

LIBERALS (N=416)

A tabulation of the Chretien legacy by party affiliation indicates that more than four of every ten committed Liberal supporters cannot name a Chretien accomplishment. The top accomplishments cited by Liberal included:

- Unsure (44%)
- No to Iraq War (14%)
- Eliminated deficit (12%)
- Nothing/no legacy (8%)
- Kept country together (6%)
- Other responses (16%)

COMMENTARY

Although Jean Chrétien will clearly go down in the history books as one of the most successful politicians and Prime Ministers in Canadian history, a majority of Canadians cannot cite an accomplishment from his ten years as Prime Minister.

Saying “no” to the American-led war in Iraq and eliminating the deficit were the most popular identified accomplishments by Canadians.

THE QUESTION

Jean Chrétien will soon be resigning as Prime Minister. He has been Prime Minister since 1993. What would you say are his top three accomplishments as Prime Minister?

Legacy (N=1,000)	1 st Mention (%)	2 nd Mention (%)	3 rd Mention (%)
Unsure	51.1	80.2	92.7
No to Iraq War	11.0	2.8	
Nothing/no legacy	9.8		1.0
Eliminate deficit	8.9	2.2	
Kept country together	4.4	1.6	1.2
Foreign policy	2.8	2.3	1.4
Three majority gov'ts	2.2		
Economic growth	1.6	3.3	
Increased healthcare funding	1.5	2.3	
Other responses (below 1%)	6.7	5.3	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

THE METHODOLOGY

Between November 5th and November 9th, 2003, 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 ± 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.

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