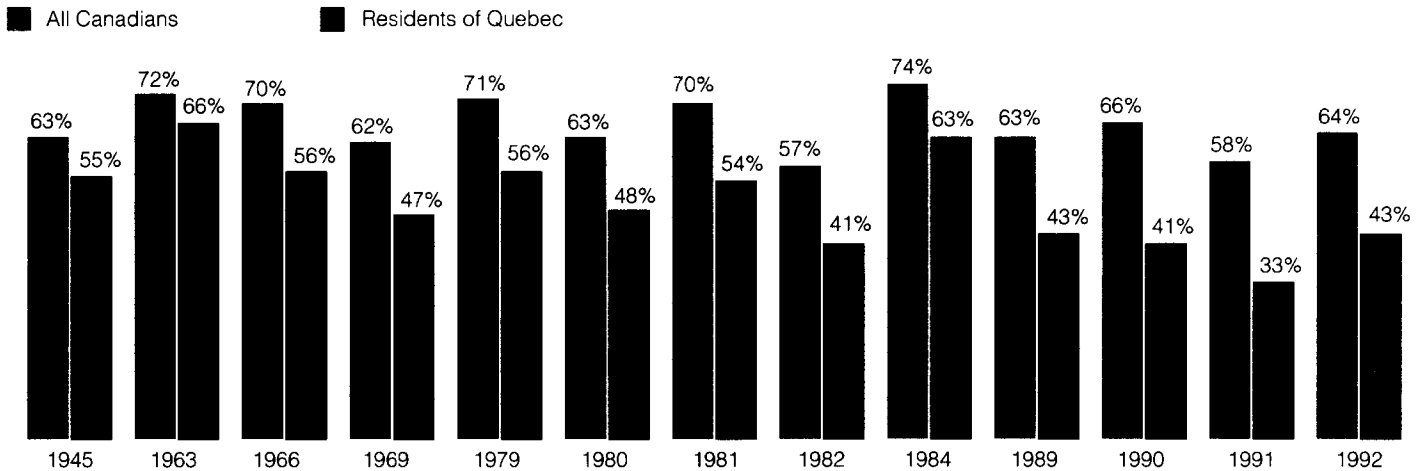


CANADA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

As we go to press, it appears that Canada's federal and provincial governments—including that of Quebec—have reached agreement on constitutional changes that will preserve the Canadian federation. Thus, two years after the collapse of the previous effort at constitutional compromise to keep Quebec in the union—known as the Meech Lake accord—the nation's long-standing constitutional crisis may be at an end.

Question: **Some people say that the differences among the various parts of Canada are now so great that they will never be solved and that the Confederation will break up. Do you agree with this, or do you think that these differences will be solved?**

Canada will not break up



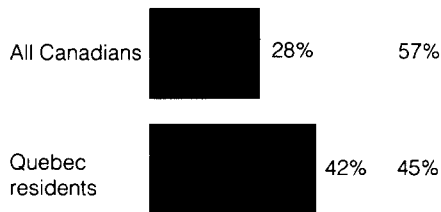
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization (Canada), latest that of April 8–11, 1992.

Question: **There has been quite a bit of talk recently about the possibility of the province of Quebec separating from the rest of Canada and becoming an independent country. Would you, yourself, be in favor of separation or opposed to it?**

Question: **Thinking about the possibility of Quebec choosing to leave Canada to become an independent country, are you personally prepared to see some concessions made to keep Quebec in Canada, or would you rather see Quebec leave than make any concessions? (English-speaking regions) Thinking about the possibility of Quebec choosing to leave Canada to become an independent country, are you personally prepared to see some compromises to have Quebec stay in Canada, or would you rather see Quebec leave if its demands are not met? (Quebec)**

Favor Quebec separating from the rest of Canada

Oppose



Are prepared to see some (concessions/compromises) made (to keep Quebec/have Quebec stay) in Canada
 Would rather see Quebec leave (than make any concessions/if its demands are not met)
 Unsure



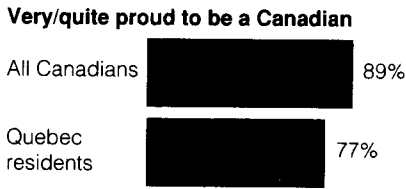
Note: In 1968, 11% of all Canadians and 11% of those residing in Quebec favored separation. Seventy-six percent and 71% respectively opposed it.

