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## Asia Zone

► MIDDLE EAST& NORTH AFRICA; WEST ASIA; SOUTH ASIA; NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

### ► MENA

397-1 **71% of UAE workforce optimistic about future business conditions** (Click for Details)

(UAE) The latest Bayt.com Middle East and North Africa Consumer Confidence Index survey, conducted by Bayt.com and YouGov, shows that while 43% of UAE respondents say that their savings have decreased in comparison to last year, the majority of residents have a positive outlook on the future of the country's economy, as well as their own financial future. (YouGov Siraj)

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397-2 **Iraq and Syria opinion poll - the world's most dangerous survey?** (Click for Details)

As a wave of refugees heads north-westwards into Europe from the Middle East it may not be surprising to hear that a majority of Iraqis and Syrians appear to believe their countries are heading in the wrong direction.

(ORB)

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### ► SOUTHEAST ASIA

397-3 **Adult joblessness rises to 23.2%; 10% lost their jobs involuntarily, 11% resigned** (Click for Details)

The Second Quarter 2015 Social Weather Survey, fielded over June 5-8, 2015, found adult joblessness at 23.2% (est. 10.5 million adults). (SWS)

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## Africa Zone

► WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA; SOUTHERN AFRICA

### ► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

397-4 **African democracy update: Democratic satisfaction remains elusive for many** (Click for Details)

Barely half of citizens in 28 African countries surveyed by Afrobarometer consider their country a "full democracy" or a "democracy with minor problems," and less than half are satisfied with how their democracy is working, new Afrobarometer findings show.

(Afrobarometer)

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## Euro Americas Zone

▶ EAST EUROPE, WEST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA; LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA

### ▶ EAST EUROPE

397-5 **Moscow – A Dream City?** (Click for Details)

(Russia) According to Moscow residents and guest, the capital has almost everything for comfortable life; the only thing that needs improvements is environment. (VCIOM)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters



### ▶ WEST EUROPE

397-6 **Love thy neighbour? British people are barely friends with them** (Click for Details)

(UK) Only 1 in 4 British people would call their neighbours good friends – but in rural areas the figure is much higher. (YouGov)

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4.4 Society » Civil Society

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

397-7 **Public approval for Syria drone attacks** (Click for Details)

(UK) Outside Westminster, the reaction to the news of RAF strikes on British ISIS fighters is overwhelmingly supportive. (YouGov)

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2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/ Defence

397-8 **The Monarchy: popular across society and 'here to stay'** (Click for Details)

(UK) As the Queen becomes Britain's longest-reigning monarch, new research shows that the monarchy remains popular across all parts of British society. (YouGov)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



397-9 **1 in 10 Britons say they'd take a refugee into their home** (Click for Details)

(UK) 11% of British adults say they'd take a refugee into their home for six months – but people tend not to support their local council area housing 10 refugee families. (YouGov)

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4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees

397-10 **Italy: Public Opinion on the Legitimacy of the United Nations' Sanctions- Italian report by Doxa**

(Click for Details)

(Italy) If a referendum was held in Italy, the pro-sanctions vote will be ahead of the anti-sanctions vote by 53%, with 72% being pro-sanctions and 19% being anti-sanctions. This is the highest figure among the European "big five": Germany 51%, UK 39%, Spain 38% and France 21% (Doxa).

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### 397-11 Majority of Greeks Say Adopting Euro Has Harmed Country [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Greece) As the Greek debt crisis came to a head again earlier this summer, it's no surprise that leaders in more solvent eurozone countries expressed doubts about Greece's participation in the monetary union -- but these doubts are also widespread among Greeks themselves. A majority of adults in the country -- 55% -- said in a poll conducted May 14-June 16 that they think converting from the Greek drachma to the euro in 2001 has harmed Greece, while one-third (34%) said the common currency has benefited the country. (Gallup USA)



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### 397-12 Union Members less Content with Safety, recognition at Work [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) In the U.S., employed Americans who report being members of labor unions are significantly less likely than nonunion employees to say they are "completely satisfied" with six of 13 job aspects. These include workplace safety, recognition for accomplishments, flexibility of hours and job security. In only one job aspect, employer-provided health insurance, are union workers significantly more likely than nonunion workers to say they are completely satisfied. (Gallup USA)

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### 397-13 San Antonio-New Braunfels Leads U.S. in Employee Engagement [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) With 38.1% of its workforce engaged, San Antonio-New Braunfels, Texas, ranked highest in employee engagement among metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in 2014. Greater San Antonio was followed by Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, California, at 37.6% and 36.8%, respectively. (Gallup USA)

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### 397-14 Americans Still View Airline Industry Positively [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Americans continue to view the airline industry slightly more positively than negatively, despite the frequent news reports about increased airline fees, cramped seats and customer frustration. The industry's current positive ratings are consistent with what Gallup has found since 2013 and with ratings before the economic downturn. From 2007 through 2012, as was true for many industries, more Americans viewed the airline industry negatively than positively. (Gallup USA)



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397-15 **Gov't Workers Happier With Retirement Plans, Other Benefits** (Click for Details)

(USA) Public and private sector workers are similarly satisfied with most of the 13 job aspects Gallup asks them about, but government employees are more likely to be satisfied with their retirement plans, health insurance and vacation benefits. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues



397-16 **One in Five Voters Say Immigration Stance Critical to Vote** (Click for Details)

(USA) Twenty percent of U.S. registered voters say they will only vote for a candidate who shares their views on immigration, with another 60% saying it will be one of many important considerations they take into account. Registered voters who are Republican, first- or second-generation immigrants or Hispanics are more likely than others to say sharing a candidate's position on immigration is a must in order to win their vote. (Gallup USA)

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4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees

397-17 **U.S. Economic Confidence Remains on Lower End for 2015** (Click for Details)

(USA) Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index averaged -14 for the week ending Sept. 6. This is up slightly from the 11-month low of -17 found the week prior, but remains on the lower end of scores found in 2015. (Gallup USA)

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3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

397-18 **Majority in U.S. Say Chiropractic Works for Neck, Back Pain** (Click for Details)

