

1. As you may know, violence has recently erupted in the Middle East between Israel and those located in the Palestinian Gaza Strip. Israeli forces have conducted air and ground military responses to rockets that have been continuously fired into Israeli territory by members of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas for many months. Hamas is also the elected political party for the Palestinian region and does not accept the existence of the State of Israel. How closely have you been following these events?

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

\* small base

Small Base		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	207	431	354	497	503
Weighted Base	1000	132	102*	65*	383	244	74*	279	386	324	484	516
Very Closely	173 17%	28 21%	17 17%	9 14%	73 19%	33 13%	12 16%	25 9%	65 17% G	79 24% GH	112 23% K	60 12%
Somewhat Closely	396 40%	63 47% E	40 39%	35 53% EF	163 43% E	72 29%	24 32%	91 33%	167 43% G	138 43% G	206 43%	190 37%
Not Very Closely	279 28%	29 22%	35 35%	13 20%	96 25%	79 32%	26 35%	102 37% HI	93 24%	80 25%	111 23%	168 33% J
Not at all	147 15%	11 8%	8 8%	8 12%	50 13%	59 24% ABD	12 16%	61 22% I	59 15% I	25 8%	52 11%	96 19% J
Don't know/Refused	5 0	1 1%	2 2% D	0 -	0 -	2 1%	0 -	0 -	2 0	1 0	3 1%	1 0
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Follow (Top3Box)	848 85%	120 91% E	93 91% E	57 88% E	333 87% E	183 75%	62 84%	218 78%	325 84%	297 92% GH	429 89% K	419 81%
Don't follow (LowBox)	147 15%	11 8%	8 8%	8 12%	50 13%	59 24% ABD	12 16%	61 22% I	59 15% I	25 8%	52 11%	96 19% J

2. Based on what you seen read or heard, do you think that the Israelis use of force in responding to the rocket attacks by the Hamas has been excessive or is appropriate given the circumstances?

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Base: Respondents who follow these events												
Unweighted Base	878	121	97	58	341	201	60	167	375	330	455	423
Weighted Base	848	120*	93*	57*	333	183	62*	218	325	297	429	419
Excessive	413 49%	56 46%	43 46%	25 44%	147 44%	117 64%	25 41%	117 54%	167 51%	126 42%	181 42%	232 55%
Appropriate	327 39%	53 44%	41 44%	26 46%	136 41%	45 24%	26 42%	69 32%	126 39%	127 43%	205 48%	122 29%
Don't know/Refused	109 13%	11 9%	9 10%	6 11%	50 15%	22 12%	11 18%	32 15%	31 10%	45 15%	43 10%	65 16%

**3. And in this current circumstance do you think that Canada should take sides with Israel or take sides with the Palestinians and the Hamas?**

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Israel	305 36%	53 45% EF	44 47% EF	20 35%	120 36%	51 28%	17 27%	79 36%	123 38%	99 33%	182 42% K	123 29%
The Palestinians and the Hamas	111 13%	17 14%	9 9%	3 5%	31 9%	42 23% BCD	8 14%	37 17% I	45 14%	29 10%	60 14%	51 12%
Neither/Don't know/Refused	432 51%	49 41%	40 43%	34 60% A	182 55% A	90 49%	37 60% A	102 47%	157 48%	170 57% GH	188 44%	245 58% J

**4. And who do you believe is most to blame for the current conflict in the region?**

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The Palestinians and the Hamas	363	62	42	24	150	62	23	90	139	131	220	144
	43%	51%	46%	43%	45%	34%	38%	41%	43%	44%	51%	34%
The Israeli's	157	19	17	9	50	54	8	58	55	41	83	73
	18%	16%	19%	15%	15%	30%	14%	27%	17%	14%	19%	18%
Neither/Don't know/Refused	328	40	33	24	133	68	30	70	131	125	126	202
	39%	33%	36%	42%	40%	37%	49%	32%	40%	42%	29%	48%

**5. Now, do you think Canada should or should not favor creating a Palestinian state?**

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Should favor	367 43%	59 49%	33 36%	28 48%	140 42%	86 47%	21 34%	85 39%	144 44%	135 45%	223 52% K	144 34%
Should not favor	298 35%	45 38%	35 38%	20 35%	117 35%	62 34%	19 31%	96 44% HI	110 34%	90 30%	145 34%	153 37%
Don't know/Refused	183 22%	16 13%	24 26% A	10 17%	77 23% A	35 19%	22 35% ACE	37 17%	71 22%	72 24%	61 14%	122 29% J