% of women) are more likely to support this increased scope of military action.
- Middle-aged (71%) Canadians are more likely to support expanded military action, than younger (66%) or older (64%) Canadians.
- Opposition is strongest in Quebec (40%), among older Canadians (34%) and women (33%).

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