(USA) Chiropractic care has a positive reputation among many U.S. adults for effective treatment of neck and back pain, with about six in 10 adults either strongly agreeing (23%) or agreeing somewhat (38%) that chiropractors are effective at treating these types of pain. (Gallup USA)

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4.11 Society » Health

397-19 **Canadians divided along political lines over whether to accept thousands of refugees in current crisis** (Click for Details)

(Canada) With the Harper government under fire on the campaign trail for its reaction to the European migrant crisis and refugee policy in general, new data from the Angus Reid Institute shows Canadians are themselves divided – notably along political lines – over what this country should do. (Angus Reid)

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► **LATIN AMERICA**

397-20 **57% of Brazilians change consumption habits or financial planning due to the crisis** (Click for Details)

(Brazil) Research IBOPE Intelligence for the National Confederation of Industry (CNI) points out that the economic turmoil are affecting the lives of the population. 86% of respondents, Brazil is experiencing an economic crisis and 66% consider bad or very bad



situation. (Ibope)

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## ► AUSTRALASIA

397-21 **Big drop in Australian business confidence in August —now the lowest in four years** (Click for Details)

(Australia) Roy Morgan Research's Business Confidence declined by 9.7 points in August (down 8.6% to 102.6) mainly due to the continued poor economic outlook for Australia over the next 12 months and the negative impact that this is likely to have on businesses' future financial position. Business confidence is now down 13.5 points (11.6%) from 12 months ago and remains well below the five-year average of 116.9. The current level of 102.6 is the lowest since August 2011 when it was 101.8. (Roy Morgan)



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## ► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

397-22 **Few Puerto Ricans Hold Out Hope for Economy** (Click for Details)

Amid the ongoing debt crisis in Puerto Rico, 6% of the U.S. commonwealth's residents believe economic conditions on the island are getting better. To put this figure into perspective, if Puerto Rico were a U.S. state, it would rank well below the least optimistic state, West Virginia, where 24% say economic conditions are getting better. However, Puerto Rico also fares poorly compared with countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, where it ranks last in economic optimism, along with Venezuela. (Gallup USA)

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## Topic of the week:

### **IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES: GLOBAL SOUL STRUGGLES WITH MIXED MOTIVES OF 'PASSIONS' AND 'INTERESTS'**

► Four polls from across the world.

## One in Five Voters Say Immigration Stance Critical to Vote

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PRINCETON, N.J. -- Twenty percent of U.S. registered voters say they will only vote for a candidate who shares their views on immigration, with another 60% saying it will be one of many important considerations they take into account. Registered voters who are Republican, first- or second-generation immigrants or Hispanics are more likely than others to say sharing a candidate's



position on immigration is a must in order to win their vote.

*Effect of Immigration on Vote, Based on Registered Voters*

Thinking about how the immigration issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you -- [ROTATED: only vote for a candidate who shares your views on immigration (or) consider a candidate's position on immigration as just one of many important factors (or) not see immigration as a major issue]?

	<b>% Only vote for candidate who shares views</b>	<b>% Consider position as one of many important factors</b>	<b>% Not a major issue</b>
All registered voters	20	60	17
Republicans	27	56	16
Independents	19	65	15
Democrats	18	59	21
Hispanic	25	49	18
Non-Hispanic black	24	46	26
Non-Hispanic white	19	65	15
Self/Parents born in U.S.	19	62	17
Self born in U.S./Parent born in another country	27	54	18
Born in another country	28	47	14

June 15-July 10, 2015

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Immigration again promises to be an important issue in the 2016 presidential campaign, as the federal government has been unable to pass a comprehensive reform bill. It already has been one of the more discussed issues this year, in large part because Republican front-runner Donald Trump has made the issue the centerpiece of his campaign.

The question was included in Gallup's Minority Rights and Relations poll, conducted June 15-July 10. This is the first time Gallup has asked the question about immigration, so it is not known whether voters' orientation to the issue today is different from the past.

Earlier this year, Gallup found that 19% of registered voters would only vote for a candidate who shares their views on another highly divisive issue -- abortion -- which is similar to the percentage who says they must agree with a candidate on immigration (20%). But fewer voters said abortion would be one of many important factors to their vote (49%) than say this about immigration (60%), indicating immigration is broadly more important than abortion as a potential make-or-break issue for candidates.

Republicans' greater likelihood of saying they must agree with a candidate on immigration in order to support him or her suggests the issue should be a bigger factor in the Republican primaries than in the Democratic primaries. Republican candidates generally place a high priority on border security and do not favor a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants residing in the U.S. But some, like Trump, go further, offering a number of additional policies to limit immigration, such as deporting all undocumented immigrants and not granting automatic citizenship to children born in the U.S. whose parents are here illegally.

But in the general election campaign, immigration could work to the detriment of the eventual GOP nominee given immigrants' and Hispanics' above-average desire for agreement with their chosen candidate on the immigration issue, coupled with their generally pro-immigration views.

Although the 24% of blacks who say agreement on immigration is crucial to winning their vote is roughly the same percentage as immigrants, Republicans and Hispanics, nearly as many blacks, 26%, say immigration is not a major issue -- higher than for other subgroups.

### Hard-Liners on Immigration Not More Likely to Require Candidate Agreement

The basic results by party don't alone indicate whether a more moderate candidate on immigration (such as Jeb Bush or any of the Democrats) or a hard-line candidate on immigration (most notably, Trump) would be more appealing to voters for whom immigration is a make-or-break issue. However, analyzing voting preferences by voters' views on immigration policy indicates it is not necessarily the hard-liners on immigration who are most likely to require agreement on the issue.

Specifically, 21% of registered voters who say all illegal immigrants should be deported say they will only vote for a candidate who shares their views on immigration, essentially matching the national average. Those who favor allowing illegal immigrants to stay and work for a limited time are a bit more likely to say their chosen candidate must agree with them on immigration.

