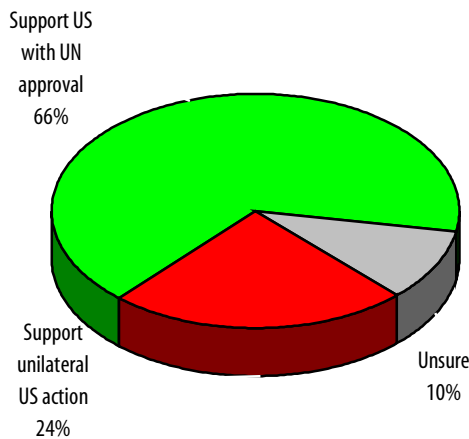


**US Action in Iraq  
(N=1,000)**



**COMMENTARY**

The Federal Liberal Government is clearly on the right track in regards to their position on the importance of a UN sanction for any military action in Iraq.

Regardless of the fact that the US is a close ally to Canada, two of every three Canadians believe that the government should not support the US actions without the approval of the UN.

Although support for Canadian involvement in a UN sanctioned action cut across all regions and sub-populations, Canadians who lived in Ontario were more likely to support a unilateral action compared to voters in other parts of the country.

Similarly, committed PC and CA voters had an above average likelihood to support Canadian involvement in a unilateral US military action against Iraq.

**THE METHODOLOGY**

Between October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002, SES conducted a total of 1,000 telephone interviews across Canada with eligible voters as part of the SES National Quarterly Omnibus. Aggregate results of the survey are accurate  $\pm$  3.1%, 19 times out of 20.

Validation of the demographic profile of respondents indicates that the poll is a fair representation of Canadian voters.

**THE QUESTION**

Some people think that [ROTATE OPTIONS] Canada should support the United States if it decides to unilaterally invade Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein because the US is our ally. Others think that we should not support our US ally without the approval of the United Nations. Which of these two opinions best reflects your view?

Target Groups (+/- index score)	Support unilateral US action	Not Support US without UN approval	Unsure
Atlantic	-3	+3	0
Quebec	-6	+5	+1
Ontario	+9	-8	-1
West	-2	+3	-1
Men	+3	0	-3
Women	-2	0	+2
18 to 29	+3	-2	-1
30 to 39	0	+1	0
40 to 49	-3	+7	-3
50 to 59	+4	-4	0
60 plus	+1	-3	+2
Liberal voters	-1	+5	-4
CA voters	+9	-7	-2
PC voters	+15	-14	-1
NDP voters	-5	+8	-3
BQ voters	-11	+13	-2
Undecided	-7	-1	+8

Note: Plus/minus index scores are based on the difference between the sub-group and the sample average. For example the +9 score noted above in Ontario would indicate that Ontarians are 9% more likely to ratify the Kyoto Accord compared to the national average. Readers should focus on scores greater than +/-5.

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