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Methodology

- Ipsos Reid, on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), fielded a 12 minute telephone survey from January 13th to January 20th 2011 among a representative sample of n=1,000 Canadians as well as a representative oversample of n=801 residents of Atlantic Canada. The survey was conducted among adults 18 year of age or older and in both of Canada's official languages.
- The following table shows the regional sample sizes collected as well as the associated margin of error for each.

Regions		Margin of Error
British Columbia	n=133	±8.5
Alberta	n=102	±9.6
Saskatchewan/Manitoba	n=65	±12.2
Ontario	n=383	±5.0
Quebec	n=243	±6.2
Atlantic Canada	n=874	±3.3
Total Canada	n=1,801	± 2.3





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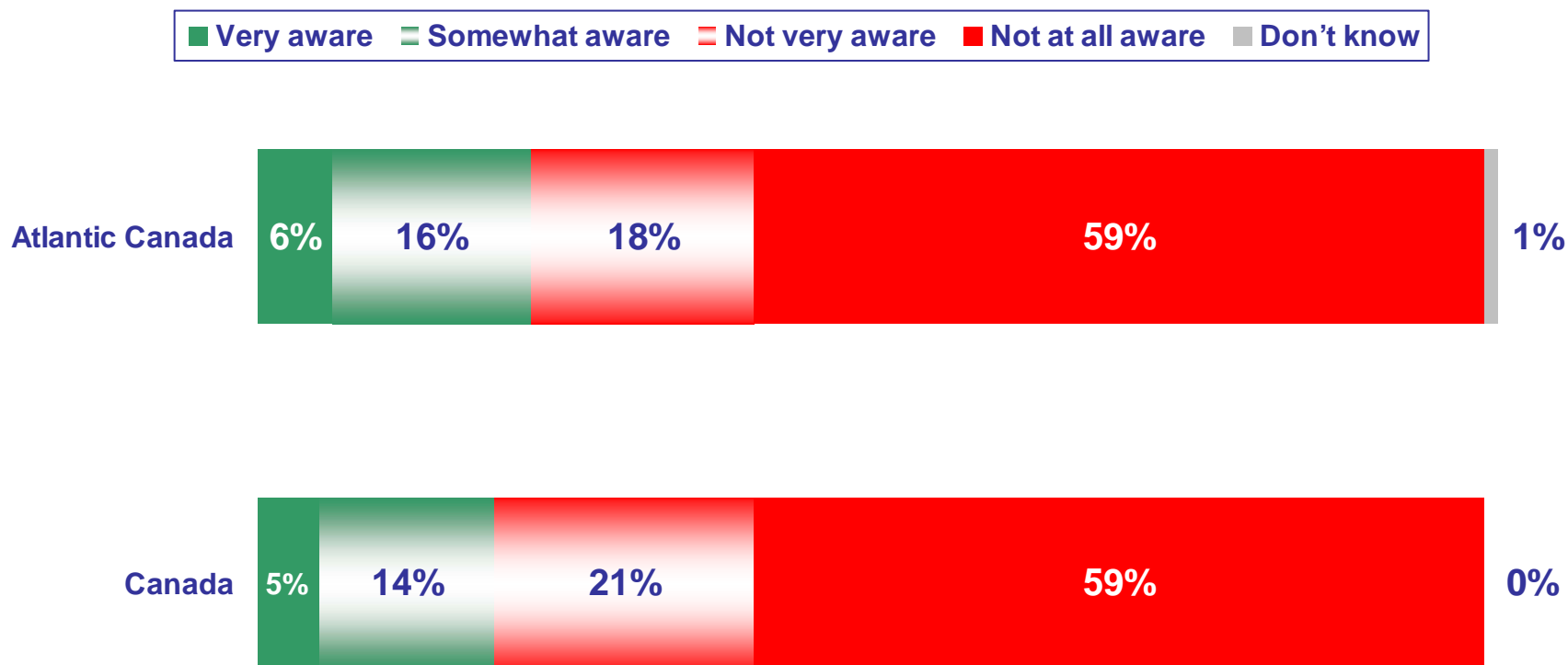
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Detailed Findings



The vast majority of Canadians are not aware that the 2004 agreement on health care funding is due to expire in 2014

In 2004 the federal and provincial governments agreed on a health care accord that determines how much the federal government would contribute to the provincial health care systems. This agreement is set to expire in 2014. Before hearing this would you say you were very aware, somewhat aware, not very aware or not at all aware that the 2004 agreement was going to expire in 2014?