*Effect of Immigration on Vote Based on Preferences for Handling Illegal Immigrants Living in the U.S., Based on Registered Voters*

	Deport all back to home country	Allow to stay for limited time to work	Allow to stay and work toward becoming citizens
	%	%	%
Only vote for candidate who shares views	21	27	18
Consider position as one of many important factors	63	54	62
Not a major issue	15	16	18

June 15-July 10, 2015

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Although there aren't sufficient cases to analyze these immigration views by voters who identify politically as Republican, the limited data available suggest Republicans in favor of deporting undocumented immigrants back to their country are no more likely than Republicans with more moderate views on the issue to say they would only support a candidate sharing their views on immigration.

### Implications

Earlier this year, Gallup found voters ranking immigration as relatively less important as an issue to their vote than the economy, healthcare and the federal government. However, that poll was taken before Trump entered the race. The Minority Rights and Relations poll reported here was conducted mostly after Trump announced his candidacy, finding about one in five registered voters saying they will only vote for a candidate who shares their views on immigration.



Currently, 8% of Americans name immigration as the most important problem facing the country, compared with 6% before Trump entered the race, which suggests his presence has not greatly elevated the issue as a priority for voters, and it may still not be as important of a factor in the election as some of the other issues like the economy and the government.

Nevertheless, immigration has arguably attracted more attention than any other issue in the 2016 campaign thus far, perhaps because of its divisive nature and its complexity, particularly around how to handle the millions of immigrants living in the U.S. who entered illegally but in many cases have established stable and productive lives in this country. And in a close primary or general election contest, even if it is less important than the economy and other issues, immigration could easily tilt the outcome toward one candidate or another.

### Survey Methods

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted June 15-July 10, 2015, with a random sample of 1,987 registered voters, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. All respondents had previously been interviewed in the Gallup Daily tracking survey and agreed to be re-contacted by Gallup. For results based on the total sample of registered voters, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the total sample of 808 non-Hispanic whites, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the total sample of 739 non-Hispanic blacks, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the total sample of 343 Hispanics, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 8$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

All reported margins of sampling error include computed design effects for weighting.

Source: [http://www.gallup.com/poll/185381/one-five-voters-say-immigration-stance-critical-vote.aspx?utm\\_source=Election%202016&utm\\_medium=newsfeed&utm\\_campaign=tilesr-60s](http://www.gallup.com/poll/185381/one-five-voters-say-immigration-stance-critical-vote.aspx?utm_source=Election%202016&utm_medium=newsfeed&utm_campaign=tilesr-60s)) or some kind of spiritual greater power (24%), but nonetheless do not tend to believe in an afterlife.

Source: <https://yougov.co.uk/news/2015/09/02/1-10-british-people-hell/>

## Canadians divided along political lines over whether to accept thousands of refugees in current crisis

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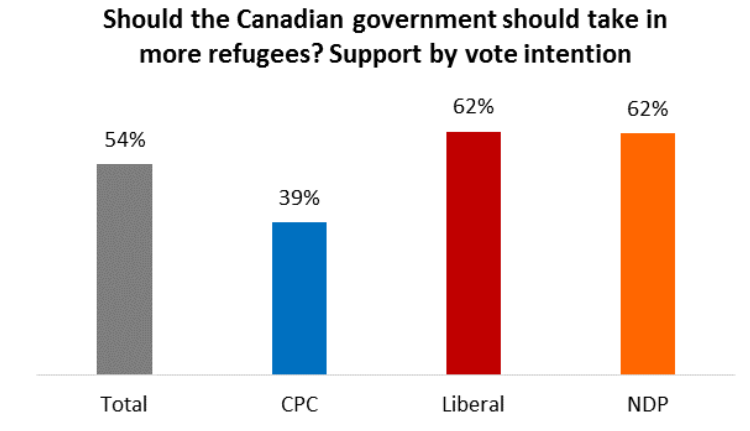
With the Harper government under fire on the campaign trail for its reaction to the European migrant crisis and refugee policy in general, new data from the Angus Reid Institute shows Canadians are themselves divided – notably along political lines – over what this country should do.



Reaction this week to images of three-year-old Alan Kurdi – a Syrian child with Canadian relatives – drowned on a Turkish beach, has led to discussion over

whether Canada is “doing its part” in this situation. Results of the latest ARI public opinion poll reveal less consensus than public outcry might have anticipated.

Canadians who support the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) in this campaign are less inclined than Liberal (LPC) or New Democrat (NDP) supporters to agree this country should be taking a welcoming stance and accepting more refugees. That said, the data also shows the CPC’s Christian base finds itself at odds with Conservative supporters overall – the former, backing more intervention on behalf of refugees affected by the crisis.



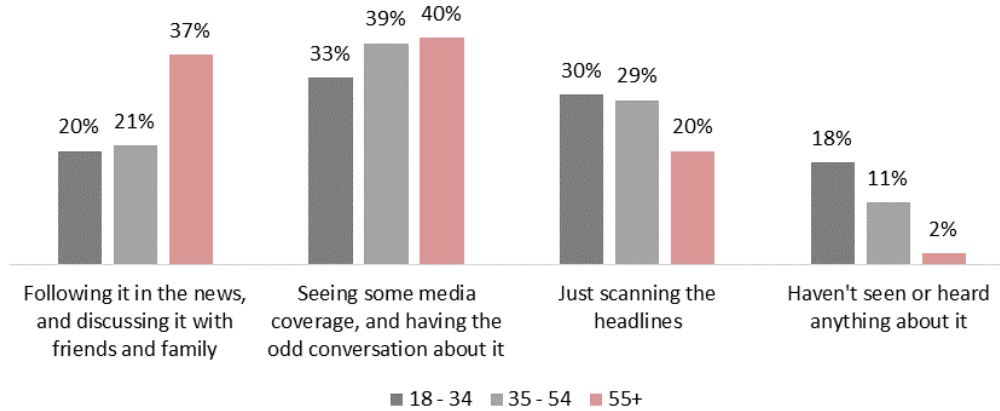
**Key findings:**

- Overall, most Canadians (70%) say Canada has a role to play in the migrant crisis, but are divided on increasing the number of refugees the government sponsors and resettles here, and on seeing government spend more to make it happen. (54% and 51% support each, respectively)
- A significant gender difference exists on whether the people fleeing to Europe from the Middle East are seen as “genuine”: Canadian men are twice as likely as women to say the migrants are “bogus”
- As to what exactly this country should do, Canadians are most supportive of sending medical and armed forces professionals into the affected European countries areas to assist refugees, divided on taking more refugees and least supportive of “doing nothing”

**Awareness of the Issue:**

Alan Kurdi and his family represent a handful of the **more than 350,000 migrants** who have sought refuge in Europe so far this year. Like the little boy, his brother and mother, an estimated 2,500 people have died attempting to make the journey. This survey finds that nearly all Canadians (90%) have at least some awareness of this crisis, with roughly two-thirds (64%) saying they’re following these events actively. By a wide margin, Canadians over the age of 55 are more likely to be following the issue.

