

Across the Spectrum: Canadian and American views of the United Nations, self-assessed understanding of global conflicts and perceptions over prospects for peace

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Methodology

How knowledgeable are Canadians and Americans about global conflicts and how do they feel about their prospects for resolution? How do Canadians and Americans feel about the United Nations? To what extent do ideological preferences/orientations influence our perceptions around global conflicts and organizations like the UN that try to find solutions. In response to these questions, the Association for Canadian Studies and the Metropolis Institute commissioned the firm Leger Marketing to survey Canadians and Americans. The survey was conducted over the period February 23-26, 2024 with a sample of 1590 Canadians and 1005 Americans. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1590 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20

In Canada and the United States the left and the right respectively believe they have a better understanding of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians and Russians and Ukrainians than the center of the spectrum in each country

Canada		Total	Left	Left of center	Center	Right of center	Right
I have a good understanding of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians		45.2%	60.9%	55.0%	44.3%	56.7%	58.6%
I have a good understanding of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine		52.2%	62.7%	60.1%	55.0%	62.9%	63.3%
United States		Total	Left	Left of center	Center	Right of center	Right
I have a good understanding of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians		46.6%	62.6%	56.0%	44.2%	56.4%	75.7%
I have a good understanding of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine		50.2%	67.0%	61.6%	51.7%	59.0%	66.2%

Canadians less optimistic than Americans about peace prospects between Israelis and Palestinians and Russia and Ukraine respectively

Canada	Total	Left	Left of center	Center	Right of center	Right
I am optimistic about the prospects for peace between Israelis and Palestinians	11%	11.9%	13.2%	12.9%	10.8%	7.1%
I am optimistic about the prospects for peace between Russia and Ukraine - Among the following, please indicate whether each statement applies to you or not.	14%	12.8%	10.3%	14.9%	16.4%	17.3%
United States	Total	Left	Left of center	Center	Right of center	Right
I am optimistic about the prospects for peace between Israelis and Palestinians	24%	18.7%	35.5%	27.6%	21.0%	23.5%
I am optimistic about the prospects for peace between Russia and Ukraine - Among the following, please indicate whether each statement applies to you or not.	24%	30.2%	25.6%	24.5%	22.8%	27.4%

United Nations does not secure the trust of the majority of either Americans or Canadians but Americans on the right of the ideological spectrum are especially mistrusting of the UN

Positive views of the United Nations	Total	Left	Left of center	Center	Right of center	Right
Canada	58%	79.9%	76.8%	60.0%	40.9%	34.3%
United States	54%	83.0%	82.4%	59.5%	45.1%	25.2%

Trust in the United Nations	Total	Left	Left of center	Center	Right of center	Right
Canada	38%	53.7%	51.4%	41.0%	31.5%	23.5%
United States	30%	54%	51.2%	38.1%	16.8%	13.2%