

THE ETHICS OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ADVOCACY

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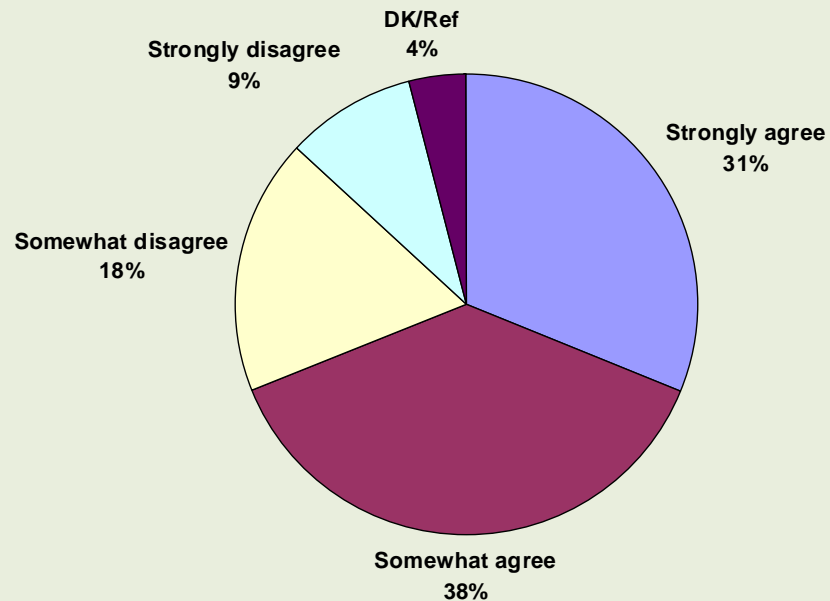
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