**How closely would you say you have been following this issue?  
(By Age)**



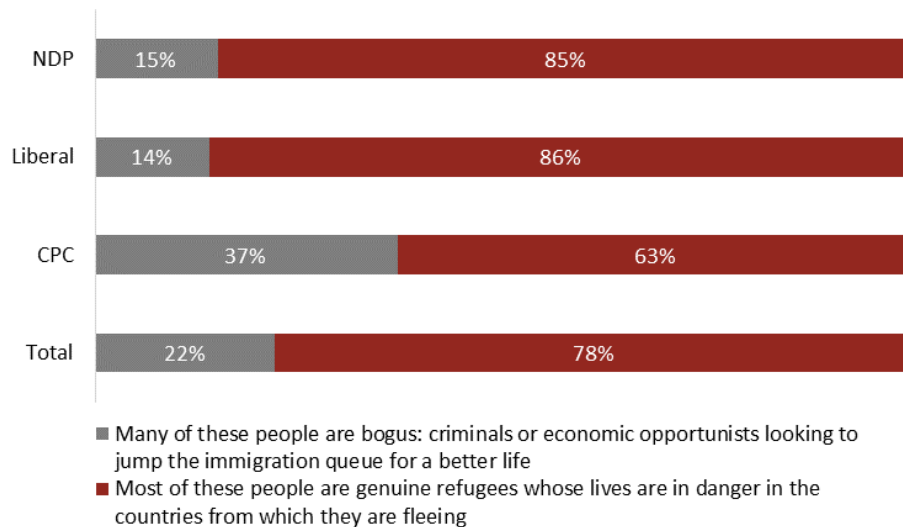
**Election Implications:**

It is unsurprising then, that the issue has made its way into the campaign narrative of the October 19<sup>th</sup> federal election. But while opposition party leaders **Tom Mulcair and Justin Trudeau have accused** the Conservative government and its leader Stephen Harper of not doing enough to address the plight of refugees, Harper's own message is that bringing them to Canada is not the only solution, pointing to Canada's **military contribution to the fight against ISIS**.

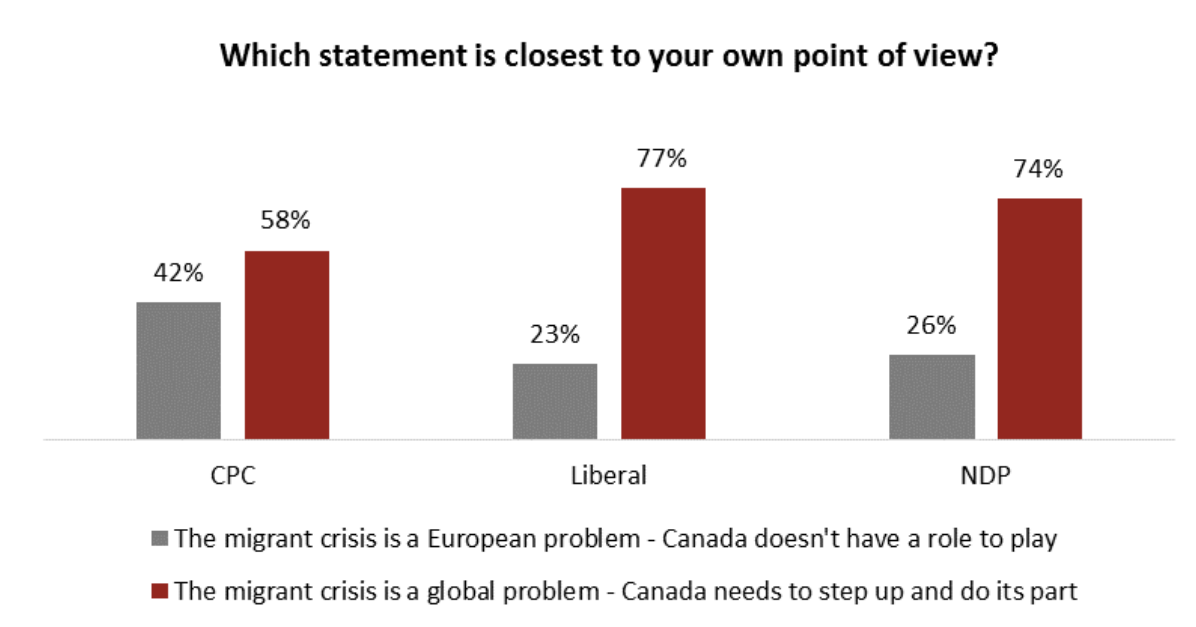
This line of messaging clearly resonates with a significant portion of the CPC base:

- Though majorities of all party supporters view those trying to get to Europe as “genuine refugees”, CPC supporters and leaners are twice as likely as other party supporters to characterize them as “criminals or economic opportunists”

