A Country Deeply Divided:
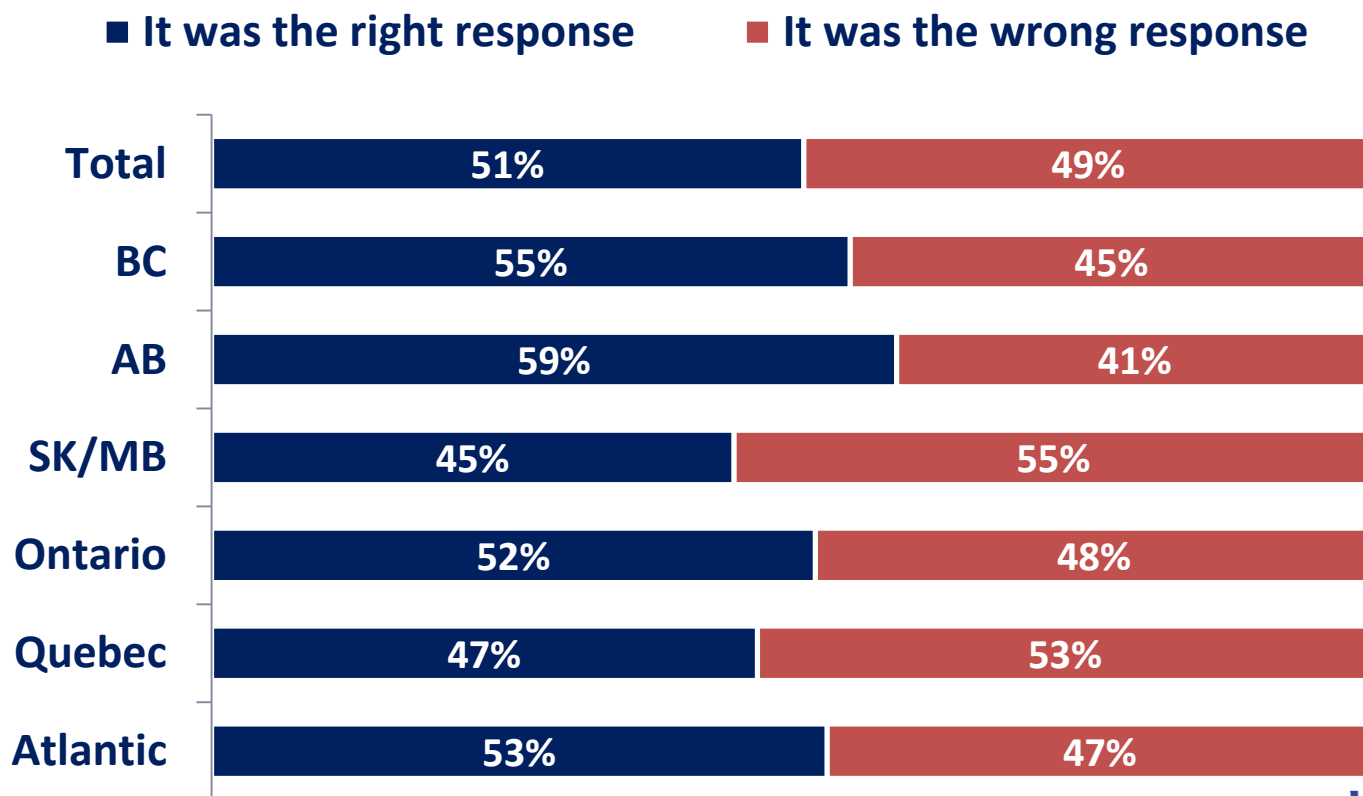
The Afghanistan war was necessary after the attack on the World Trade Center Towers because of the threats by terrorists being trained and harbored and it was the right response
