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## Majority of Canadians favour extending anti-ISIS mission: poll



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**WATCH ABOVE:** A majority of Canadians support the mission against ISIS that will likely be extended up to a year. Eric Sorensen reports.

Two-thirds of Canadians are in favour of extending the current Canadian Forces mission against ISIS in Iraq, according to an exclusive poll for Global News.



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The Global News/Ipsos Reid poll found 66 per cent of Canadians surveyed said they agreed with the Conservative government's intent to extend the mission past its current end date next month.

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Support for continuing with the mission, known as Operation Impact, is highest among Conservative voters, with 86 per cent saying they strongly or somewhat agree with Prime Minister Stephen Harper's plans to extend the operation.

Respondents who indicated they vote for the Liberals showed the second-highest support for a mission extension, but far less than Conservative respondents, with 67 per cent saying they strongly or somewhat agree with an extension.

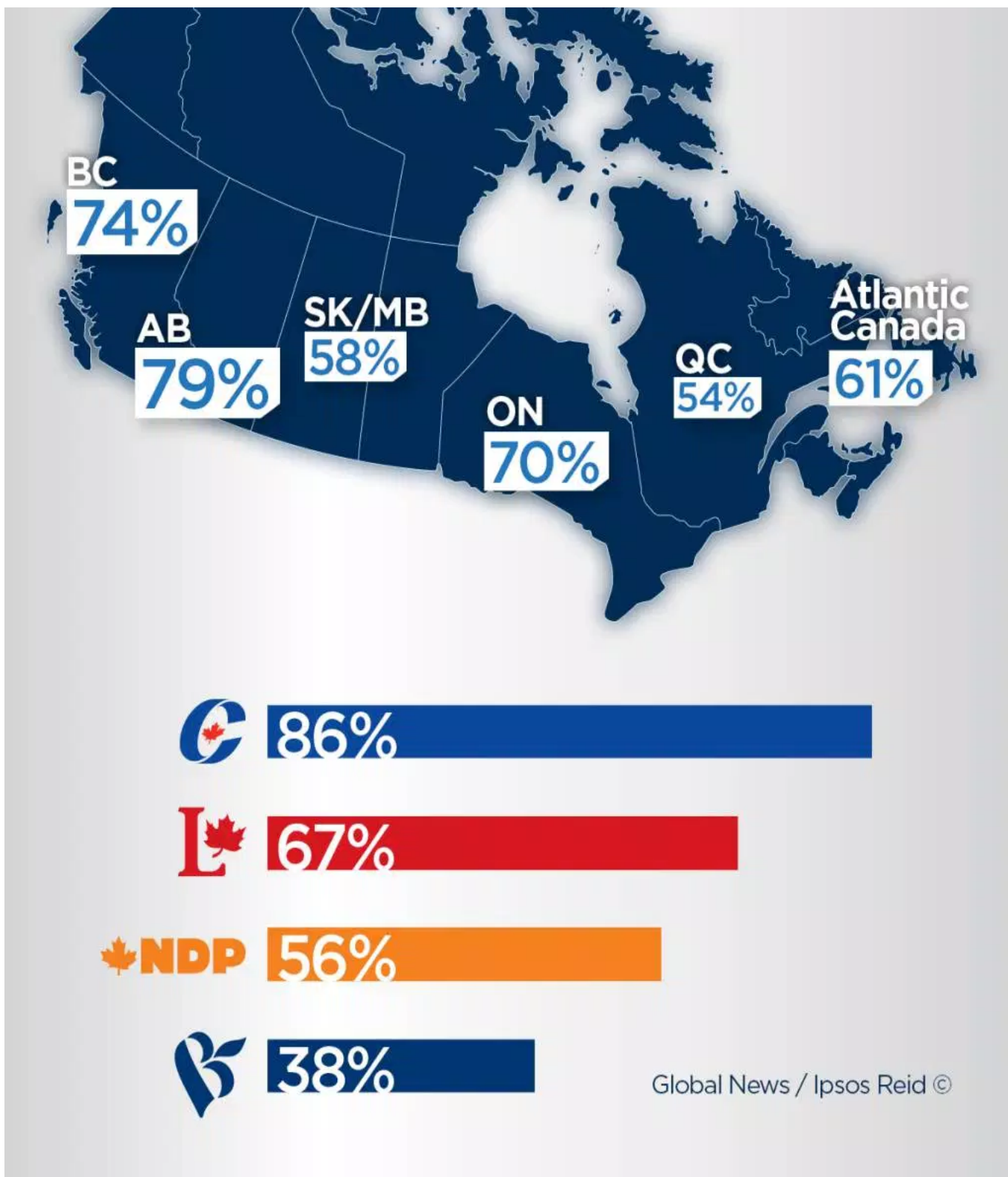
It's a completely different story among Bloc Quebecois voters. Only 38 per cent of poll respondents who said they were Bloc Quebecois supporters were onside with extending the current mission in Iraq.

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Meantime, 56 per cent of NDP respondents supported extending the mission, even though NDP leader Tom Mulcair is against an extension or expansion of the mission.

# Support for extending Canada's mission against ISIS in Iraq





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“More bombing is not the way to find a solution,” Mulcair said last Friday, calling the war against ISIS “misguided.”

He said the possible expansion of the mission into or over Syria, where ISIS has an even stronger hold on territory and where there could be some cooperation with the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, is “so wrong that every person in Canada should be standing up four-square against it.”

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On at least two occasions recently, Defence Minister Jason Kenney has mused that CF-18s could be asked to fly strike missions against extremist targets in Syria. The prime minister has not ruled out that possibility.

The Ipsos Reid poll did not ask the 1,004 respondents whether or not they supported expanding Canada’s operations into Syrian territory.

Mulcair also said Harper has “not told the truth to Canadians” about Canadian troops being involved in activities on the front line against ISIS in Iraq, saying the death of Canadian Forces member Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron was proof the prime minister “lied” about troops being involved in combat-related activities.