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Toronto, ON – Canadians are largely reacting to the recently introduced and approved motion by the Conservative Party government which defines the Quebecois as "a nation within a united Canada" with apparent indifference, according to a new Ipsos Reid survey conducted on behalf of CanWest/Global News.

In fact, only a minority of Canadians (42%) agree that "Stephen Harper did the right thing for Canada by introducing" the resolution (16% strongly feel this way). And a full two-thirds (66%) do not believe the resolution will "help bring Canada closer together".

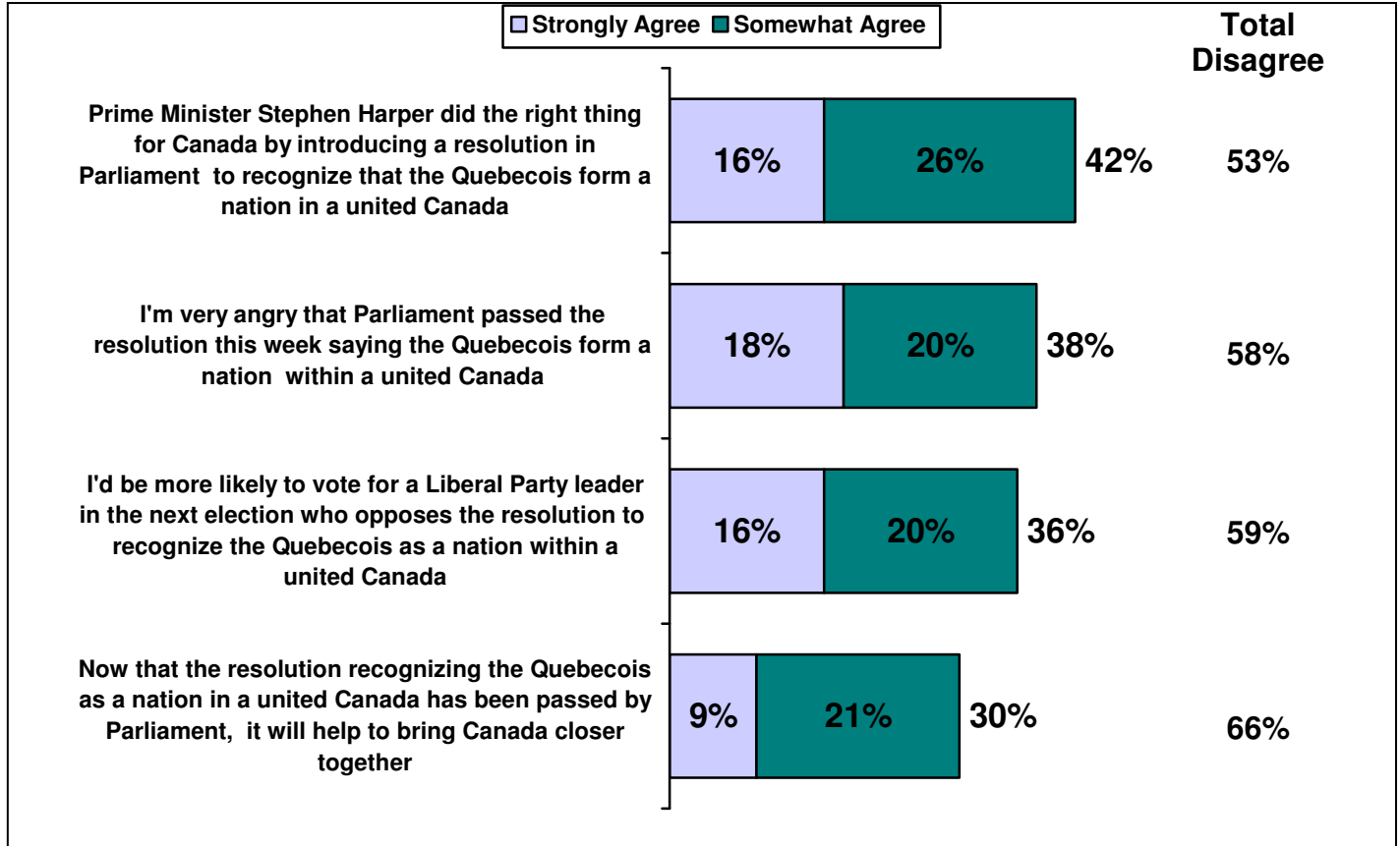
But while most Canadians question the value of the Parliamentary resolution, it doesn't appear as though it has riled the public's ire, as most (58%) say that they are not angry about it being voted on and passed in The House of Commons.

Furthermore, a majority (59%) disagree with the statement that "I'd be more likely to vote for a Liberal Party leader in the next election who opposes the resolution to recognize the Quebecois as a nation within a united Canada".

These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted for CanWest News Service/Global News and fielded from November 28-29th, 2006. For this survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1000 adult Canadians was interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the aggregate results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 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 each sub-grouping of the survey population.

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I'm now going to read you statements about federal political issues. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree:



*Regionally...*

			REGION					
		TOTAL	BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL
Prime Minister Stephen Harper did the right thing for Canada by introducing a resolution in Parliament to recognize that the Quebecois form a nation in a united Canada	Agree	42%	38%	35%	35%	35%	63%	30%
	Disagree	53%	56%	61%	58%	58%	35%	66%
I'm very angry that Parliament passed the resolution this week saying the Quebecois form a nation within a united Canada	Agree	38%	37%	41%	45%	42%	26%	39%
	Disagree	58%	55%	55%	52%	53%	70%	59%
I'd be more likely to vote for a Liberal Party leader in the next election who opposes the resolution to recognize the Quebecois as a nation within a united Canada	Agree	36%	37%	31%	34%	41%	26%	46%
	Disagree	59%	55%	65%	59%	54%	70%	47%
Now that the resolution recognizing the Quebecois as a nation in a united Canada has been passed by Parliament, it will help to bring Canada closer together	Agree	30%	33%	26%	27%	27%	36%	26%
	Disagree	66%	59%	70%	70%	69%	62%	69%

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