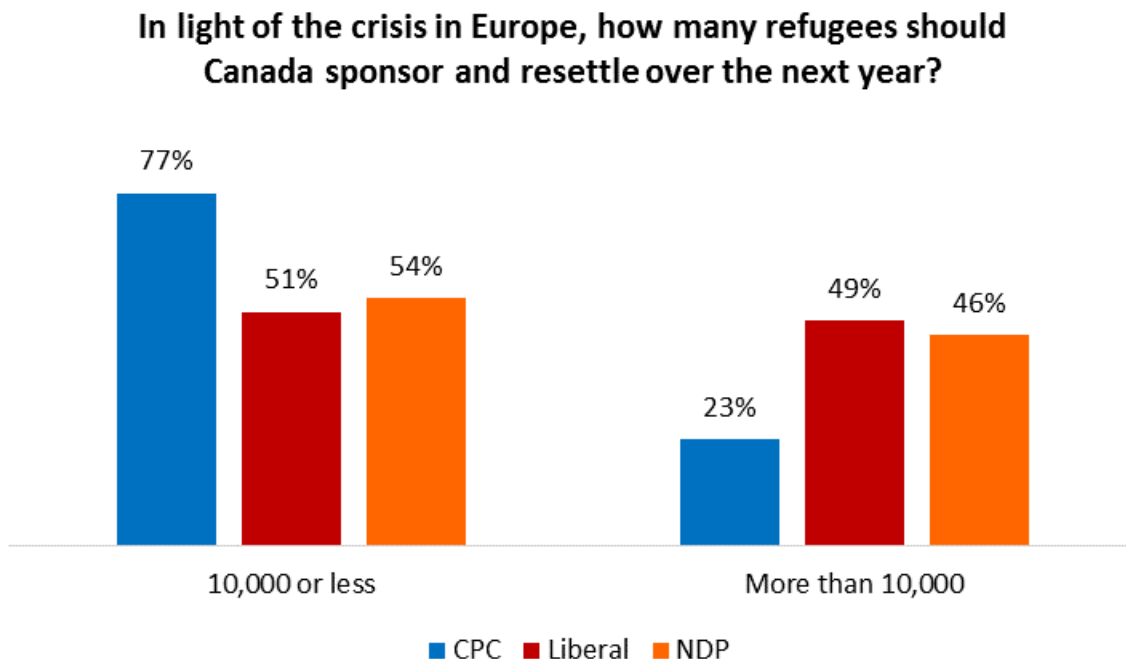
**Which statement is closest to your own point of view?**



- While most of those backing or leaning towards the Conservatives see a role for Canada in this crisis – they are far more divided among their own ranks than those tilting to the NDP and LPC:



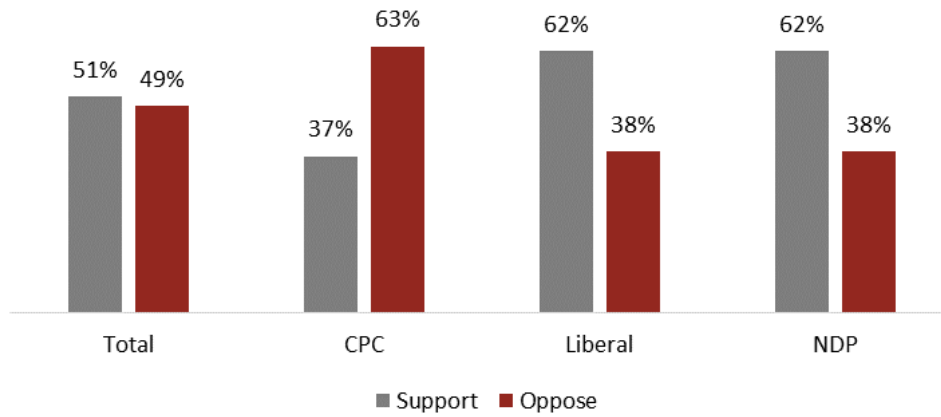
- Asked how many refugees the Canadian government should sponsor and resettle over the next year, CPC supporters are significantly more likely to say choose a maximum of 10,000. Conversely – Liberal and NDP supporters are more inclined to choose a number higher than 10,000:



- Asked whether they supported or opposed a \$100 million dollar increase in federal spending to boost the number of government-sponsored refugees in a given year to 20,000, as proposed by **immigrant and**

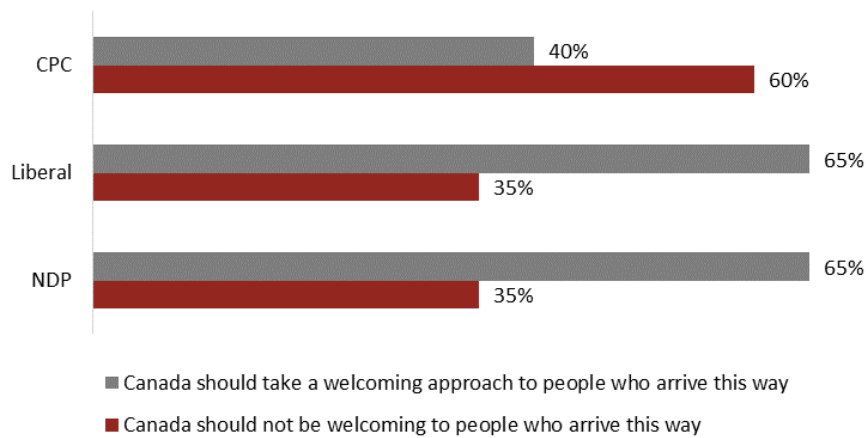
refugee settlement advocates, CPC supporters and leaners are far more likely to oppose such action (63%, 34% strongly) while near-inverse numbers of NDP and Liberal supporters and leaners support it (62% each, respectively)

**Support for increasing the number of government-sponsored refugees to 20,000 per year at a cost of \$100 million annually:**



Instances of refugees, trafficked individuals and economic migrants arriving by boat on Canadian shores are far less common than the European experience, but are still very much a part of this country's history. On the question of how we should react were it to start happening again, the opposition of CPC supporters to a "welcoming approach" in regards to migrant arrivals mirrors support for this by LPC and NDP backers (see the following graph)

**Suppose this were happening in Canada, on the scale of the crisis in Europe. What should be the overall tone of Canada's response?**



