Having the best jet fighter solution for the RCAF and job creation most popular drivers of opinion on the US F-35, Saab Gripen-E fighter decision.

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This survey gauged the views of Canadians on what is more important to them in terms of defence cooperation and the procurement of fighter jets.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,009 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between November 29th and December 2nd, 2025, as part of an omnibus survey. The margin of error for this survey is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
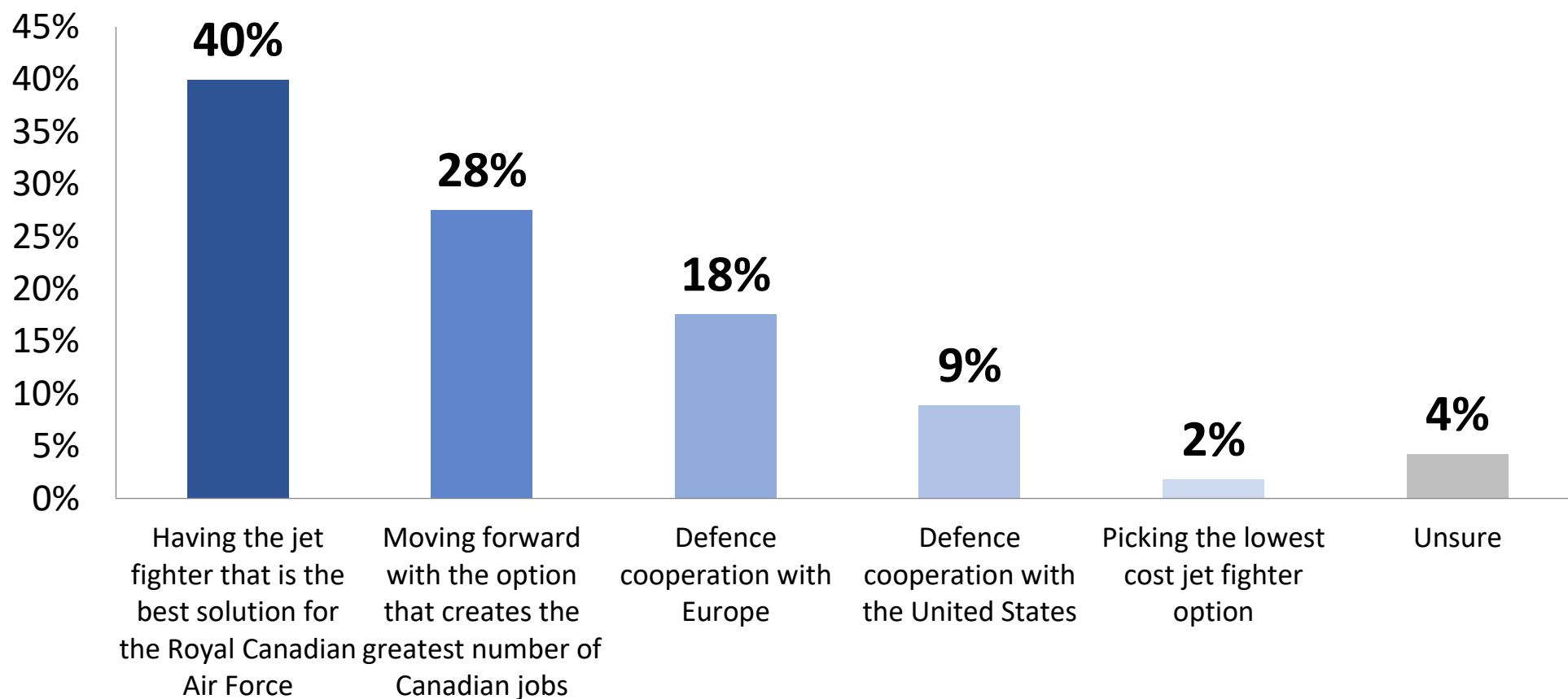
This study was commissioned by CTV News and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews is here.

Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Methodology

Priorities in terms of Canadian fighter jet procurement

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Category	Percentage
Having the jet fighter that is the best solution for the Royal Canadian Air Force	40%
Moving forward with the option that creates the greatest number of Canadian jobs	28%
Defence cooperation with Europe	18%
Defence cooperation with the United States	9%
Picking the lowest cost jet fighter option	2%
Unsure	4%

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, November 29th to December 2nd, 2025, n=1009, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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Priorities in terms of Canadian fighter jet procurement – By demographics

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	2025-12 (n=1009)	Atlantic (n=106)	Quebec (n=208)	Ontario (n=343)	Prairies (n=205)	BC (n=147)	Men (n=584)	Women (n=425)	18-34 (n=186)	35-54 (n=346)	55 plus (n=477)
Having the jet fighter that is the best solution for the Royal Canadian Air Force	40.0%	39.7%	34.7%	38.4%	47.7%	43.4%	44.3%	35.8%	37.9%	39.3%	41.8%
Moving forward with the option that creates the greatest number of Canadian jobs	27.5%	25.6%	29.3%	31.7%	20.3%	22.9%	24.3%	30.6%	23.4%	29.3%	28.7%
Defence cooperation with Europe	17.6%	16.0%	23.9%	14.1%	14.3%	21.5%	16.3%	18.7%	17.1%	17.5%	17.9%
Defence cooperation with the United States	8.9%	8.7%	6.3%	7.6%	13.9%	10.6%	10.6%	7.2%	8.1%	10.6%	8.1%
Picking the lowest cost jet fighter option	1.8%	2.4%	2.0%	2.8%	-	0.9%	2.5%	1.2%	4.3%	0.9%	1.0%
Unsure	4.3%	7.5%	3.8%	5.5%	3.8%	0.7%	1.9%	6.5%	9.2%	2.5%	2.5%

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Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News
Population and Final Sample Size	1009 Randomly selected individuals.
Source of Sample	Nanos Probability Panel
Type of Sample	Probability
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	November 29th to December 2nd, 2025.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Estimated Response Rate	11 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, financial concerns, barriers on purchasing Canadian goods during the holiday season, federal budget, artificial intelligence.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
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Tabulations	By region, age and gender

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