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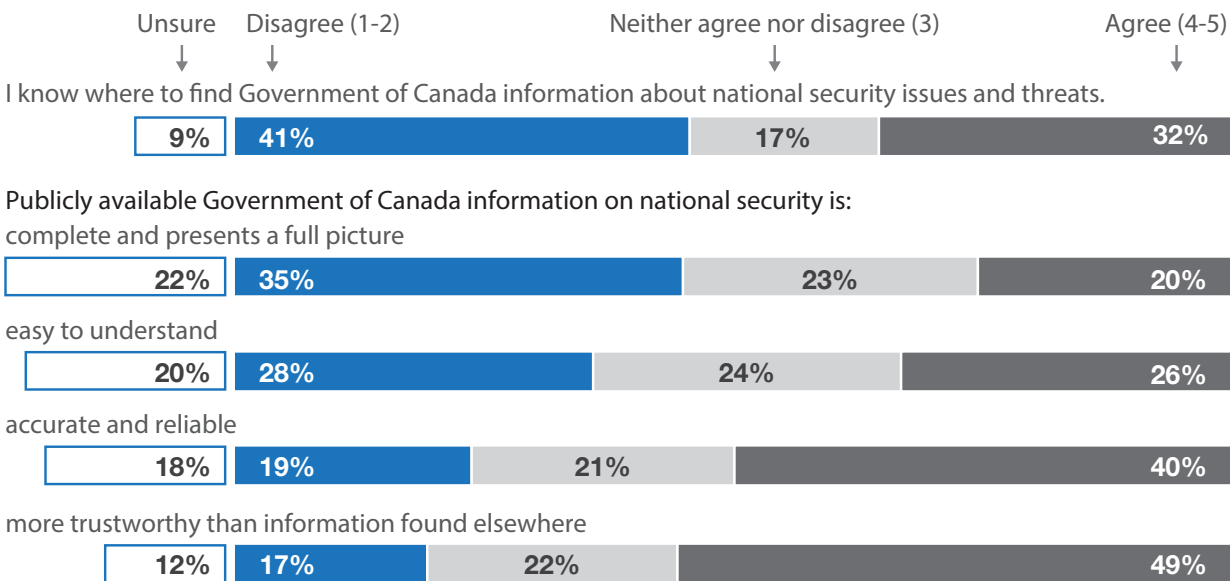# National Security Public Opinion Research Snapshot

BUILDING A SAFE AND RESILIENT CANADA

The first priority of the Government of Canada is to protect the safety and security of our country and our people. Canadians should be informed on what the Government does to protect national security, how the Government shares national security information, and why such work is necessary.

Public Safety Canada recently surveyed 2,000 randomly selected Canadians to better understand public awareness, knowledge and attitudes surrounding transparency and information sharing for national security purposes within the Government of Canada. The findings will help inform the Government's work to increase national security transparency and reach Canadians with the information they need most.

Perceptions about National Security Information

	Unsure	Disagree (1-2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Agree (4-5)

I know where to find Government of Canada information about national security issues and threats.

9%	41%	17%	32%

Publicly available Government of Canada information on national security is:

complete and presents a full picture

22%	35%	23%	20%

easy to understand

20%	28%	24%	26%

accurate and reliable

18%	19%	21%	40%

more trustworthy than information found elsewhere
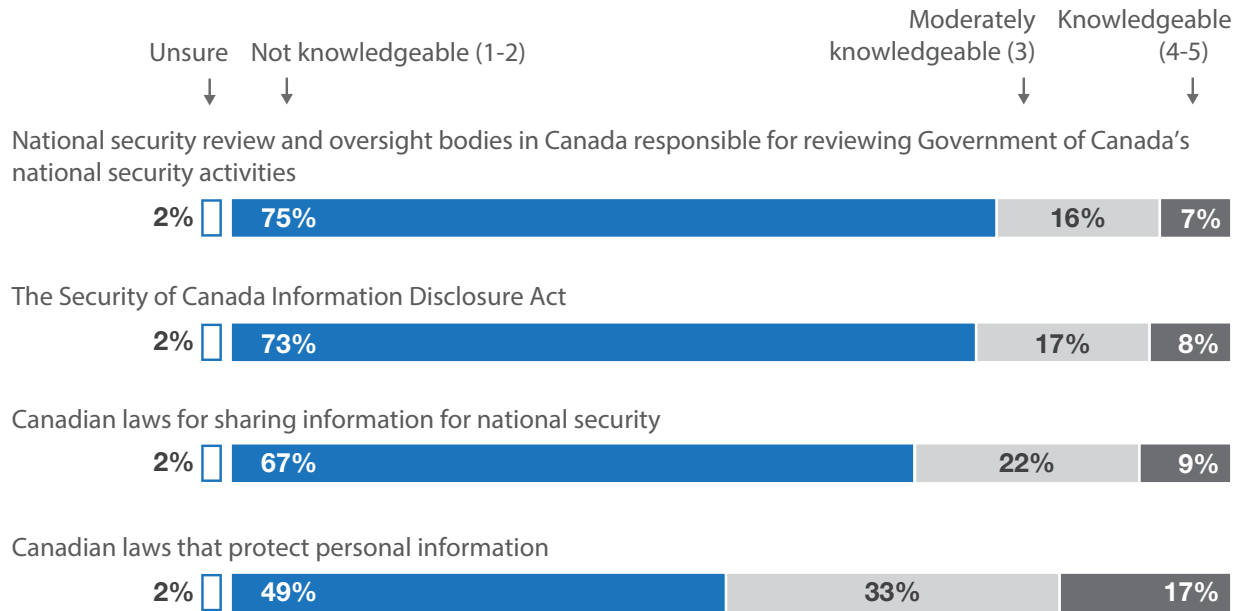
12%	17%	22%	49%

76% of Canadians think it is important for the Government of Canada to be transparent on how national security issues impact them and what the Government is doing to address those issues.
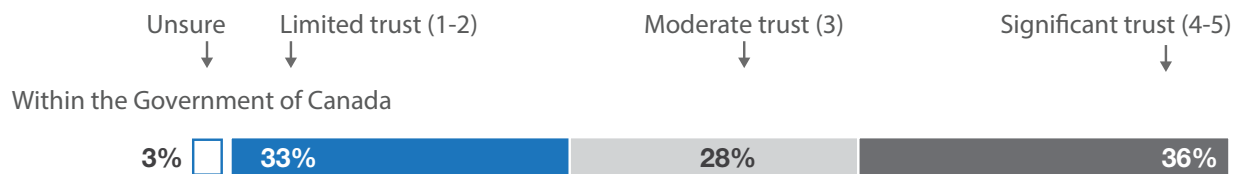
54% of Canadians are not knowledgeable on what Canada's national security departments and agencies do.

43% of Canadians are not knowledgeable on what national security threats and issues are facing Canada and Canadians.

Knowledge of Canadian Laws on Information Sharing

	Unsure	Not knowledgeable (1-2)		Moderately knowledgeable (3)	Knowledgeable (4-5)
↓	↓		↓	↓

National security review and oversight bodies in Canada responsible for reviewing Government of Canada's national security activities

2%	75%	16%	7%

The Security of Canada Information Disclosure Act

2%	73%	17%	8%

Canadian laws for sharing information for national security

2%	67%	22%	9%

Canadian laws that protect personal information

2%	49%	33%	17%

Trust in Sharing with Other Organizations

	Unsure	Limited trust (1-2)	Moderate trust (3)	Significant trust (4-5)
↓	↓	↓	↓

Within the Government of Canada

3%	33%	28%	36%

Public Safety Canada is committed to enhancing transparency and increasing public awareness of Canada's national security policies, practices and institutions.

For more information on transparency and information sharing in national security, please visit:

- National Security Transparency Commitment (NSTC)
  Canada.ca/en/services/defence/nationalsecurity/national-security-transparency-commitment.html

- Strategic Coordination Centre on Information Sharing (SCCI)
  PublicSafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrt/cntr-trrrsm/strtgc-crrdnt-cntr-en.aspx

- Information Sharing for National Security
  PublicSafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrt/cntr-trrrsm/shrng-ns-nfrmtn-en.aspx