Base: All respondents Atlantic Canada n=801; Canada n=1,000



Majorities agree that health care should be the federal and provincial/territorial governments' top priority

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

Health care should be the federal government's top priority.



Health care should be my provincial/territorial government's top priority.



Base: All respondents Atlantic Canada n=801; Canada n=1,000



Vast majority agrees that negotiations of the next fed/prov/ter health agreement should begin now while three in ten prefer to wait in favour of focusing on the economy

On average, the provinces and territories in Canada spend about half of their annual budgets on health care services. This proportion has been growing and some argue that it is unsustainable. A portion of this money comes from cash transfers from the federal government as negotiated under the 2004 health accord. With this accord set to expire in 2014, some provinces want to begin discussions now on re-negotiating the agreement. Prime Minister Harper has indicated that he believes it is too early to begin these discussions. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements:

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

The federal government should initiate discussions with the provinces and territories now to allow enough time for these complicated negotiations to play out.

Canada



Atlantic Canada



The federal government's priority is the economy. Therefore, discussions to renegotiate the health accord with provinces and territories can wait.

Canada



Atlantic Canada



Base: All respondents Atlantic Canada n=801; Canada n=1,000



Three in ten Canadians (30%) say none of the federal political parties is the most committed to improving the health care system; a quarter say the NDP is the leader in this regard

Thinking about political parties at the federal level, which party do you think is the most committed to improving the health care system?



None



Don't know/Refused

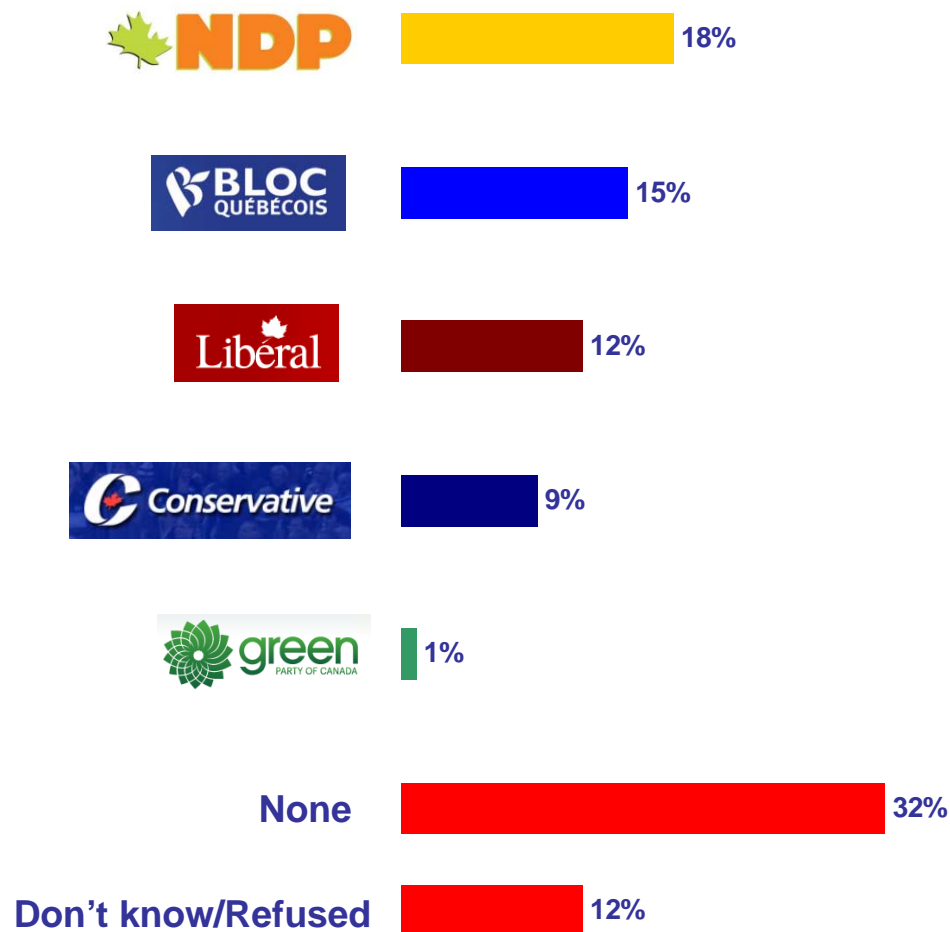


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Among residents of Quebec, a third say none of the parties is most committed to improving health care and one in five name the NDP followed closely by the Bloc

Thinking about political parties at the federal level, which party do you think is the most committed to improving the health care system?



