



The Maple

Canadian Views on Serving in Foreign Militaries

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Methodology

Field Window	March 27 to 30, 2026
Sampling	Online survey of randomly-selected sample of 1,546 Adult (18+) Canadian residents .
Reliability	Margin of error cannot be officially assigned to an online sample. As a guideline*, a probability sample of this size carries a margin of error of ± 2.5% , 19 times out of 20. The margin of error would be larger for sub-segments.
Weighting	Data has been weighted using the most current age, gender and region Census data to ensure the sample reflects the actual population of adult Canadians.

SAMPLE DISTRIBUTION

REGION	Unweighted Counts	Weighted Counts	Margin of Error*
Ontario	487	583	± 4.4%
British Columbia	216	202	± 6.7%
Alberta	196	174	± 7.4%
Manitoba	94	54	± 10.1%
Saskatchewan	82	48	± 10.8%
Quebec	333	372	± 5.4%
Atlantic	138	113	± 8.3%
TOTAL	1,546	1,546	± 2.5%



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Key Findings

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- **Overall, conceptually speaking, nearly half of Canadians (47%) agree that it should be illegal** for Canadian citizens to serve in the militaries of foreign governments, while **30% disagree and 23% are unsure**.
 - Agreement levels are generally consistent across genders, age brackets, and regions, with men somewhat more likely than women to agree (50% vs. 44%).
- When asked about **specific countries**, higher proportions agree that it should be illegal to serve in the **U.S. (55%) and Israeli (54%)** militaries, compared to the **Ukrainian military (44%)**.
 - Results by demographic and regional cohorts are quite consistent, with minor variations.



55%

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illegal for Canadian citizens to
serve in the United States
military

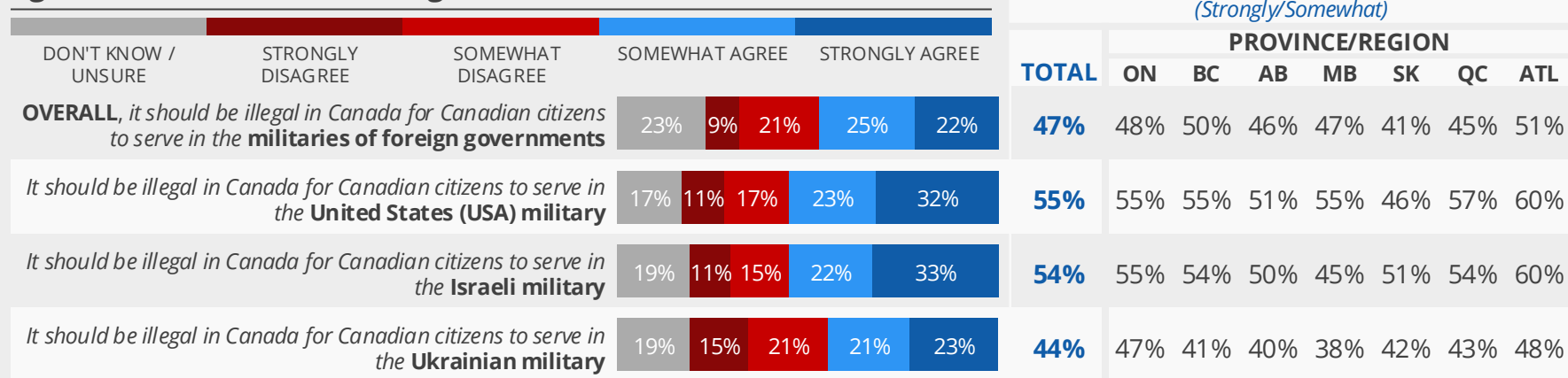
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Detailed Findings

Almost half (47%) of Canadians feel it should be illegal for Canadians to serve in the militaries of foreign governments

- Agreement with making *foreign military service* illegal is quite consistent amongst the provinces/regions - with agreement ranging between 46-51% in all regions, except Saskatchewan*, which posts a lower level of agreement (41%).
- When it comes to Canadians joining the *US military*, a moderately higher proportion feel this should be illegal as compared to their overall general view: 55% (+8). Almost three-in-ten (28%) disagree, and 17% are unsure.
- Turning to the prospect of Canadians joining the *Israeli military*, a similar proportion (54%; +7) feel this should be illegal. Just over a quarter (27%) disagree, and 19% are unsure.
- When considering Canadians joining the *Ukrainian military*, the public is slightly less likely to feel it should be illegal as compared to their overall general view: 44% (-3). More than a third (37%) disagree, and 19% are unsure. However, this proportion is notably lower than the proportion who feel it should be illegal for Canadians to join the US (-11) and Israeli (-10) militaries.