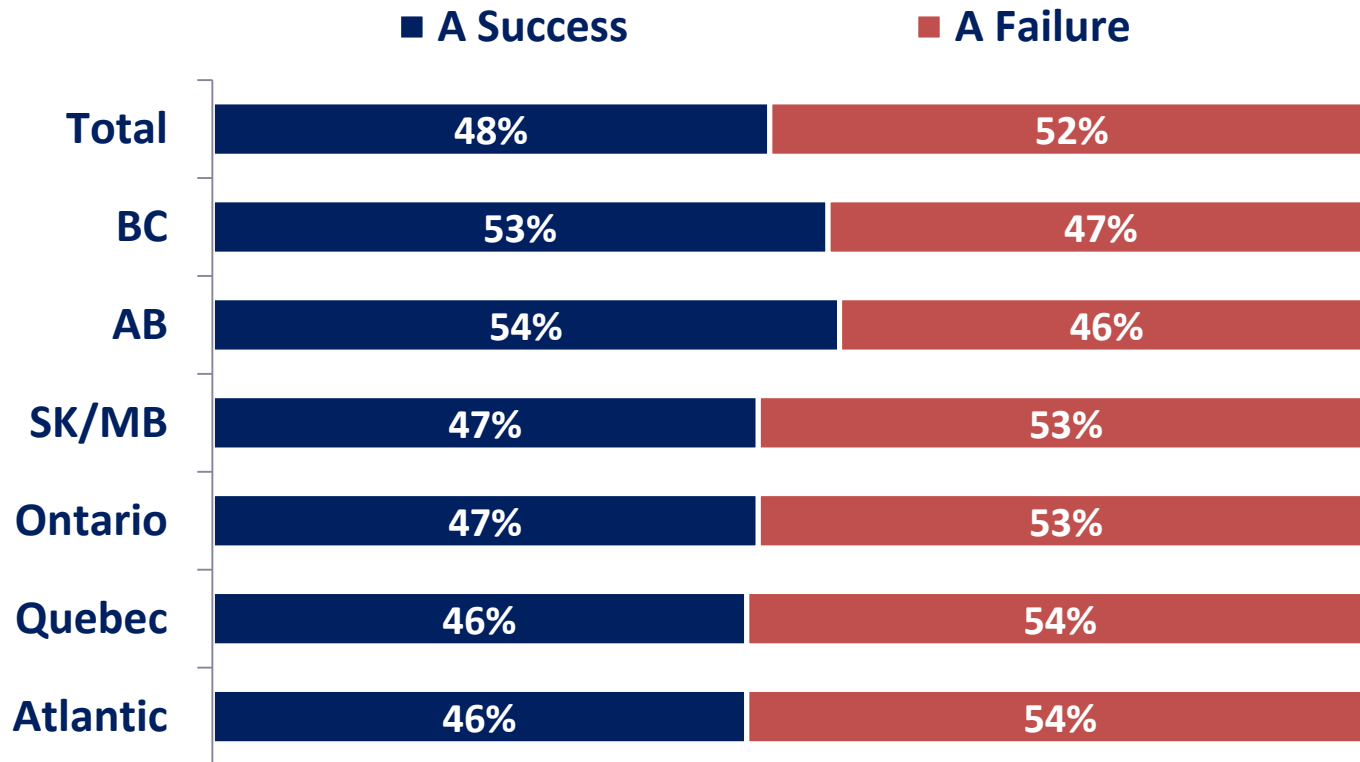**versus**
The Afghanistan war was unnecessary after the attack on the World Trade Center Towers and despite threats by terrorists being trained and harbored in Afghanistan it was the wrong response

