

CSIS CONTROVERSY

Canadians Want to Know Which Politicians are “Foreign-Influenced”

Very few respondents believe CSIS Director Richard Fadden should leave his post on account of his revelations.

[VANCOUVER – Jul. 8, 2010] – Canadians have reacted with interest to the allegations made by Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) Director Richard Fadden, and believe that the names of the politicians who are supposedly under the influence of foreign governments should be revealed, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

In an interview broadcast last month, Fadden claimed that the agency believes that at least two provincial cabinet ministers and several British Columbia municipal politicians “are under at least the general influence of a foreign government.”

On Jul. 5, Fadden appeared before the House of Commons standing committee on public safety, and said that he will name the politicians to the federal government at a later date.

In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,009 Canadian adults, two-thirds of respondents (67%) think the names of the ministers and politicians Fadden has referred to should be revealed to the public.

In March, Fadden stated during a speech to police chiefs and security experts that China is aggressively and surreptitiously recruiting future political prospects, and has funded university clubs that are managed by people operating out

KEY FINDINGS

- **67% believe the names of the politicians who are, according to the CSIS Director, “under at least the general influence of a foreign government” should be made public**
- **73% say it is “very likely” or “moderately likely” that some politicians in Canada are under the influence of the Chinese government**
- **59% think CSIS Director Richard Fadden should not resign on account of his statements**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

From July 6 to July 7, 2010, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 1,009 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Angus Reid Forum panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.1%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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of embassies or consulates.

Three-in-four Canadians (73%) say it is "very likely" or "moderately likely" that some politicians in Canada are under the influence of the Chinese government.

Fadden told MPs that he will not offer his resignation. Three-in-five respondents (59%) believe Fadden should not leave his post on account of his statements.

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As you may know, CSIS Director Richard Fadden claimed in an interview broadcast last month that the agency believes that at least two provincial cabinet ministers and several British Columbia municipal politicians “are under at least the general influence of a foreign government.”

Fadden has said he will name the politicians to the federal government.

From what you have seen, read or heard about this, do you think the names of the ministers and politicians Fadden has referred to should be revealed to the public?

	Region						
	National	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL
Yes, the names should be revealed to the public	67%	71%	68%	61%	71%	62%	59%
No, the names should not be revealed to the public	16%	19%	14%	28%	17%	14%	12%
Not sure	17%	9%	19%	11%	12%	25%	29%

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CSIS Director Richard Fadden also suggested that China has infiltrated Canadian politics. In your view, how likely is it that some politicians in Canada are under the influence of the Chinese government?

	Region						
	National	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL
Very likely / Moderately likely	73%	74%	75%	85%	76%	65%	73%
Not too likely / Not likely at all	14%	14%	17%	5%	14%	15%	10%
Not sure	13%	12%	8%	10%	10%	20%	17%

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Some politicians have called on CSIS Director Richard Fadden to resign on account of his statements. Do you think Fadden should resign?

	Region						
	National	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL
Yes, he should	9%	11%	8%	7%	8%	13%	3%
No, he should not	59%	69%	60%	78%	62%	48%	57%
Not sure	31%	20%	32%	15%	30%	39%	40%

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