Agreement With The Following Statements

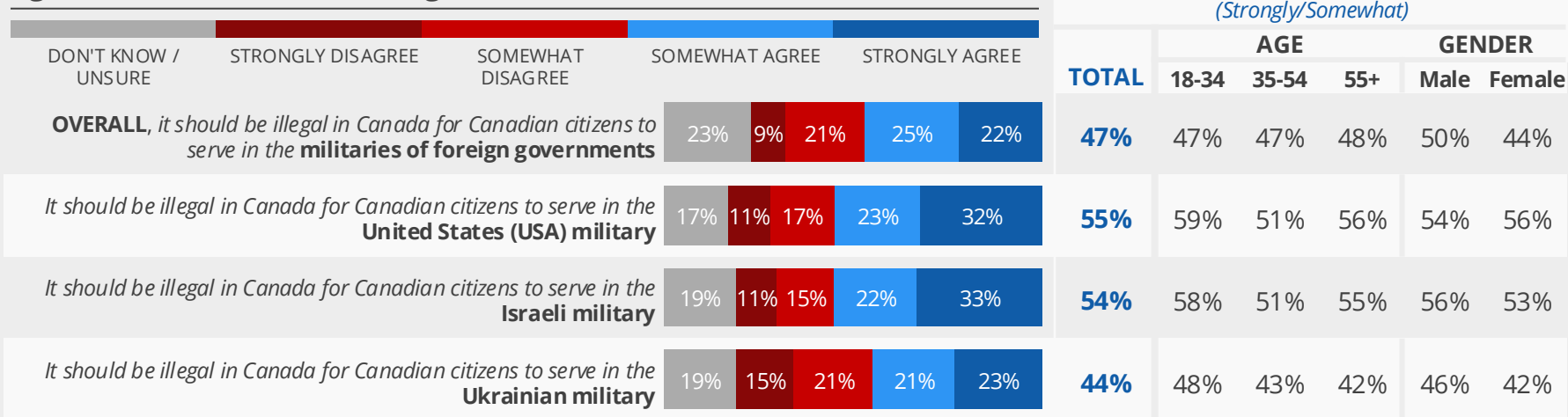


Overall, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:
Base: Total Respondents (n=1,546). *The Saskatchewan sub-sample is lower and carries a higher margin of error.

Agreement with making foreign military service illegal is consistent across age brackets, somewhat higher amongst men (50%) than women (44%)

- Results across pertaining to specific foreign militaries are quite consistent amongst demographic cohorts, varying to a minor degree.
- When asked about Canadians joining the *U.S. or Israeli militaries*, agreement with making this illegal is somewhat higher among those aged 18–34 (U.S.: 59%; Israel: 58%) and 55+ (U.S.: 56%; Israel: 55%) compared to those aged 35–54 (U.S.: 51%; Israel: 51%).
- With respect to the *Ukrainian military*, support for making service in the Ukrainian military illegal is lower among those aged 35–54 (43%) and 55+ (42%), compared with those aged 18–34 (48%).
- Across *genders*, men are more likely than women to support making foreign military service illegal. Results are similar amongst men and women when it comes to US and Israeli military service, whereas men are directionally more likely than women to feel Ukrainian military service should be illegal for Canadians.