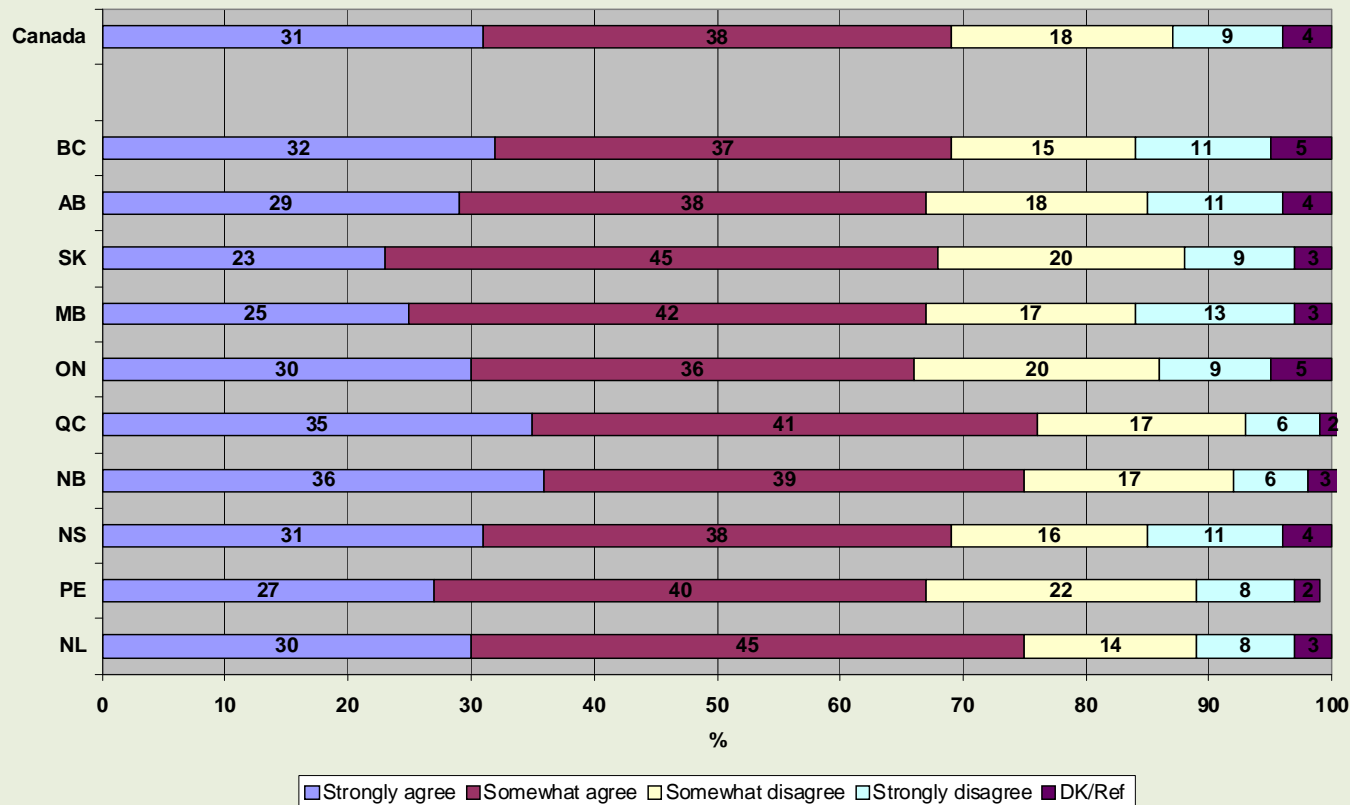
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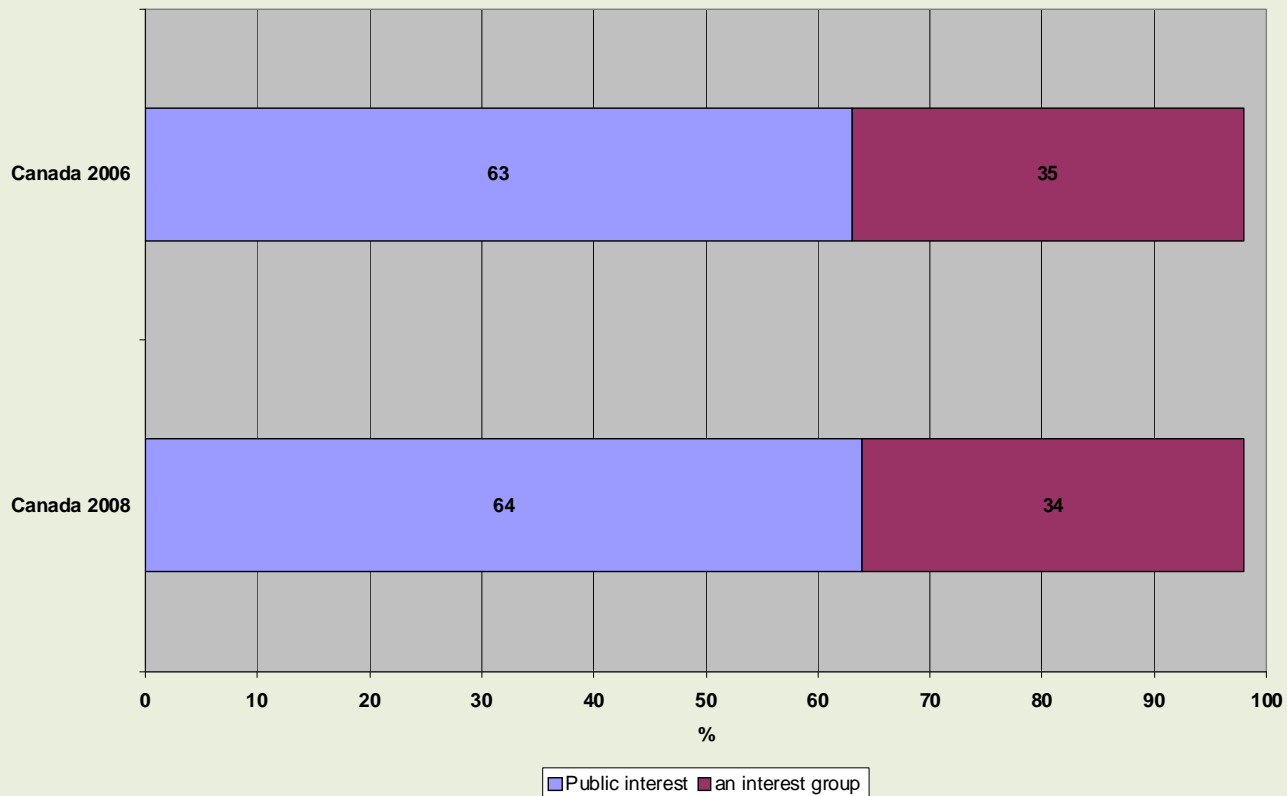
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