

CANWEST MEDIA - TASERS

1. As you may know, Robert Dziekanski, a 40-year-old Polish immigrant, died shortly after being tasered by RCMP officers at Vancouver International Airport a few weeks ago. Based on what you have seen, read or heard about the events leading up to his death, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the actions of the RCMP that day?

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested
(5% risk level) - A/B/C/D/E/F - G/H/I - J/K

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		REGION						AGE			GENDER	
	TOTAL	BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Base: All Respondents												
Unweighted Base	1000	131	104	65	380	250	70	226	409	360	492	508
Weighted Base	1000	132	102*	65*	383	244	74*	279	391	324	484	516
Strongly approve	92 9%	11 8%	10 10%	7 10%	45 12%	18 7%	3 4%	18 6%	45 12%	29 9%	58 12%	34 7%
Somewhat approve	183 18%	15 11%	16 16%	9 14%	73 19%	56 23%	14 20%	42 15%	86 22%	54 17%	88 18%	95 18%
Somewhat disapprove	192 19%	23 18%	21 20%	9 14%	70 18%	58 24%	11 15%	62 22%	73 19%	56 17%	100 21%	92 18%
Strongly disapprove	420 42%	73 55%	33 33%	38 59%	158 41%	88 36%	31 41%	107 38%	155 40%	155 48%	194 40%	227 44%
Don't know/Refused	113 11%	11 8%	22 22%	2 3%	38 10%	25 10%	15 21%	50 18%	31 8%	30 9%	44 9%	68 13%
ACDE												
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Approve (Top2Box)	275 28%	25 19%	26 25%	16 24%	118 31%	74 30%	17 23%	60 21%	131 34%	83 26%	146 30%	130 25%
Disapprove (Low2Box)	612 61%	96 73%	54 53%	47 73%	228 59%	145 60%	42 56%	169 61%	228 58%	211 65%	294 61%	318 62%
BDEF												

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2. Now, the video of this incident has been released to the media. Have you personally seen any of the video of this incident?

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Yes	622 62%	97 73% BDE	53 52%	49 75% BDE	231 60%	144 59%	49 66%	114 41%	254 65% G	250 77% GH	315 65%	307 60%
No	375 38%	35 27%	47 46% AC	16 25%	152 40% AC	100 41% AC	25 34%	164 59% HI	136 35% I	74 23%	168 35%	207 40%
Don't know/Refused	2 0	0 -	1 1% D	0 -	0 -	1 0	0 -	1 0	1 0	0 -	1 0	1 0

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3. And did what you saw and heard in the video make you more supportive or less supportive of the actions of the police in this incident?

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Base: Seen the video of this incident												
Unweighted Base	641	99	58	48	239	150	47	98	262	277	334	307
Weighted Base	622	97*	53*	49*	231	144	49*	114*	254	250	315	307
More supportive	97 16%	10 11%	11 20%	10 20%	37 16%	23 16%	7 14%	15 13%	44 17%	38 15%	63 20% K	34 11%
Less supportive	457 73%	78 80% B	32 61%	35 72%	166 72%	110 77% B	36 74%	93 81% H	174 68%	186 74%	222 70%	235 77%
No change	55 9%	8 8%	8 14%	4 8%	22 10%	8 6%	5 10%	5 4%	33 13% GI	18 7%	27 9%	28 9%
Don't know/Refused	13 2%	0 0	3 5%	0 -	7 3%	2 2%	1 2%	1 1%	3 1%	9 3%	4 1%	10 3%

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4. Just recently, the Solicitor General of British Columbia has launched a public inquiry into the death of Robert Dziekanski, where both the events leading to his death and the policies governing the use of tasers by law enforcement officials will be investigated. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the decision to hold a public inquiry for this purpose?

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Weighted Base	1000	132	102*	65*	383	244	74*	279	391	324	484	516
Strongly support	521 52%	91 69% DE	59 58% E	35 53% E	202 53% E	90 37% ABF	45 60% E	140 50%	199 51%	180 56%	237 49%	285 55%
Somewhat support	294 29%	21 16%	22 22%	23 35% A	124 32% A	90 37% ABF	15 20%	92 33%	113 29%	85 26%	139 29%	155 30%
Somewhat oppose	83 8%	11 8%	4 4%	4 6%	24 6%	36 15% BD	4 5%	24 9%	33 8%	26 8%	48 10%	34 7%
Strongly oppose	75 7%	6 4%	10 10%	2 3%	29 7%	24 10%	5 6%	12 4%	35 9% G	27 8%	49 10% K	26 5%
Don't know/Refused	27 3%	3 2%	7 7% DE	2 3%	5 1%	4 1%	6 9% DE	10 4%	10 3%	6 2%	12 2%	15 3%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Support (Top2Box)	815 82%	112 85% E	81 80%	57 88% E	326 85% E	180 74%	59 80%	232 83%	313 80%	265 82%	375 78%	440 85% J
Oppose (Low2Box)	158 16%	17 13%	14 14%	6 9%	52 14%	60 25% ABCDF	8 11%	37 13%	68 17%	53 16%	97 20% K	61 12%

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5. Some people say that governments and agencies should have the police or anyone else stop using these taser devices until the public inquiry investigating the safety, effectiveness and appropriateness of tasers has been concluded. Other people say that the police and others should continue to use taser devices because they are effective alternatives to using a gun and that a thorough investigation about their safety, effectiveness and appropriateness can proceed without them being taken out of use. Which is closer to your point of view?

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Stop using tasers pending results of the investigation	455	62	35	24	167	141	27	125	151	176	204	251
	46%	47%	35%	36%	44%	58% BCDF	37%	45%	39%	54% GH	42%	49%
Continue to use tasers and review once the results of enquiry released	521	67	64	41	204	102	44	150	233	135	272	250
	52%	51%	62% E	62% E	53% E	42%	59% E	54% I	60% I	42%	56% K	48%
Don't know/Refused	24	4	3	1	12	1	3	3	7	13	8	15
	2%	3%	3%	1%	3% E	0	4% E	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%