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Overall, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

*****[Overall, it should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the militaries of foreign governments]*****

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - B/C/D - E/F - G/H/I/J/K/L/M - N/O/P - Q/R/S

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	Total	Age			Gender		Region							Education			Income			
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		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
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Weighted Base	1546	437	534	575	756	790	583	202*	174*	54*	48*	372	113*	640	487	419	390	511	493	
TOP 2 BOX [NET]	730 47%	204 47%	252 47%	273 48%	381 50%	349 44%	278 48%	101 50%	80 46%	25 47%	20 41%	168 45%	57 51%	280 44%	236 48%	214 51%	176 45%	247 48%	239 48%	
Strongly agree	347 22%	81 19%	132 25%	134 23%	202 27%	145 18%	133 23%	45 22%	38 22%	8 14%	9 19%	87 23%	29 26%	132 21%	112 23%	103 24%	89 23%	123 24%	106 21%	
Somewhat agree	383 25%	123 28%	121 23%	139 24%	179 24%	204 26%	145 25%	56 28%	42 24%	18 33%	11 23%	82 22%	29 25%	148 23%	124 25%	111 27%	87 22%	124 24%	133 27%	
BOTTOM 2 BOX [NET]	462 30%	165 38%	140 26%	156 27%	252 33%	210 27%	165 28%	62 31%	61 35%	17 31%	13 27%	113 30%	31 28%	202 32%	141 29%	119 28%	112 29%	153 30%	163 33%	
Somewhat disagree	329 21%	128 29%	92 17%	109 19%	178 24%	151 19%	120 21%	47 23%	45 26%	13 25%	10 21%	67 18%	25 22%	151 24%	92 19%	86 21%	85 22%	109 21%	111 22%	
Strongly disagree	133 9%	38 9%	48 9%	47 8%	74 10%	59 7%	44 8%	15 7%	16 9%	3 6%	3 6%	46 12%	6 5%	51 8%	49 10%	33 8%	26 7%	44 9%	52 10%	
Don't know / Unsure	355 23%	68 15%	141 26%	145 25%	123 16%	231 29%	140 24%	40 20%	32 19%	12 22%	15 32%	91 24%	24 21%	158 25%	111 23%	86 20%	102 26%	110 22%	92 19%	
Sigma	1546 100%	437 100%	534 100%	575 100%	756 100%	790 100%	583 100%	202 100%	174 100%	54 100%	48 100%	372 100%	113 100%	640 100%	487 100%	419 100%	390 100%	511 100%	493 100%	

Fielded on the Pollara Q&A National Omnibus.

Overall, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

[It should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the United States (USA) military]

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TOP 2 BOX [NET]	852	259	272	322	409	443	321	111	88	30	22	212	68	325	289	238	207	288	282	
	55%	59%	51%	56%	54%	56%	55%	55%	51%	55%	46%	57%	60%	51%	59%	57%	53%	56%	57%	
Strongly agree	500	120	175	204	249	251	169	75	56	15	13	134	39	198	169	133	123	171	159	
	32%	28%	33%	36%	33%	32%	29%	37%	32%	27%	26%	36%	34%	31%	35%	32%	32%	34%	32%	
Somewhat agree	352	138	96	117	160	192	152	36	32	15	9	78	29	127	120	105	84	116	123	
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BOTTOM 2 BOX [NET]	434	119	157	158	263	171	160	65	57	13	14	102	23	196	117	121	98	154	151	
	28%	27%	29%	27%	35%	22%	27%	32%	33%	23%	29%	27%	20%	31%	24%	29%	25%	30%	31%	
Somewhat disagree	259	60	103	96	145	114	101	43	23	11	9	55	17	110	76	73	65	84	94	
	17%	14%	19%	17%	19%	14%	17%	21%	13%	21%	19%	15%	15%	17%	16%	18%	17%	17%	19%	
Strongly disagree	174	59	54	61	118	56	59	23	34	2	5	47	6	85	41	48	33	70	57	
	11%	14%	10%	11%	16%	7%	10%	11%	19%	3%	10%	13%	5%	13%	8%	11%	9%	14%	11%	
Don't know / Unsure	261	59	106	96	84	177	102	26	29	12	12	58	22	119	82	60	85	69	60	
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Overall, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

[It should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the Ukrainian military]