Base: Residents of Quebec n=243

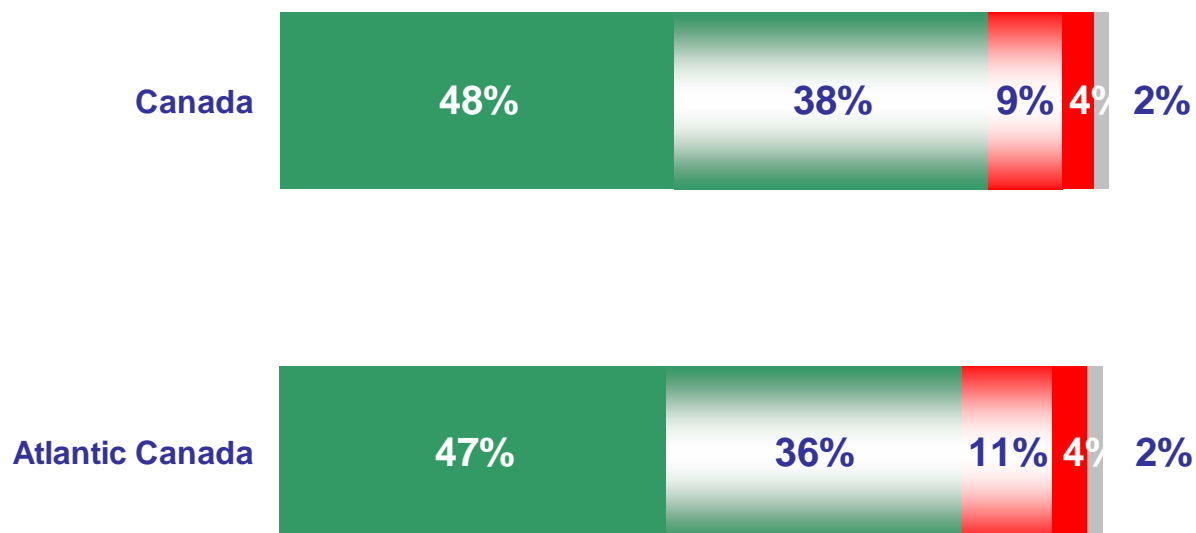


Nearly nine in ten agree that patient needs should guide what health care services are available and not budgets

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

Patient needs should guide what healthcare services are available rather than providing health care services based on budgets that are predetermined by governments.