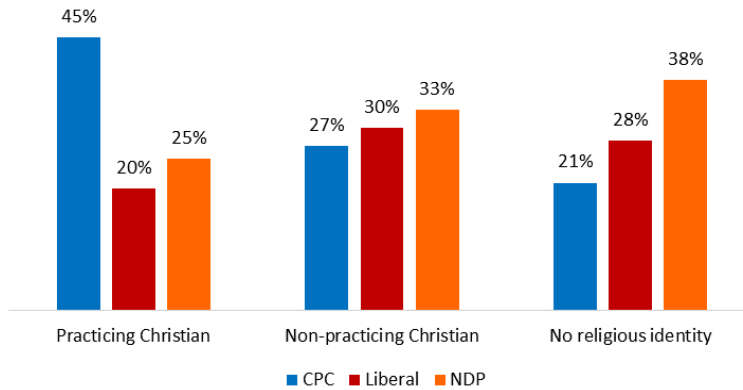
**Cleavages within the Conservative base:**



While these findings reveal less national consensus on an issue that has dominated week five of this election campaign, conventional wisdom might also conclude they indicate the Conservative Party is successfully engaging its own base. This view however, comes with a hefty caveat.

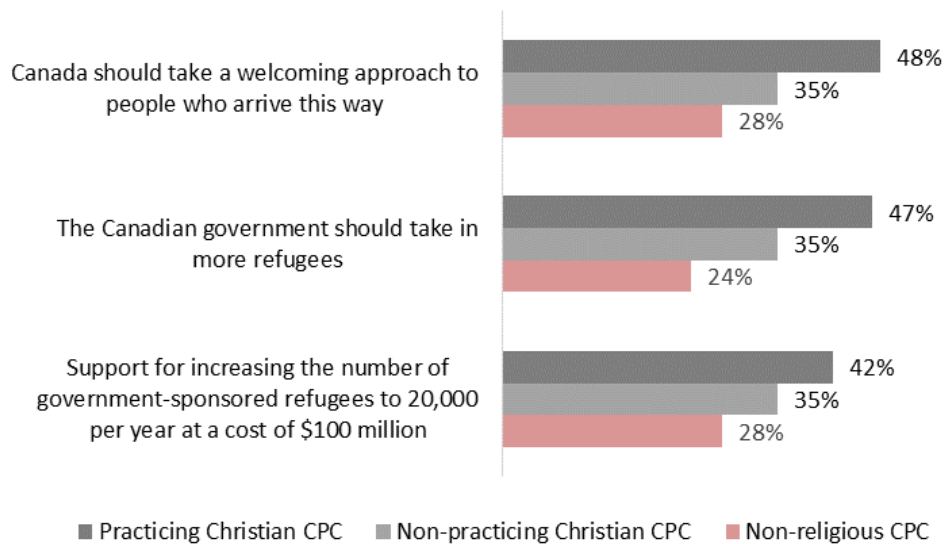
In fact, Conservatives are divided by religious participation on how to react to and what to do about the migrant crisis. This division is particularly significant for the CPC – more than the Liberal or New Democratic parties – because practicing Christians form a large and influential part of the Conservative base, as evidenced in the graph below:

2015 voting intention by religious affiliation:



And it is with this influential segment of CPC support that Conservative messaging is nearly as resonant. Compare the responses of all those who say they'll vote Conservative on October 19, regardless of religious participation – with Christian CPC voters who regularly attend services in the graph below on key questions of refugee policy:

Practicing Christians more supportive of refugees than other CPC voters:

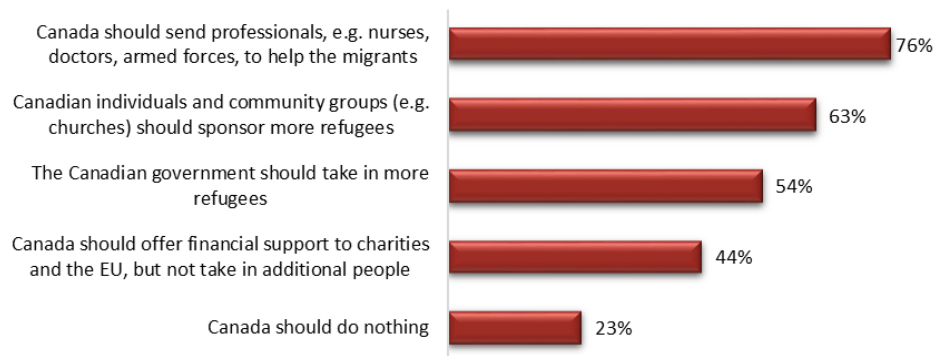


## So What Should Canada Do (if Anything)?

Regardless of political preferences, the vast majority of Canadians view the refugees as “genuine” (78%) and agree that the migrant crisis is a global problem, and Canada must do its part (70%).

Notwithstanding the acceptance of more government-sponsored refugees, there are a variety of ways in which any country could be – and in many cases are – responding to the current crisis. The Angus Reid Institute asked respondents about a handful of hypothetical options:

### Please tell us whether you support or oppose the following measures: (Summary of Support)

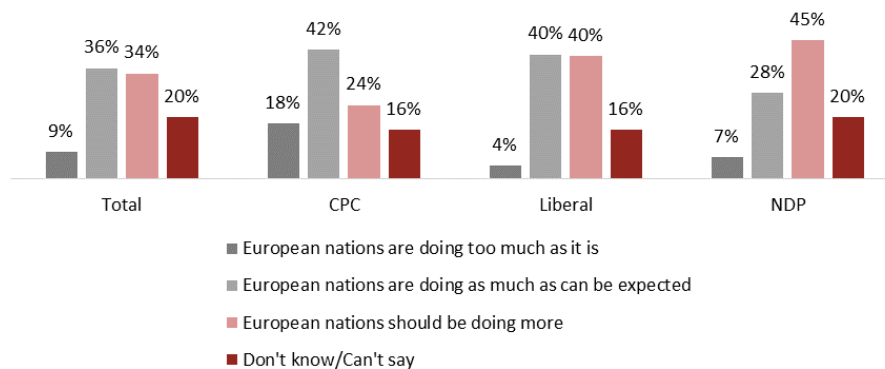


## And how do we view Europe's response?

Canadians are divided on Europe's response to the current crisis – but only as far as whether it has been sufficient or not. Very few (9%) think the continent has done “too much” to deal with the crisis.

