

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

* small base

		REGION TYPE		EDUCATION				INCOME		
	TOTAL	Urban	Rural	<HS	HS	Post sec	University	<\$30K	\$30K-<\$60K	\$60K +
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Base: All Respondents										
Unweighted Base	1000	791	209	103	191	368	327	185	304	399
Weighted Base	1000	778	222	148*	291	392	154	226	318	344
Strongly approve	92 9%	72 9%	20 9%	15 10%	26 9%	38 10%	10 6%	14 6%	30 9%	34 10%
Somewhat approve	183 18%	144 19%	39 18%	20 13%	60 21%	73 19%	28 18%	30 13%	64 20%	69 20%
Somewhat disapprove	192 19%	149 19%	42 19%	23 15%	51 18%	84 21%	33 22%	43 19%	62 20%	70 20%
Strongly disapprove	420 42%	326 42%	95 43%	66 44%	126 43%	155 39%	68 44%	114 50% HI	124 39%	134 39%
Don't know/Refused	113 11%	87 11%	26 12%	26 17% D	27 9%	43 11%	15 10%	25 11%	37 12%	38 11%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY										
Approve (Top2Box)	275 28%	216 28%	60 27%	34 23%	87 30%	110 28%	38 25%	45 20%	94 29% G	102 30% G
Disapprove (Low2Box)	612 61%	475 61%	137 62%	88 60%	177 61%	239 61%	101 66%	157 69% HI	187 59%	204 59%

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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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Base: All Respondents										
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Weighted Base	1000	778	222	148*	291	392	154	226	318	344
Yes	622 62%	487 63%	136 61%	90 61%	188 65%	235 60%	96 63%	136 60%	193 61%	212 62%
No	375 38%	289 37%	86 39%	58 39%	103 35%	155 40%	58 37%	89 40%	124 39%	131 38%
Don't know/Refused	2 0	1 0	1 0	0 -	0 -	2 1%	0 -	1 0	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	512	129	65	127	230	209	115	192	252
Weighted Base	622	487	136	90*	188	235	96	136	193	212
More supportive	97 16%	78 16%	18 14%	11 13%	33 18% F	40 17% F	9 9%	15 11%	27 14%	40 19%
Less supportive	457 73%	354 73%	103 76%	74 83% E	137 73%	165 70%	73 75%	112 82% I	147 76%	145 69%
No change	55 9%	45 9%	10 7%	1 2%	15 8%	23 10% C	13 14% C	7 5%	13 7%	24 11%
Don't know/Refused	13 2%	9 2%	4 3%	3 3%	3 1%	6 3%	2 2%	3 2%	6 3%	2 1%

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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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Base: All Respondents										
Unweighted Base	1000	791	209	103	191	368	327	185	304	399
Weighted Base	1000	778	222	148*	291	392	154	226	318	344
Strongly support	521 52%	409 53%	113 51%	82 55%	133 46%	209 53%	91 59% D	114 50%	176 55%	171 50%
Somewhat support	294 29%	228 29%	66 30%	45 30%	91 31%	108 27%	44 29%	71 32%	83 26%	106 31%
Somewhat oppose	83 8%	62 8%	21 10%	5 4%	27 9%	38 10% C	11 7%	14 6%	23 7%	37 11%
Strongly oppose	75 7%	61 8%	14 6%	12 8%	30 10% F	26 7%	7 4%	16 7%	25 8%	26 8%
Don't know/Refused	27 3%	18 2%	8 4%	3 2%	10 3%	11 3%	2 1%	11 5% I	10 3%	4 1%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY										
Support (Top2Box)	815 82%	637 82%	178 80%	127 86%	225 77%	316 81%	135 88% DE	185 82%	260 82%	277 80%
Oppose (Low2Box)	158 16%	122 16%	36 16%	18 12%	57 20% F	65 16%	17 11%	30 13%	48 15%	63 18%

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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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Base: All Respondents										
Unweighted Base	1000	791	209	103	191	368	327	185	304	399
Weighted Base	1000	778	222	148*	291	392	154	226	318	344
Stop using tasers pending results of the investigation	455	351	104	90	134	160	64	132	139	129
	46%	45%	47%	61% DEF	46%	41%	42%	58% HI	44%	37%
Continue to use tasers and review once the results of enquiry released	521	407	114	56	149	224	87	85	173	210
	52%	52%	51%	38%	51% C	57% C	57% C	38%	54% G	61% G
Don't know/Refused	24	19	4	2	8	9	2	9	6	5
	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%