■ It was the right response   ■ It was the wrong response

Region	It was the right response	It was the wrong response
Total	51%	49%
BC	55%	45%
AB	59%	41%
SK/MB	45%	55%
Ontario	52%	48%
Quebec	47%	53%
Atlantic	53%	47%

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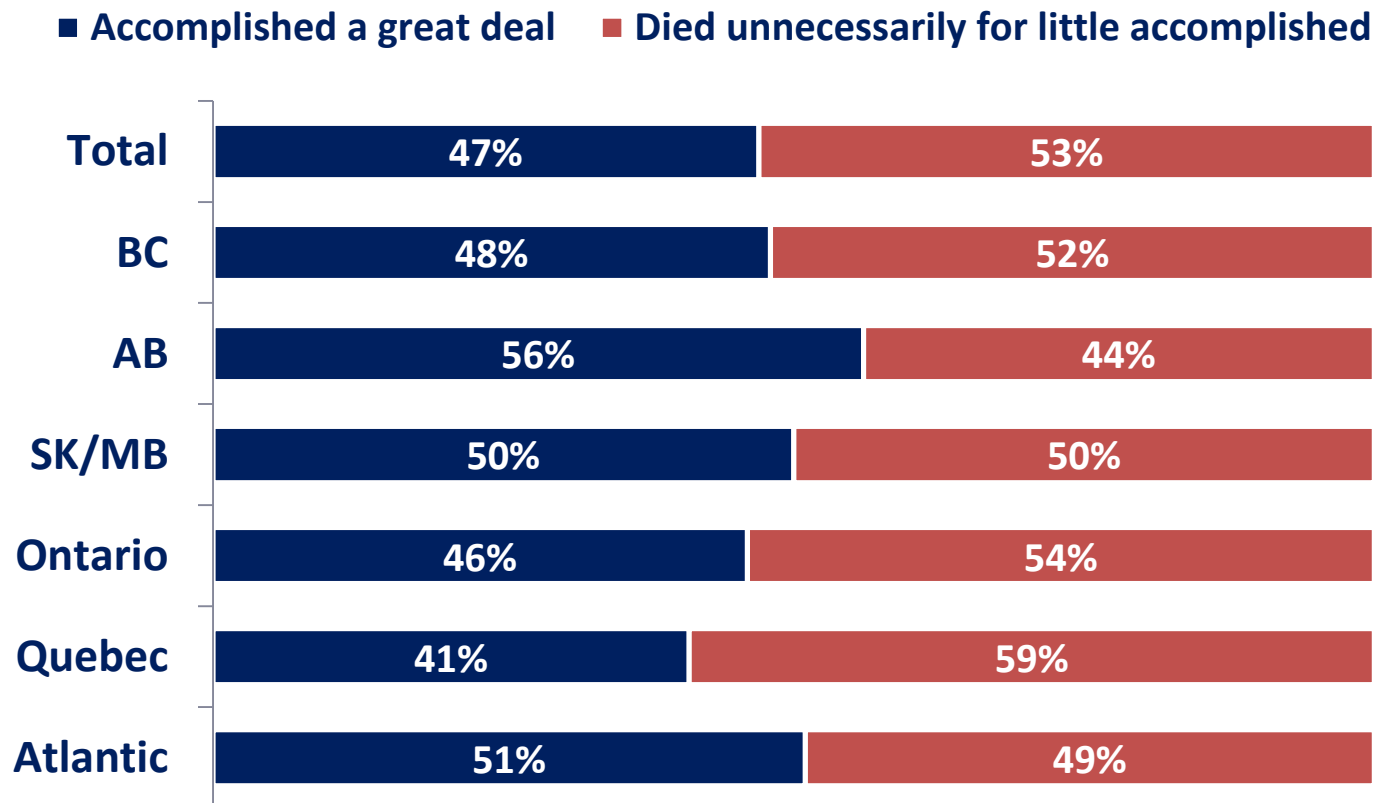
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A Country Deeply Divided:

On reflection, would you call the past 12 years in Afghanistan a successful mission and outcome for Canada and its NATO allies, or a failure for Canada and its NATO allies ?

■ **A Success**   ■ **A Failure**

	A Success	A Failure
Total	48%	52%
BC	53%	47%
AB	54%	46%
SK/MB	47%	53%
Ontario	47%	53%
Quebec	46%	54%
Atlantic	46%	54%

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A Country Deeply Divided:

As you may know, 158 Canadian Forces members died while serving in Afghanistan.

As Canadian Forces come home, and as tragic as these deaths were, do you believe these 158 soldiers will be remembered as people who gave their lives for a necessary and worthwhile effort that accomplished a great deal for many people or that they will be remembered as soldiers who died unnecessarily and in vain for little that was accomplished?