The rest of the country is divided between the opinion that “European nations are doing as much as can be expected” (36%) and “European nations should be doing more” (34%). Another one-fifth (20%) are unsure.

### Based on what you've seen, heard, or read, what do you think about Europe's response to the migrant crisis?



Opinion on this question varies by region and by age. Canadians between the ages of 35 and 54 are less likely than other age groups to say European nations should be doing more (29% say so, compared to 38% of

younger Canadians and 36% of those over 55). The opposite is true of residents of the Atlantic provinces, 50 per cent of whom say Europe should be doing more.

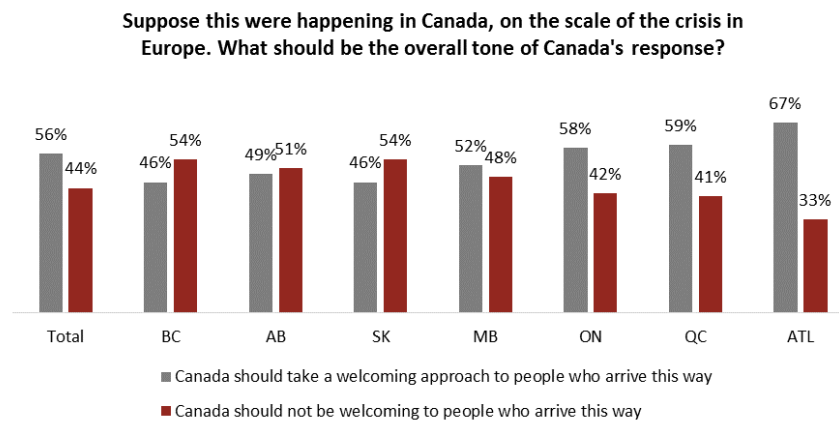
Respondents in Western Canada are more likely to say Europeans are doing as much as can be expected. Not quite half of British Columbia (46%) and Alberta (43%) residents choose this option.

### What if it happened here?

Migrants have **arrived in Canada by boat in the past**, but never on the scale currently seen in Europe. In the somewhat unlikely event that the current crisis was taking place here, Canadians are divided on how they would like the country to handle such a situation.

A slim majority (56%) say “Canada should take a welcoming approach to people who arrive this way,” while the rest (44%) say “Canada should not be welcoming to people who arrive this way.”

Interestingly, responses in every province west of Manitoba are reversed – with slim majorities favouring an unwelcoming approach. Manitoba and every region to the east favours a welcoming approach.



This question also yields gender and age divides: Men and those between the ages of 35 and 55 are more likely to say Canada should not welcome migrants arriving by boat, while women and those in the youngest (18 to 34) and oldest (over 55) age groups are more likely to prefer the welcoming option (see detailed tables at the end of this release).

Source: <http://angusreid.org/refugee-crisis/>

## 1 in 10 Britons say they'd take a refugee into their home

September 03, 2015



**11% of British adults say they'd take a refugee into their home for six months – but people tend not to support their local council area housing 10 refugee families**



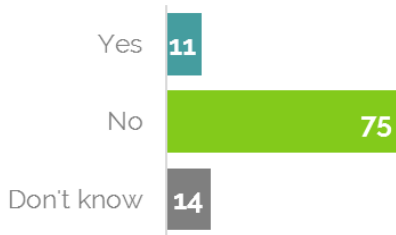
The prime minister **is expected** to announce that the UK is prepared to accept thousand more refugees fleeing the Syrian civil war, **after a picture** published in this morning's newspapers showed the body of a three-year-old Syrian boy washed up on a Turkish beach. Before news of the increased effort emerged, David

Cameron said: “Anyone who saw those pictures overnight could not help but be moved... We are taking thousands of people, and we will take thousands of people”. But as many look beyond the government for a solution – ours has taken fewer refugees than other European countries – a more personal campaign has

### Housing refugees

More than 350,000 migrants have arrived at the EU's borders so far this year from conflict zones in Syria and Afghanistan as well as African countries like Eritrea...

Would you agree to take a refugee into your home for six months? %



To what extent do you support or oppose your local council area housing ten refugee families? %



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[A new website](#) has launched in Germany which matches citizens willing to share their homes with refugees, and British groups have now offered to set up similar schemes.

New YouGov research finds that 11% of British people say they would agree to take a refugee from conflict zones in Syria, Afghanistan or other African countries into their home for six months. 75% say they would not and 14% are unsure.

21% of 18-24 year-olds say they would house a refugee, compared to 7% of over-60s.

Labour leadership candidate Yvette Cooper [yesterday proposed](#) a huge increase in the number of refugees Britain accepts – currently 750 each year, moving to 10,000 as per Cooper's suggestion. If every local council area took in ten families, then in a month we'd have already met the target, she said.

41% of British people say they would support their own local council area housing ten refugee families, while 48% would oppose this. Only 16% strongly support the initiative, compared to 30% who strongly oppose it.

In Scotland, unlike other parts of Britain, a majority (54%) say they would support ten refugee families being housed in their own council area.

Angela Merkel [has said](#) she expects Germany to accept at least 800,000 asylum seekers this year, although the figure could reach one million. The Home Office says that since 2011 almost 5,000 Syrians have been given asylum in the UK, however this figure includes Syrians who were already living in the UK but unable to return because of the war. The UK is the second biggest donor of humanitarian aid, and has pledged £900m.

Source: <https://yougov.co.uk/news/2015/09/03/1-10-britons-refugee-home/>

## Iraq and Syria opinion poll - the world's most dangerous survey?

September 2015

As a wave of refugees heads north-westwards into Europe from the Middle East it may not be surprising to hear that a majority of Iraqis and Syrians appear to believe their countries are heading in the wrong direction.

That is one of the findings from an opinion poll commissioned by the BBC from **ORB International** (our Member from the UK) that examines public opinion in both Iraq and Syria.

