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Toronto, ONTARIO – A new Ipsos-Reid/CTV/Globe and Mail poll released tonight indicates that 84% of Canadians believe that the United States, because of its policies and actions in the Middle East and other parts of the world, bears some of the responsibility (69%) or all of the responsibility (15%) for the terrorist attacks on them. Fourteen percent (14%) believe that the United States bears none of the responsibility for the terrorist attacks on them.

Further, while 82% of Canadians believe that Osama Bin Ladin is still alive, 61% indicate that the Federal Government has done enough to support the United States and its war on terrorism -- almost identical (62%) to the findings on the exact question in December, 2001. One quarter (24%) of Canadians indicate that the Federal Government has not done enough to support the U.S. and its war on terrorism (23% in December, 2001) and 14% indicate that it has done “too much” (also 14% in December, 2001).

These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid/CTV/Globe and Mail poll conducted between August 27th and August 29th, 2002. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 1,000 adult Canadians. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out

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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.

Seven in ten (69%) Canadians think that the United States, because of its policies and actions in the Middle East and other parts of the world, bear some of the responsibility for the terrorist attacks on them, while 15% indicate that they believe that the U.S. bears all of the responsibility.

- Those most likely to believe that the U.S. bears all of the responsibility are in the province of Quebec (19%).
- With 84% believing that the United States bears some or all of the responsibility, the highest levels of sentiment in this regard are reported in British Columbia (89%), Saskatchewan and Manitoba (88%), Alberta (86%), Quebec (85%) and Ontario (83%). The Atlantic provinces are least likely to share this view (74%).
- As well, younger Canadians (87%) are most likely to express this view.
- As for those who view the U.S. as having “none of the responsibility” for the terrorist attacks made on them, the highest levels of support for this point of view are from Atlantic Canada (20%), Ontario (16%) and those aged 35-54 (16%).

Is Osama Bin Ladin alive? Eight in ten (82%) agree (45% strongly / 37% somewhat) while 10% disagree (6% somewhat / 4% strongly), and 7% indicate that they “don’t know”.



- Those who hold the strongest view that Osama Bin Ladin is still alive are in Saskatchewan/Manitoba (87%) and British Columbia (86%) with lowest levels of agreement in Alberta (81%) and Quebec (81%).
- Those who are younger (86%) are more likely to believe that he is alive than progressively older generations (81%).

In a follow-up tracking question from December, 2001, Canadians were asked whether the Federal Government has done “too much”, “not enough”, or “enough” in supporting the United States and its war on terrorism. The results indicate virtually identical responses even though the polls were taken eight months apart with 61% indicating the Federal Government has done enough (62% in December, 2001), 24% indicating they have not done enough (23% previously) and 14% indicate they have done too much (14% previously).

- Those most likely to indicate that the Federal Government has done enough are from Saskatchewan/Manitoba (73%) and are younger-aged (64%) and women (64%).
- Those who are most likely to indicate that the Federal Government has not done enough are from Ontario and Alberta (both at 30%).
- Those most likely to believe that too much has been done are from British Columbia (21%).



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