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We started by trying to get a sense of how Canadians feel we're doing because most Canadians want us to be engaged in the world. We don't see a lot of wide difference throughout the country with regards to global engagement. Only 21% of the country say that we're stronger within our global engagement and 43% say we're weaker. The majority of people in Canada don't think that the US treats Canada fairly, and not even the conservatives agree that Harper has been effective in dealing with Bush.

When you talk about the US relationship in the abstract there is a lot more suspicion. Then, when you talk about the actual issues, Canadians are much more engaged. There is a general stereotype against Americans but when you speak of real issues that suspicion is blown apart.

People think that if Obama wins the US election it will be a good thing for Canada. There is the issue of whether or not Obama will be able to deliver on the expectations that have been set for him.

Most Canadians know that there is a problem at the border and that when push comes to shove you need to do what you need to do to get goods across the border.

Most Canadians don't think it's likely that Russia will recognize Canadian sovereignty in the North West Passage but think that there is a better chance of working things out with the US. Canadians would prefer a unilateral approach to North West Passage sovereignty despite anti-American sentiment Canadians still seek a closer relationship with the US. Policy issues are volatile in regards to polling and Canadians stand about two to one in favour of free trade.