

# CANADIANS ADVOCATE FOR NEUTRALITY IN ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

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## WHERE CANADIANS' SYMPATHIES LIE

After a month of conflict between Israel and Hamas, an equal proportion (84%) of Canadians feel sympathy for both the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

The Palestinian people  84%

The Israeli people  84%

## CANADA'S ROLE

### Canada should...



Canadians appear to feel that Canada shouldn't take a side in the Israel-Hamas war as four in ten (41%) prefer the country to be a neutral mediator, while a quarter (23%) believe Canada shouldn't be involved at all.

However, significantly more Canadians aged 18-34 think the country should support the Palestinians (20%), while those aged 55+ are more likely to say they want Canada to support Israel in the war (25%).



There should be an immediate ceasefire



There should be a ceasefire, but only once Israelis taken by Hamas are released



Civilians fleeing the fighting in Gaza should be allowed to flee to a safe country

Canadians' greatest concern is the human cost of the war. Most (81%) Canadians think there should be an immediate ceasefire, while support for a ceasefire drops to 69% when the caveat of releasing hostages is added. Additionally, the majority (87%) of Canadians think that civilians fleeing the fighting in Gaza should be allowed to go to a safe country.

# ABOUT THIS MEDIA RELEASE

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## ABOUT THE STUDY

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These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between November 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 Canadians aged 18+ was interviewed. Quotas and weighting were employed to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the Canadian population according to census parameters. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within  $\pm 3.8$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadians aged 18+ been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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