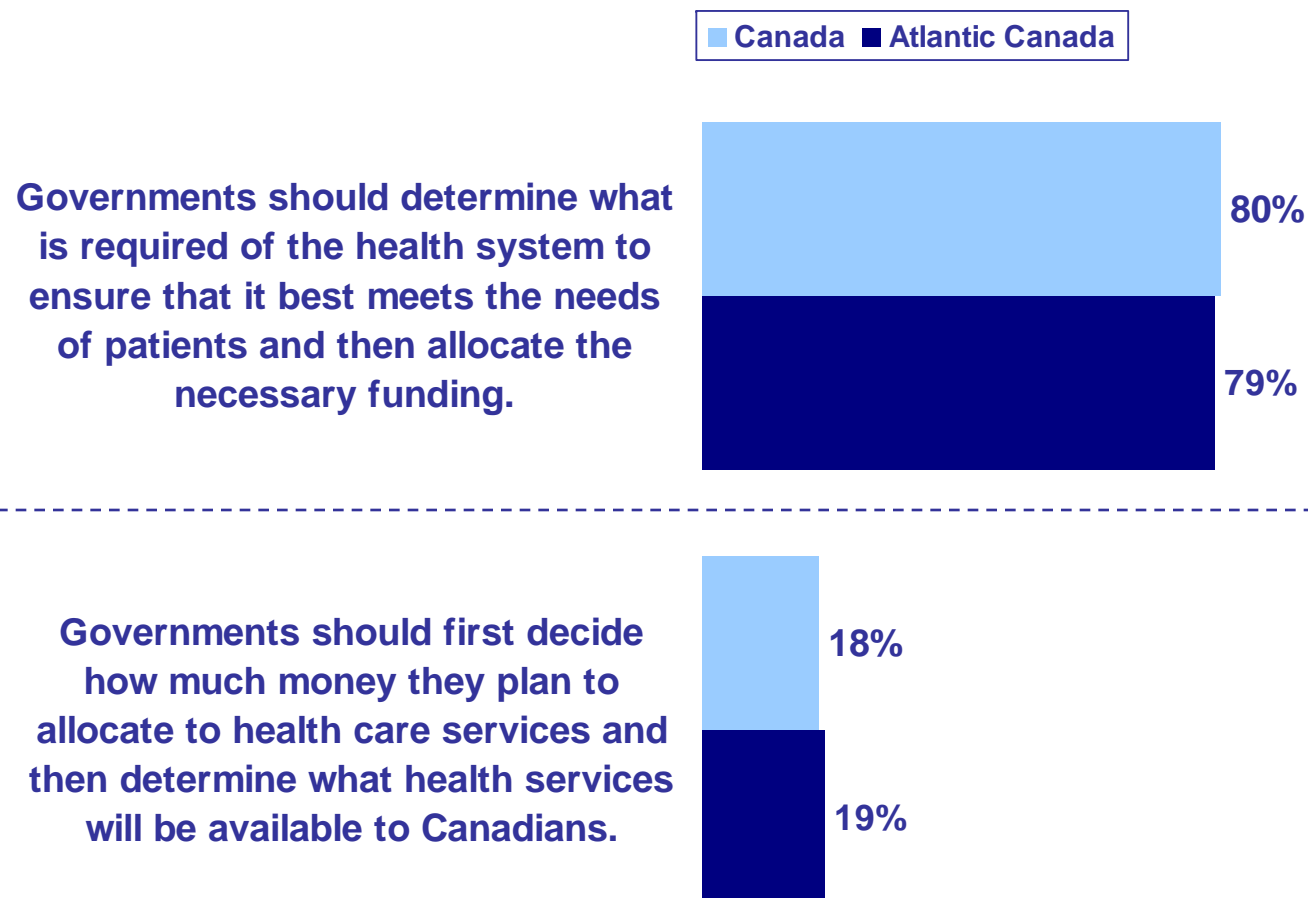


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Four in five would rather governments determine what is required of the health care system and then allocate the necessary funding than decide what they can deliver based on budgets

Please indicate which of the following statements best represent your position:



Base: All respondents Atlantic Canada n=801; Canada n=1,000



Majorities are concerned about the cost of prescriptions medications and the lack of long-term care facilities

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

I am concerned about the cost of prescription medications.

Canada 37% 35% 18% 9% 1%

Atlantic Canada 50% 28% 13% 8% 1%

I am concerned about the lack of long-term care facilities in my province/territory.