■ **Accomplished a great deal** ■ **Died unnecessarily for little accomplished**

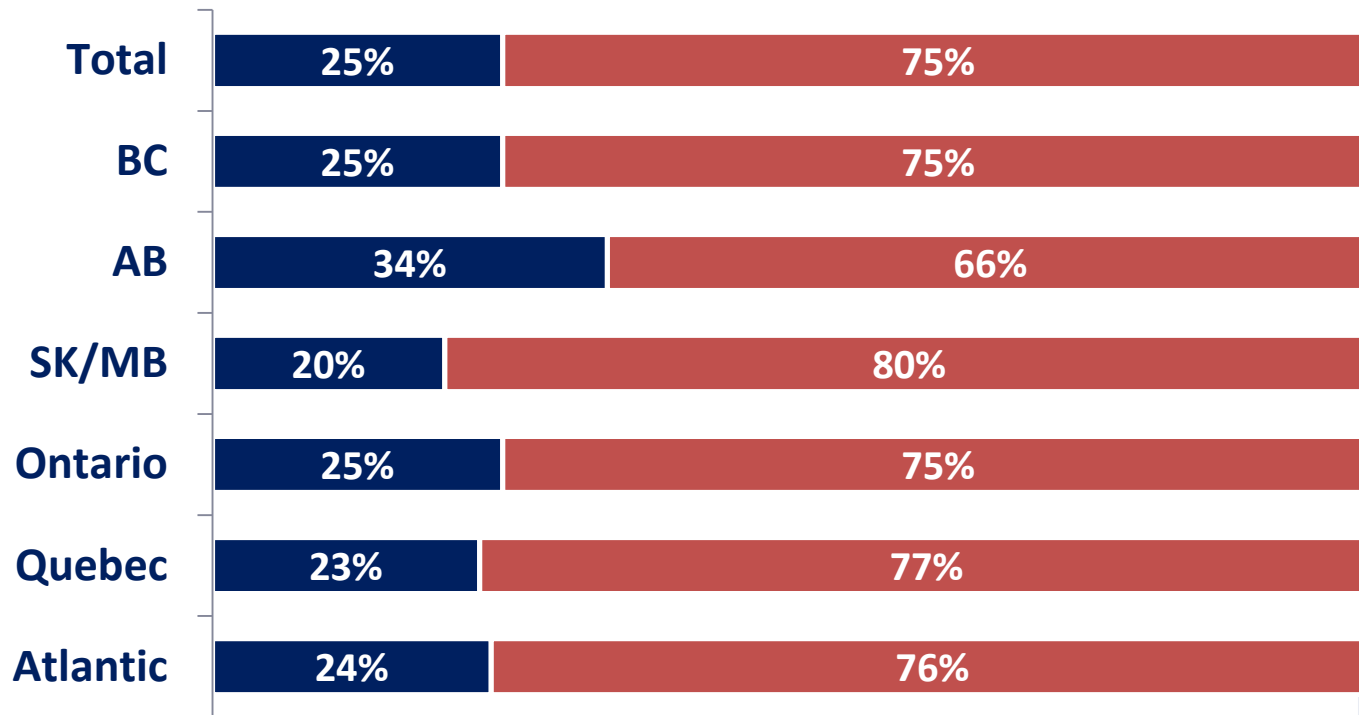| Region	Accomplished a great deal	Died unnecessarily for little accomplished
Total	47%	53%
BC	48%	52%
AB	56%	44%
SK/MB	50%	50%
Ontario	46%	54%
Quebec	41%	59%
Atlantic	51%	49%

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A Country Deeply Pessimistic:

Because of what Canada and its NATO allies did, when all international military personnel are gone…

There will be stability in Afghanistan for years to come
versus
Afghanistan will deteriorate soon back to the way it was as a place for terrorism training and potential war for years to come

- There will be stability for years to come.
- It will deteriorate soon as a place for terrorism training and potential war for years to come.

Region	Stability	Deteriorate
Total	25%	75%
BC	25%	75%
AB	34%	66%
SK/MB	20%	80%
Ontario	25%	75%
Quebec	23%	77%
Atlantic	24%	76%

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A Country Deeply Relieved:

Prime Minister Harper was adamant that Canadian military forces would leave Afghanistan at this time and he has stuck to the agenda.

Do you think that the Prime minister and his government were right to pull all of our troops out now for good or do you think we should have stayed longer in order to protect the civilians of Afghanistan and ensure longer stability?

■ **Right to pull out now**   ■ **Should have stayed longer**

Region	Right to pull out now	Should have stayed longer
Total	82%	18%
BC	76%	24%
AB	81%	19%
SK/MB	80%	20%
Ontario	84%	16%
Quebec	87%	13%
Atlantic	78%	22%