

# THE SITUATION IN LEBANON

## Report

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DETAILED REPORT

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### Methodology

This study was conducted by Leger Marketing among **3,040** Canadian adults on July 19 and July 20, 2006. The maximum margin of error for a sample of this size is  $\pm 1.8\%$ , 19 times out of 20. Using data from Statistics Canada, the results were weighted according to age, gender, region and mother tongue.

## 1. Canadians Disapprove of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Decision to Support Israel's Armed Intervention in Lebanon

48% of Canadians disapprove of Stephen Harper's position to support Israel's armed intervention in Lebanon, whereas 35% approve. Moreover, 17% did not express their opinion. Stephen Harper is more criticized in Québec (67%) as opposed to 45% of Albertans who approve his support.

**Table 1 – POSITION IN FAVOUR OF ISRAEL**

*Question: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the decision of Prime Minister Stephen Harper to support Israel's armed intervention in Lebanon?*

	<b>TOTAL</b> n=3040	<b>MEN</b> n=1483	<b>WOMEN</b> n=1557	<b>AP</b> n=228	<b>QC</b> n=724	<b>ONT</b> n=1170	<b>PR</b> n=213	<b>AB</b> n=304	<b>BC</b> n=401
<b>AGREE</b>	35%	46%	25%	33%	19%	42%	32%	45%	42%
<b>DISAGREE</b>	48%	46%	50%	51%	67%	43%	43%	36%	41%
<b>DNK/REFUSAL</b>	17%	8%	25%	16%	14%	15%	25%	19%	17%

## 2. Canadian Government Efforts to Quickly Repatriate Canadians Visiting Lebanon are Inadequate

According to 42% of the entire Canadian population, efforts of the Canadian government to repatriate Canadians staying in Lebanon are inadequate, whereas 36% think the opposite and 21% refuse to answer. 62% of Quebecers find such efforts inadequate, while 52% of Albertans think the opposite.

**Table 2 – EFFORTS TO REPATRIATE CANADIANS**

*Question: In your opinion, are the Canadian government's efforts to quickly repatriate Canadians staying in Lebanon adequate or inadequate?*

		<b>Region</b>						
		<b>Total</b>	<b>AP</b>	<b>QC</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>BC</b>
(n=3040)								
Adequate	36%	31%	23%	40%	39%	52%	40%	
Inadequate	42%	41%	62%	39%	31%	26%	34%	
Don't know/Refusal	20%	28%	15%	21%	30%	22%	26%	

### 3. More than Half of Canadians Criticize the Decision Not to Repatriate Permanent Residents

52% of Canadians say they disagree with the Canadian government's decision not to repatriate permanent residents visiting Lebanon, while 34% approve of this decision and 14% refuse to answer.

In this respect, 64% of Quebecers and 57% of citizens from the Atlantic Provinces are more critical in comparison with Canadians from other provinces who are less divided as shown in the following table.

**Table 3 – REPATRIATING PERMANENT RESIDENTS**

**Question:** *Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the Government of Canada's decision to only repatriate Canadian citizens visiting Lebanon, but not permanent Canadian residents visiting Lebanon?*

(n=3040)	Total	Region					
		AP	QC	ON	PR	AB	BC
AGREE	34%	24%	28%	38%	35%	42%	35%
DISAGREE	52%	57%	64%	47%	46%	45%	49%
Don't know/Refusal	14%	19%	8%	15%	19%	13%	16%

## Questionnaire

Q1. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the decision of Prime Minister Stephen Harper to support Israel' armed intervention in Lebanon?

Strongly agree.....	01	=> Q2
Somewhat agree .....	02	=> Q2
Somewhat disagree .....	03	=> Q2
Strongly disagree .....	04	=> Q2
I don't know.....	98	=> Q2
I refuse to answer .....	99	=> Q2

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Q2. In your opinion, are the Canadian government's efforts to quickly repatriate Canadians staying in Lebanon adequate or inadequate?

Adequate .....	01	=> Q3
Inadequate .....	02	=> Q3
I don't know.....	98	=> Q3
I refuse to answer .....	99	=> Q3

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Q3. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the Government of Canada's decision to only repatriate Canadian citizens visiting Lebanon, but not permanent Canadian residents visiting Lebanon?

Strongly agree.....	01	=> Q4
Somewhat agree .....	02	=> Q4
Somewhat disagree .....	03	=> Q4
Strongly disagree .....	04	=> Q4
I don't know.....	98	=> Q4
I refuse to answer		