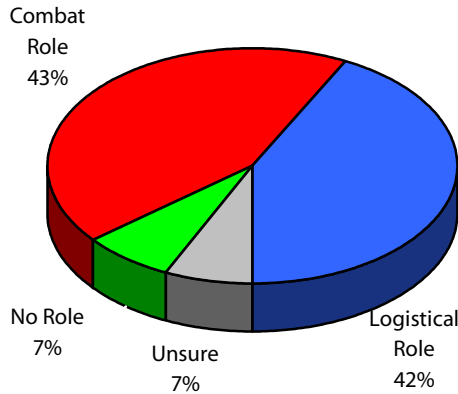


**Canada’s role in the US-led war on terrorists (N=500)**



**Question:** I’m going to read you a list of potential roles the Canadian Armed Forces could undertake as part of the American-led coalition to fight terrorism and I’d like you to tell me which ones you personally prefer (Read list and rotate options)...No role...Logistical support (communications, supplies) without exposing Canadian troops to combat...Combat role and full participation.

Time Analysis (%)	No Role	Logistics	Combat	UND
<b>Ontarians interviewed between Sept 22-24 (N=287)</b>	8	37	49	7
<b>Ontarians interviewed between Sept. 25-26 (N=213)</b>	7	49	36	8

Note: The margin of error for a random sample of 213 Ontarians is 6.8 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error for a random sample of 287 Ontarians is 5.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

**Commentary**

Although a review of the top-of-line numbers might indicate a split in opinion among Ontarians on Canada’s role, a time-series analysis of the survey data shows a clear trend.

Over the five day period of the survey, support for a combat role dropped 13% in Ontario.

Rural voters, men and middle-aged voters are more likely to support a combat role for Canadian troops. Women, retired people and renters are more likely to prefer a logistical support role without exposing Canadian troops to combat.

Target Groups (+/- index)	No Role	Logistics	Combat	UND
<b>Men</b>	+2	-5	+7	-3
<b>Women</b>	-1	+5	-6	+3
<b>18 to 29 years of age</b>	+4	+3	-2	-4
<b>30 to 39 years of age</b>	-2	-5	+7	+1
<b>40 to 49 years of age</b>	-1	-5	+6	+2
<b>50 to 59 years of age</b>	+3	+2	-3	-1
<b>60 plus</b>	-1	+5	-6	+3
<b>Homeowners</b>	0	-4	+3	+2
<b>Renters</b>	+1	+7	-4	-3
<b>Urban Postal Code</b>	0	+3	-1	-1
<b>Rural Postal Code</b>	-1	-7	+8	+2

Note: Plus/minus index scores are based on the difference between the sub-group and the sample average. For example the +8 score for individuals with rural postal codes indicates that the subgrouping is 8% more likely to support a combat role compared to the average voter.

**METHODOLOGY**

Between September 22 and September 26, 2001, following President George W. Bush’s address on terrorism, SES conducted a total of 500 telephone interviews across Ontario with eligible voters. Aggregate results of the survey are accurate to within 4.5 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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

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