Canada 42% 33% 17% 5% 3%

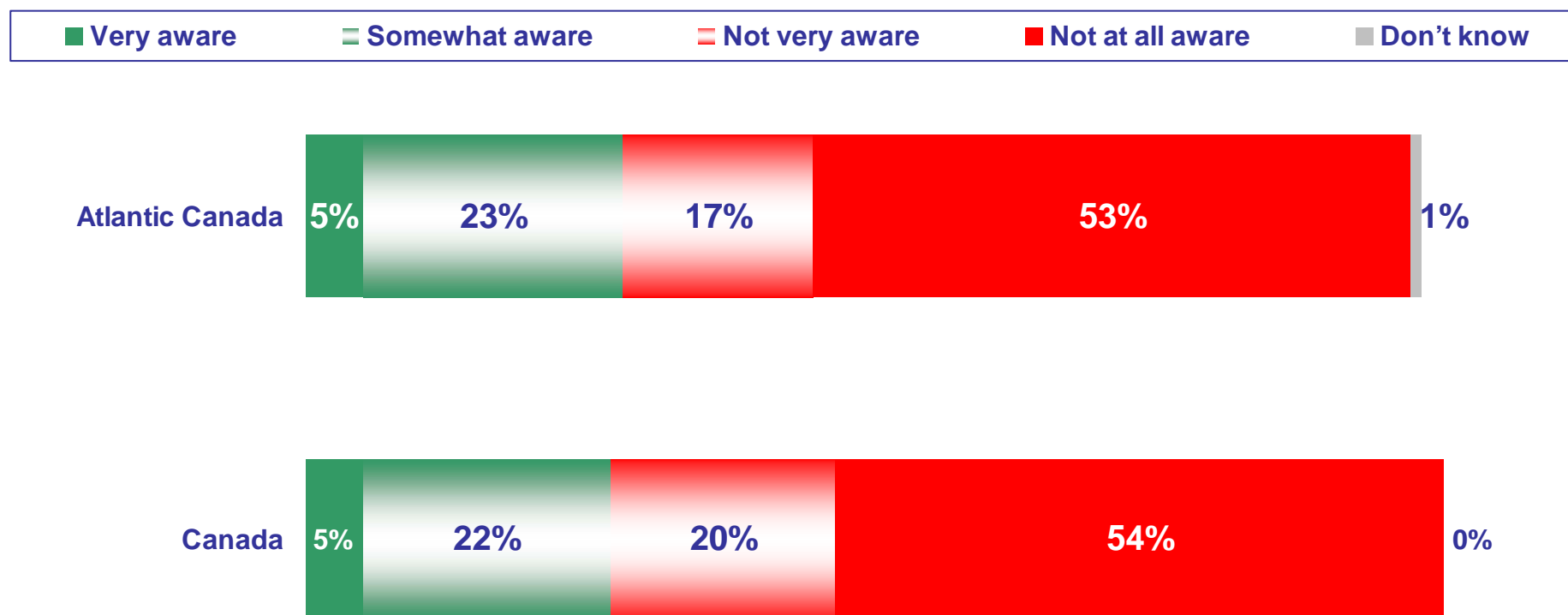
Atlantic Canada 45% 32% 15% 6% 3%

Base: All respondents Atlantic Canada n=801; Canada n=1,000



Nearly three in ten Canadians are aware that Canada's doctors recently launched a national consultation on the health care system

Canada's doctors recently launched a national consultation to give Canadians a chance to say what improvements they expect of the health care system. Before hearing this would you say you were very aware, somewhat aware, not very aware or not at all aware that Canada's doctors had launched this consultation?

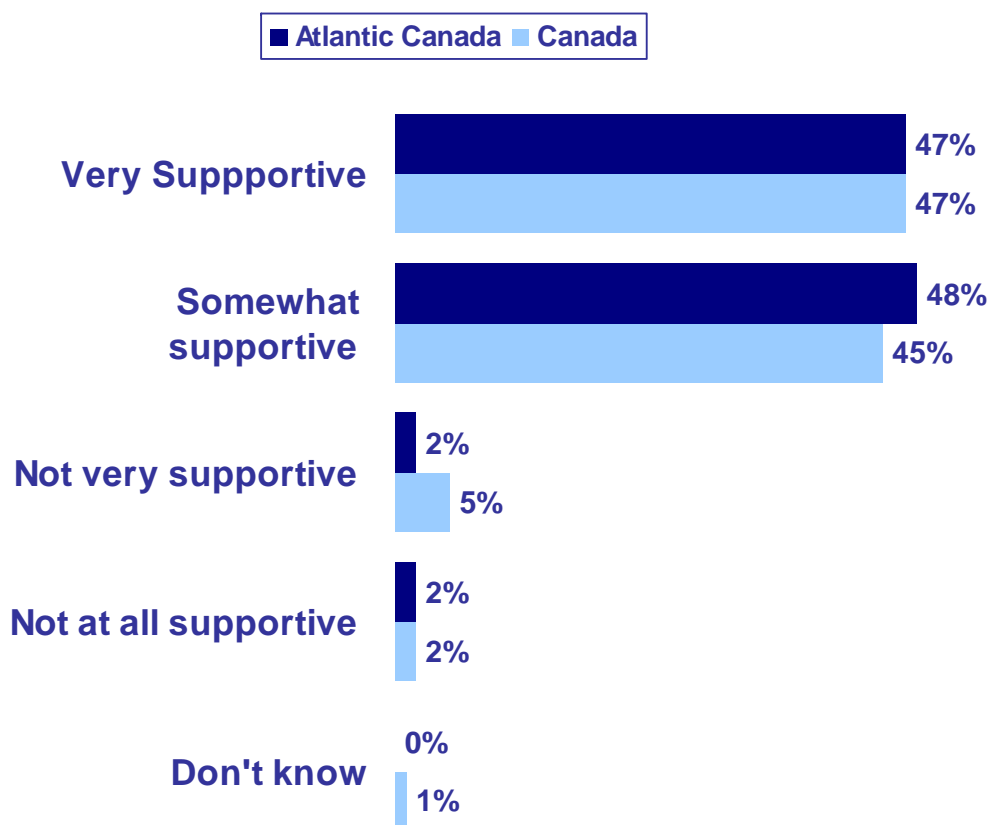


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92% of Canadians say they are either very supportive (47%) or somewhat supportive (45%) of the upcoming CMA consultations