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	44%	48%	43%	42%	46%	42%	47%	41%	40%	38%	42%	43%	48%	42%	46%	46%	47%	42%	46%
Strongly agree	359	95	131	133	195	164	135	37	40	11	12	95	30	139	127	94	95	118	116
	23%	22%	25%	23%	26%	21%	23%	18%	23%	20%	24%	25%	26%	22%	26%	22%	24%	23%	24%
Somewhat agree	322	116	96	110	156	167	142	45	29	10	8	64	24	129	96	97	88	95	110
	21%	26%	18%	19%	21%	21%	24%	22%	17%	18%	17%	17%	21%	20%	20%	23%	23%	19%	22%
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Somewhat disagree	331	88	120	123	162	169	119	56	34	12	9	79	22	137	98	96	79	122	103
	21%	20%	22%	21%	21%	21%	20%	28%	20%	22%	19%	21%	19%	21%	20%	23%	20%	24%	21%
Strongly disagree	237	75	66	95	143	94	82	34	39	8	6	58	9	102	77	57	49	81	89
	15%	17%	12%	17%	19%	12%	14%	17%	23%	14%	14%	16%	8%	16%	16%	14%	13%	16%	18%
Don't know / Unsure	297	63	121	113	100	196	106	29	31	14	12	76	29	133	89	75	80	95	75
	19%	14%	23%	20%	13%	25%	18%	14%	18%	26%	26%	20%	26%	21%	18%	18%	20%	19%	15%
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TOP 2 BOX [NET]	836	252	271	314	421	415	322	109	87	25	24	202	68	330	275	230	219	269	277
	54%	58%	51%	55%	56%	53%	55%	54%	50%	45%	51%	54%	60%	52%	56%	55%	56%	53%	56%
Strongly agree	504	130	180	194	265	239	185	70	56	14	16	126	38	199	178	126	127	182	156
	33%	30%	34%	34%	35%	30%	32%	35%	32%	26%	33%	34%	34%	31%	37%	30%	33%	36%	32%
Somewhat agree	332	122	90	120	156	176	137	39	31	11	9	77	30	131	97	104	92	87	121
	22%	28%	17%	21%	21%	22%	24%	19%	18%	19%	18%	21%	26%	20%	20%	25%	24%	17%	25%
BOTTOM 2 BOX [NET]	410	126	138	146	229	181	156	58	55	16	12	97	16	175	122	113	88	147	138
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Somewhat disagree	236	63	86	87	120	116	84	42	22	12	7	59	10	108	67	60	56	78	81
	15%	14%	16%	15%	16%	15%	14%	21%	13%	23%	15%	16%	9%	17%	14%	14%	14%	15%	16%
Strongly disagree	175	63	53	59	109	65	72	16	34	3	5	39	7	68	54	53	33	68	57
	11%	14%	10%	10%	14%	8%	12%	8%	19%	6%	10%	10%	6%	11%	11%	13%	8%	13%	12%
Don't know / Unsure	300	60	125	115	105	194	105	36	31	14	11	73	28	134	90	75	82	95	78
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Overall, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

[TOP 2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE]

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	54%	58%	51%	55%	56%	53%	55%	54%	50%	45%	51%	54%	60%	52%	56%	55%	56%	53%	56%

Overall, it should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the militaries of foreign governments	730	204	252	273	381	349	278	101	80	25	20	168	57	280	236	214	176	247	239
	47%	47%	47%	48%	50%	44%	48%	50%	46%	47%	41%	45%	51%	44%	48%	51% N	45%	48%	48%
It should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the Ukrainian military	682	211	227	244	351	331	277	83	69	21	20	159	54	268	223	191	182	213	226
	44%	48%	43%	42%	46%	42%	47%	41%	40%	38%	42%	43%	48%	42%	46%	46%	47%	42%	46%

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Q2 - Overall, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

[BOTTOM 2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE]

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It should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the Ukrainian military	567	163	186	218	304	263	200	91	73	19	16	137	30	238	176	153	128	203	192	
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Overall, it should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the militaries of foreign governments	462	165	140	156	252	210	165	62	61	17	13	113	31	202	141	119	112	153	163	
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It should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the United States (USA) military	434	119	157	158	263	171	160	65	57	13	14	102	23	196	117	121	98	154	151	
	28%	27%	29%	27%	35% F	22%	27%	32%	33%	23%	29%	27%	20%	31%	24%	29%	25%	30%	31%	
It should be illegal in Canada for Canadian citizens to serve in the Israeli military	410	126	138	146	229	181	156	58	55	16	12	97	16	175	122	113	88	147	138	
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