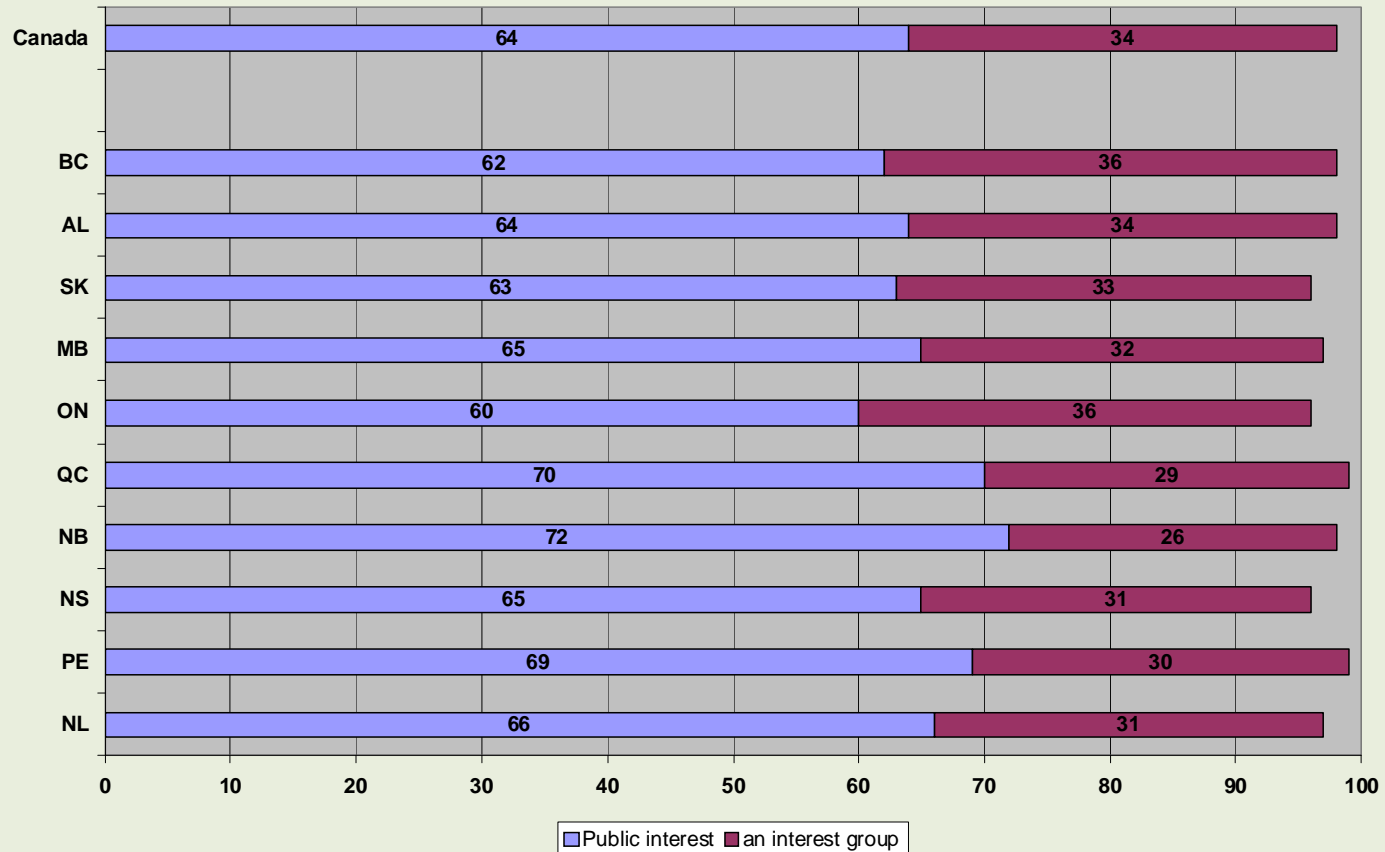
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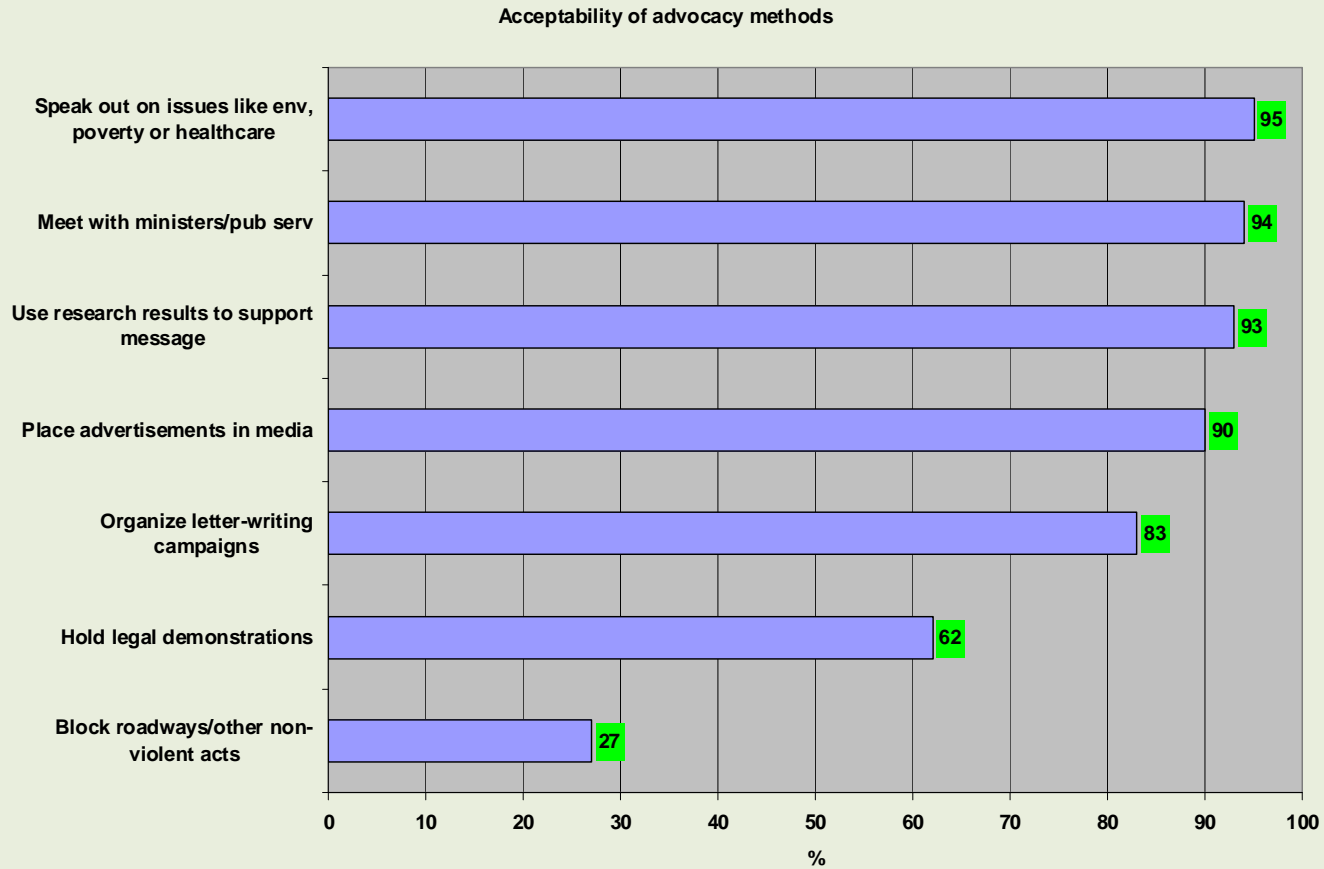


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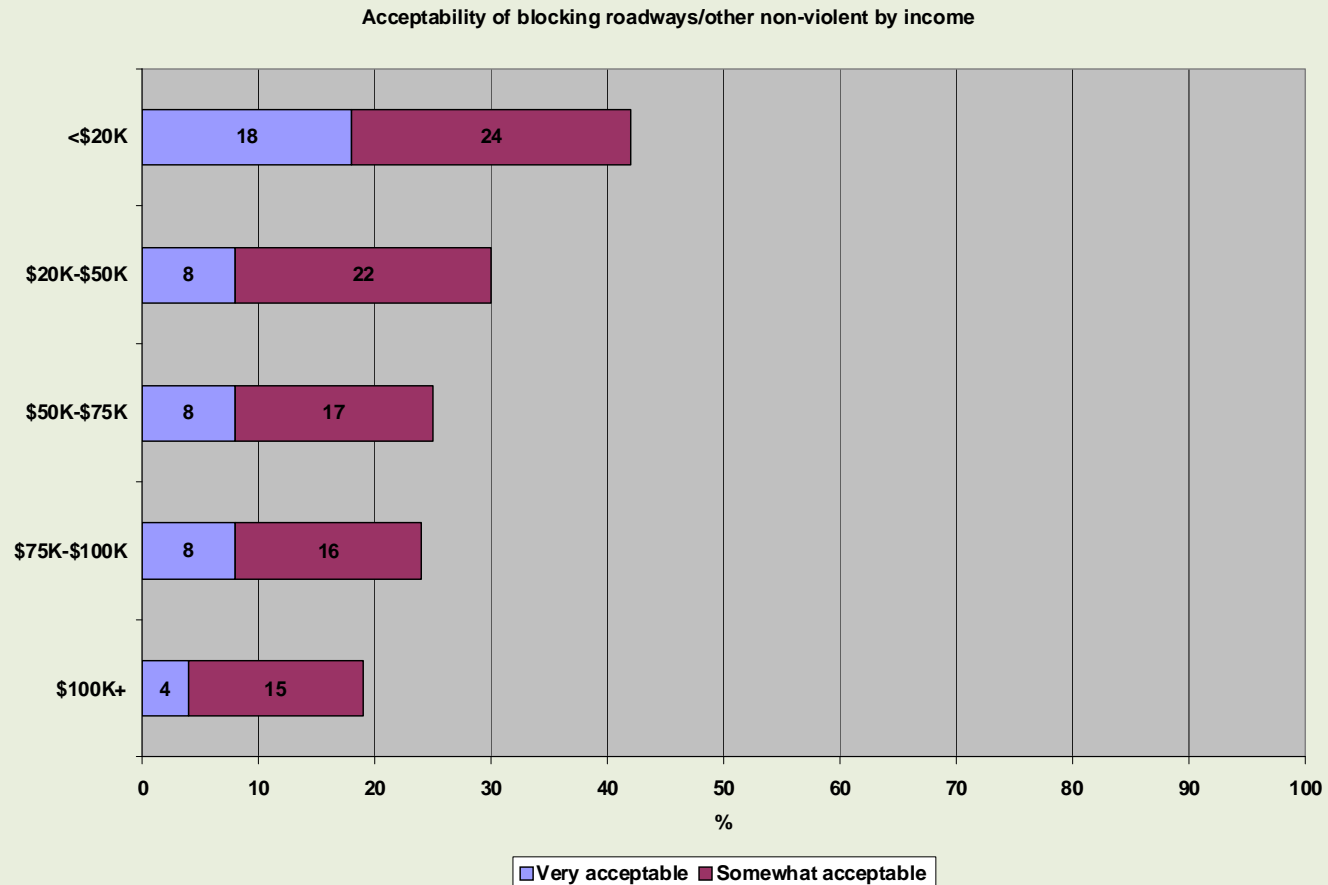