Canada's doctors are launching a national consultation to give Canadians an opportunity to say what improvements they expect of the health care system. Doctors will present the information in a report to governments. Would you say you are:

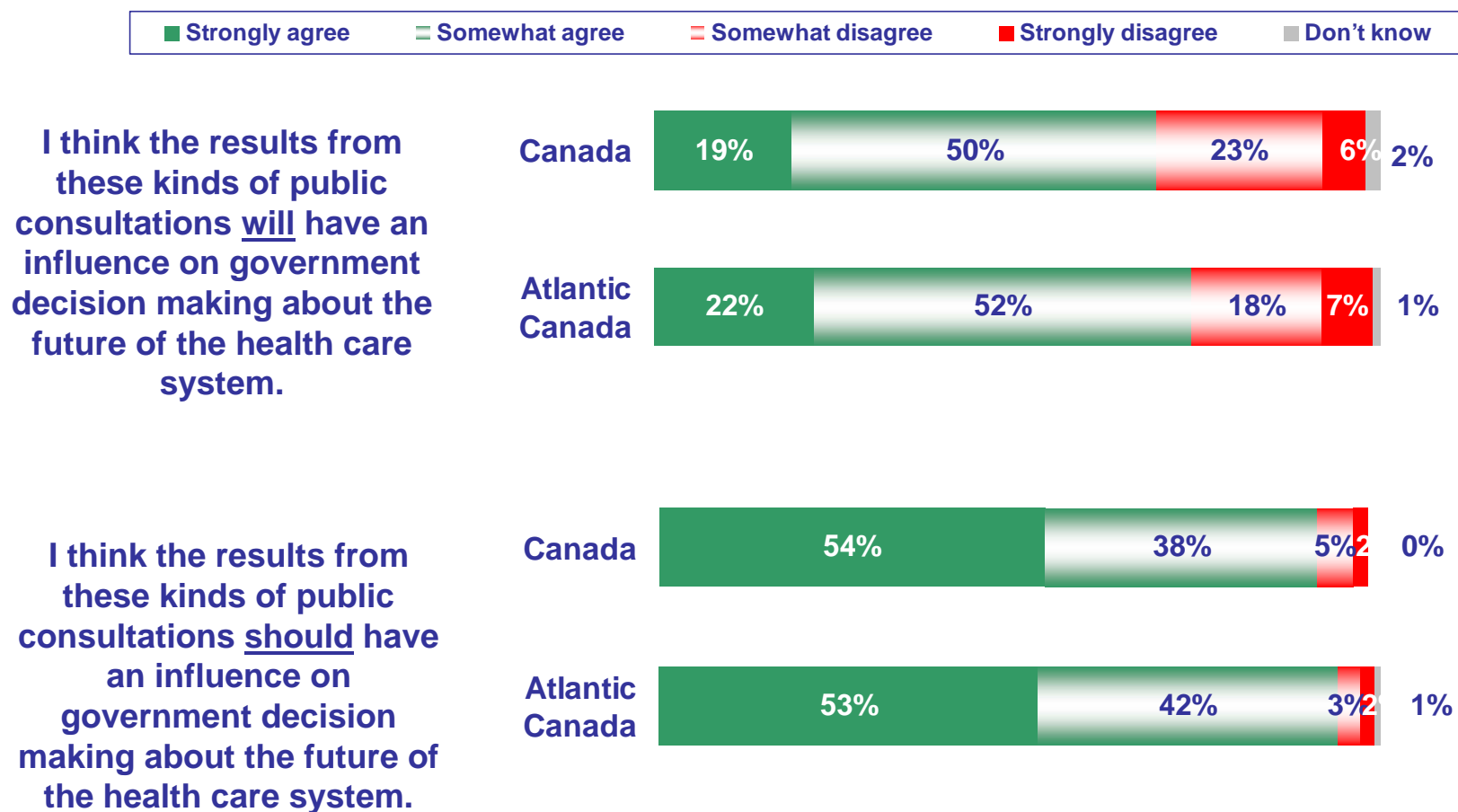


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While nine in 10 agree the results of the consultations should have an impact on government decision making, only seven in 10 think they will

Thinking about the national consultation being launched by Canada's doctors please tell me whether you agree with the following statements:



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