Some 66% of those questioned in Iraq and 57% in Syria think their country is heading in the wrong direction. Perhaps more shocking is that one quarter of those questioned in Iraq and more than one third in Syria think their country is actually on the right track.



But what is fascinating is that it was possible to conduct this opinion poll at all - especially given the continuing violence in Iraq and the chaos in war-torn Syria.

**Johnny Heald of ORB International** said his company has been polling in Iraq every year since 2005, though he admits that the security situation is challenging in some governorates.

The Iraq poll is not nationally representative, he notes, since it was restricted to 10 of the 18 governorates, with no interviews conducted in the three Kurdish governorates or in some of the smaller Shia governorates.

He argues though that what gives his Syria poll credibility is the geographic distribution of those interviewed.



"In all polling the data is only as good as the sample upon which it is drawn," he told me. "This data from Syria covers opinion throughout all 14 governorates across the country

"So it includes those people living under the control of the regime, under the control of the so-called Islamic State [IS], [al-Qaeda affiliate] al-Nusra, the wider opposition and the YPG [Kurdish fighters]."

More than 14 supervisors and 40 interviewers travelled throughout the country to collect data.

"It starts with one week's training in southern Turkey where the supervisors come to Gaziantep and we go through the methodology, the questionnaire and the quality control procedures," Mr Heald said.

"We pilot the questionnaire before it is fielded. We then ensure we have the relative permits/permissions to operate and undertake a risk assessment."

### Too dangerous to poll?

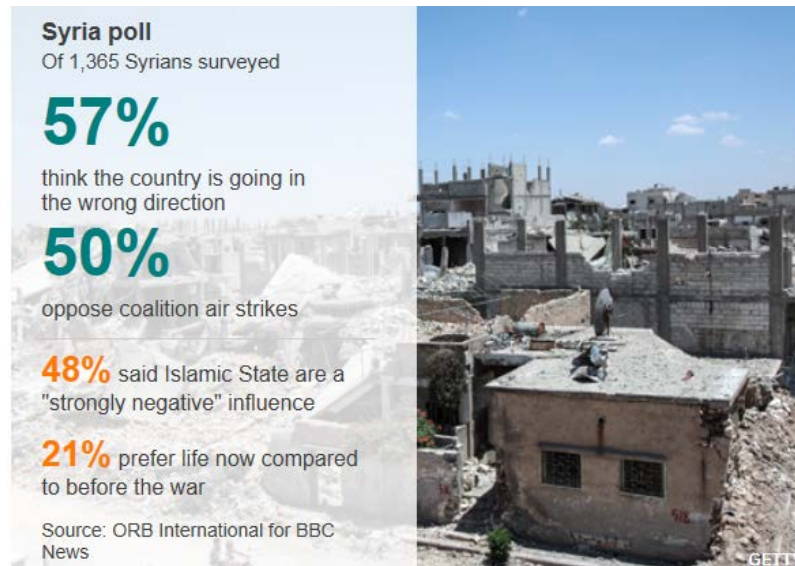
But how do you set about conducting field research in an IS-controlled area?

"In the IS-controlled areas of Raqqa for each survey we visit the head of the town and ask him for permission to randomly interview people," Mr Heald says.

"His response is 'so long as you are not an international media station and pull out video cameras, I don't mind you doing this'."

"Why is this his reaction? Because, as the data verifies, many of those living in Raqqa now are happier since IS took over."

"They welcome the security, they see IS trying to help the people with electricity, with food, with petrol. In many respects it is a story they are keen to tell."



This perhaps surprising finding is one of the values of this kind of survey.

As Mr Heald said, the survey suggests that *"the majority in both countries are opposed to IS but that they also think that IS is a product of foreign countries... which to you and I may seem like some crazy conspiracy theory but to them it is a common perception."*

"Widespread opposition to the coalition bombing, should also make policymakers reconsider their strategy. I think the official British government line is that coalition air strikes are 'degrading' IS.

"But while we can accept that it may be slowing them down," he says, "there is little evidence to suggest they are losing the war. People aren't leaving Raqqa now because of IS - they are leaving because of the coalition air strikes."

### **Glimmer of hope**

For Western policymakers there is a lot to be gloomy about here.

More than one quarter of those questioned in Syria still see President Bashar al-Assad as exercising a strongly positive influence over the country. But the ORB survey does find some guarded grounds for optimism.

"Majorities in both Iraq and Syria, oppose the break up of their country," Mr Heald said. "Majorities think that despite doctrinal differences they are stronger together than fighting each other. Self-identifying as an Iraqi or a Syrian is a preferred option to identifying as a Sunni or a Shia."

But what of the broader value of such opinion surveys? Mr Heald is a pollster so he is clearly not going to undermine his own business.

But he surely makes a valid point when he says: "Policymakers need to understand public opinion in these countries. IS have an incredibly well-oiled strategic communication operation. Politicians and military leaders need to track public opinion to see where hearts and minds are and how they are shifting.

"There are also significant operations taking place in country - whether they be aid-related, messaging-related or kinetic (air strikes). Only by tracking public opinion can they measure the performance and effect of these activities and thereby determine which, if any, are successful in changing behaviour."

Source:

[http://www.wingia.com/en/news/iraq\\_and\\_syria\\_opinion\\_poll\\_the\\_world\\_s\\_most\\_dangerous\\_survey/318/](http://www.wingia.com/en/news/iraq_and_syria_opinion_poll_the_world_s_most_dangerous_survey/318/)

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## A Quantitative Analysis

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### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\approx$  6,805 polls during the period 2007-2015
- 2- Subjects of Interest (*we have made a list of 125 subjects, further grouped into 9 broad categories, namely: **Governance**, **Globalization** (inclusive of global economic issues) **Global Conflicts** (conflict zones), **Global leaders** (USA and Emerging powers), **Global Environment**, **Family**, **Religion**, and **other miscellaneous***)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys:  $\approx$  178 during the period 2007-2015
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\approx$  358 during the period 2007-2015