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization (Canada), September 4–7, 1991.

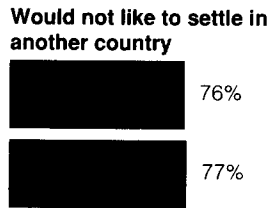
Source: Survey by the Angus Reid Group, July 1992.

If so, it will be due to the central fact that, for all the tensions over Quebec's claims to recognition as a "distinct society," for all the divisions between Francophones and Anglophones, there really is a Canada. Majorities on both sides want Canada preserved—although there is less enthusiasm in Quebec. This said, the division which remains between Quebec and English-speaking Canada is very large—greater than anything the United States has seen since the Civil War.

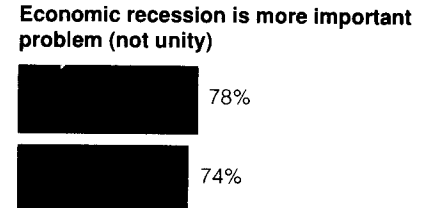
Question: **How proud are you to be a Canadian...?**



Question: **If you were free to do so, would you like to go and settle in another country?**



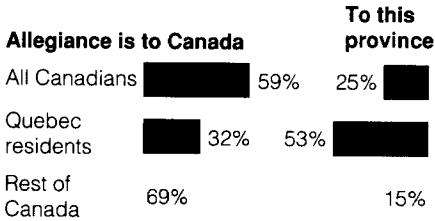
Question: **What do you think is a more important problem facing Canada today, national unity or the economic recession?**



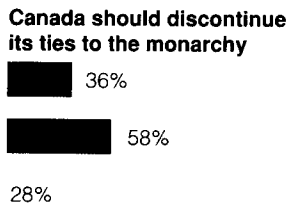
Note: Thirteen percent of Quebec residents said they were "not very" proud to be Canadians; 8% said "not at all" proud.
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization (Canada), December 4-7, 1991.

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization (Canada), February 12-15, 1992.

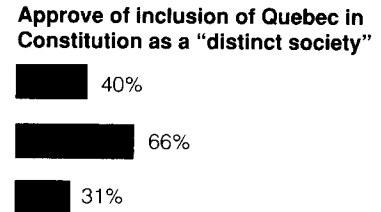
Question: **Generally speaking, would you say your primary allegiance is to Canada, or to this province, or to this particular community?**



Question: **Do you believe Canada should continue to have a monarch as its head of state, or should Canada discontinue its ties with the monarchy?**



Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the inclusion of Quebec in the Constitution as a "distinct society" within Canada?**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization (Canada), June 12-15, 1991 (left chart), July 10-13, 1991 (middle), February 12-15, 1992 (right).

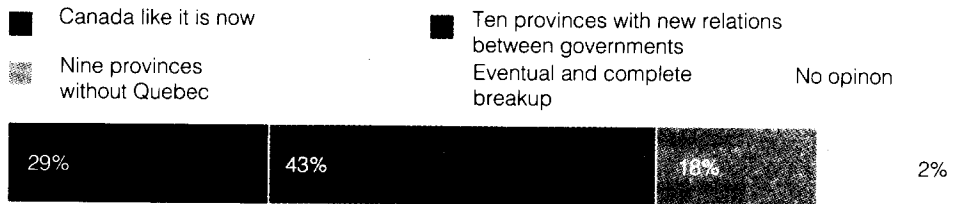
Question: **In order to keep Quebec in Canada, are you in favor or opposed to giving Quebec more powers than the other provinces?**

In order to keep Quebec in Canada, favor giving it more powers than the other provinces



Question: **In the foreseeable future, would you expect to see a Canada much like it is now; a Canada still consisting of ten provinces including Quebec, but with a whole new set of relations between governments; a Canada of nine provinces without Quebec; or the eventual and complete breakup of Canada?**

In the future, expect to see...



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization (Canada), February 12-15, 1992.

Source: Survey by Decima (Canada), June 17-21, 1992.