



CANADIANS AND AMERICANS ON PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN JANUARY 2025

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

During the recent US election campaign, President elect Donald Trump said that he sought a swift end to the war between Russia and Ukraine and spoke about that happening prior to his entering office on January 20, 2025. He raised the same similar expectation in the case of the War between Israel and Hamas. Yet with a few weeks remaining to inauguration day the prospects of either War ending by then seem slim at best. National surveys in the United States and Canada conducted by the firm Leger for the Metropolis Institute (November 22-24, 2024) revealed that a minority of Americans and even fewer Canadians were confident that the Wars would be over by that time. In the case of the War between Israel and Hamas, some one in five Americans believed it would be over by the end of January 2025, a view shared by one in ten Canadians. As regards Russia and Ukraine, the survey reveals similar degrees of pessimism when it comes to the war ending by then.

Can “Wars can always be avoided if one side in the conflict just stops fighting?” In response to that question some 33% of Americans agreed and 40% disagreed. The gap was wider in Canada with agreement at 27% and 48% disagreeing that “Wars can always be avoided if one side in the conflict just stops fighting (it is worth noting that respondents were not asked in the survey which side that felt should stop fighting). Are those respondents who agree “Wars can be avoided if one side stops fighting” more inclined to prioritize peace than those who disagree? Are the former pro-peace and the latter unfavorable to it? Apparently not as survey respondents were asked whether they were “...in favor of peace between all peoples and nations”, a view supported by 90% in both countries.

The survey was conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies with 1539 respondents in Canada over the period November 22 to 24, 2024. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1539 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20. In the United States, the survey was conducted by Leger with 1009 respondents over the period November 22-24, 2024 and has a probabilistic margin of error of $\pm 3.9\%$, 19 times out of 20

MOST AMERICANS AND EVEN FEWER CANADIANS THINK THAT THE WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS WILL END BY JANUARY 2025. SOME ONE IN FIVE AMERICANS THINK IT WILL END COMPARED WITH ONE IN TEN CANADIANS

	I think the war between Israel and Hamas will be over by the end of January 2025	
	United States	Canada
Yes	18%	9%
No	40%	56%
I don't know	42%	35%
Total	100.0%	100%

SOME ONE IN FIVE AMERICANS AND ONE ONE IN EIGHT CANADIANS THINK THE WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE WILL BE OVER BY JANUARY 2025

	I think the war between Russia and Ukraine will be over by the end of January 2025	
	United States	Canada
Yes	20%	12%
No	40%	54%
I don't know	40%	34%
Total	100.0%	100%

NINE IN TEN CANADIANS SAY THAT THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF PEACE BETWEEN ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS

I am in favor of peace between all peoples and nations.	Canada	United States
Yes	92%	89%
No	4%	4%
I don't know	4%	7%

ALMOST ALL IN FAVOR OF PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLES AND NATIONS BUT THOSE UNDER 35 IN BOTH COUNTRIES ARE SLIGHTLY LESS SURE

I am in favor of peace between all peoples and nations.	Total	Male	Female	Between 18 and 24	Between 25 and 34	Between 35 and 44	Between 45 and 54	Between 55 and 64	65+
				18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 +	
Canada	92%	88%	96%	83%	86%	89%	94%	96%	99%
United States	89%	89%	89%	85%	82%	91%	92%	94%	

ONE THIRD OF AMERICANS AND ONE-QUARTER OF CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT WARS CAN BE AVOIDED IF ONE SIDE IN THE CONFLICT JUST STOPS FIGHTING

Wars can always be avoided if one side in the conflict just stops fighting	Canada	United States
Yes	27%	33%
No	48%	40%
I don't know	25%	27%

AMERICAN MEN AND THOSE UNDER 40 ARE MORE LIKELY THAN THEIR CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS TO THINK THAT WARS CAN BE AVOIDED IF ONE SIDE STOPS FIGHTING; STILL THERE IS MORE DISAGREEMENT WITH THAT VIEW ACROSS ALL DEMOGRAPHICS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AMERICANS AGE 30-39

	Canada	Male	Female	Between 18 and 24	Between 25 and 34	Between 35 and 44	Between 45 and 54	Between 55 and 64	65+
Wars can always be avoided if one side in the conflict just stops fighting									
YES	27%	26%	27%	28%	26%	29%	28%	29%	24%
NO	48%	53%	43%	41%	47%	47%	48%	46%	55%
I don't know	25%	21%	29%	31%	27%	25%	24%	25%	22%
	United States	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 +	
YES	33%	36%	30%	38%	38%	33%	31%	26%	
NO	40%	43%	36%	41%	33%	45%	38%	41%	
I don't Know	27%	21%	34%	21%	29%	22%	31%	33%	