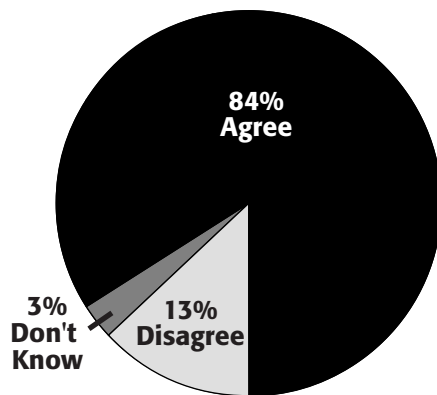


CANADIANS REJECT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, according to a national poll conducted by Ipsos-Reid.

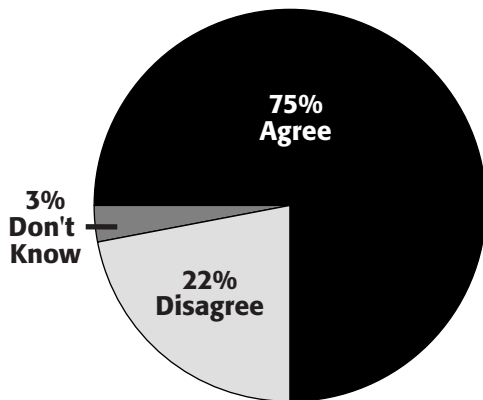
CUPE, together with the Council of Canadians, engaged Ipsos-Reid to conduct a poll between March 30 and April 1, 2004. 1,057 Canadians were interviewed by telephone. The results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 percentage points, which means that if a larger group of Canadians were interviewed, results might be anywhere from 3.1 per cent higher or lower.

Public services should be delivered by public sector workers



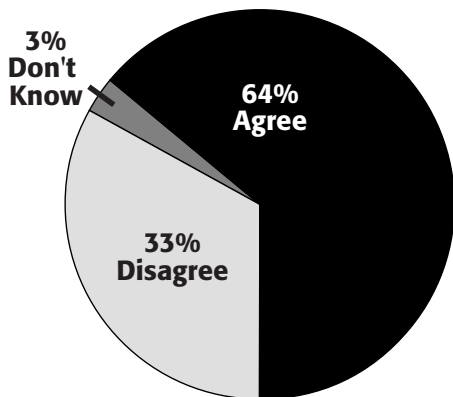
The vast majority (84 per cent) of Canadians agree with the statement that "Canada's public services should be delivered by public sector workers accountable to elected representatives and the public, not by corporations accountable to shareholders." This was equally important to urban and rural dwellers. Canadians who have household incomes between \$30,000 and \$60,000 were even more likely to agree (86 per cent). Support is highest in Quebec (88 per cent) and among 35-54 year olds. Women are more likely to agree with the statement (86 per cent) than men (81 per cent).

Public infrastructure should be rebuilt through direct public investment



Three out of every four (75 per cent) Canadians agree that “Canada should rebuild its public infrastructure, such as hospitals, schools, highways and water systems, through direct public investment and not through public-private joint ventures with corporations.” A slightly higher percentage of rural Canadians agreed with the statement (77 per cent). A significantly higher percentage of Canadians living in households with incomes of less than \$30,000 were in agreement (82 per cent). The highest support for this statement comes from Atlantic Canada (85 per cent) and among 18-34 year olds. Women are more likely to agree (78 per cent) than men (72 per cent).

Exclude for-profit corporations from health care



Two-thirds (64 per cent) of Canadians agree that “Canada’s health care system should exclude corporations that operate for-profit, and instead rely solely on public and not-for-profit health care providers.” There is little difference between rural and urban Canadians on this issue. Canadians who have household incomes of less than \$30,000 are much more likely to support public health care (74 per cent). Support for excluding corporations operating for profit is strongest in BC and Atlantic Canada (68 per cent), and slightly higher among respondents 55 years and older. Women are more likely to agree (68 per cent) than men (59 per cent).