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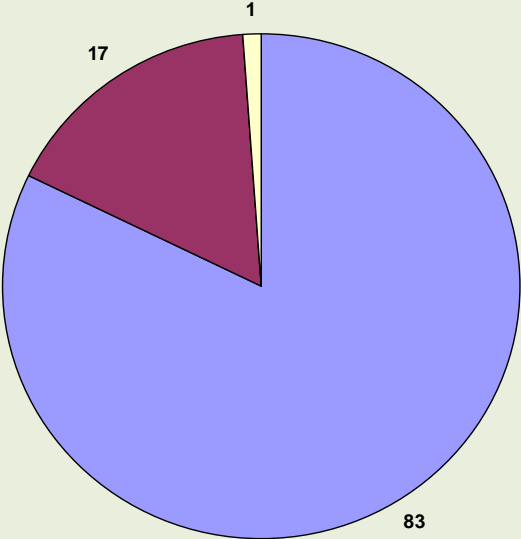


Acceptability of blocking roadways/other non-violent by income



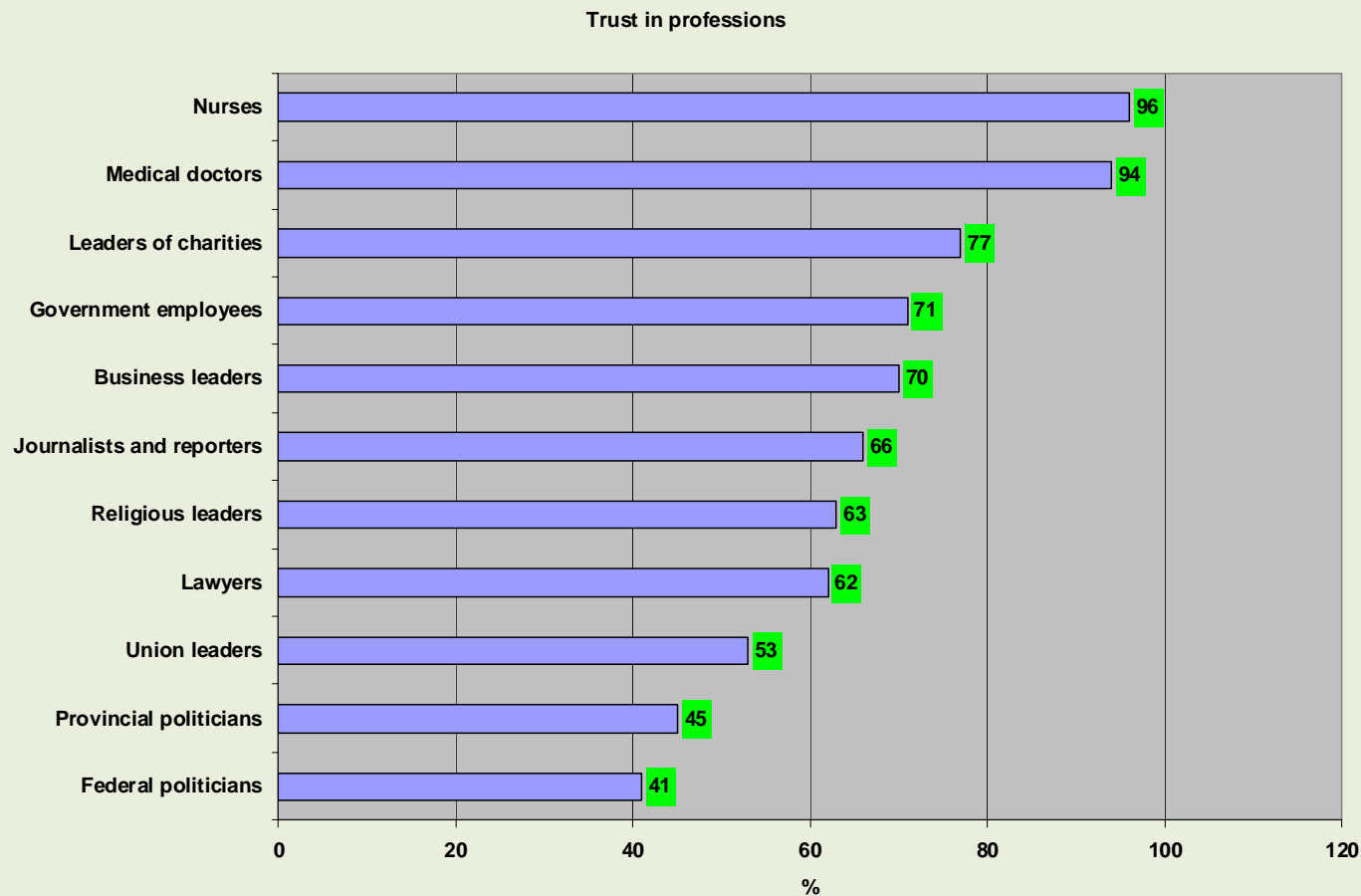
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- Charities should provide both sides of issue
- Charities should only have to provide information that supports their cause
- Don't know/refused

Trust in professions



What can be done

a charity may make the public aware of its position on an issue provided:

- a. it does not explicitly connect its views to any political party or candidate for public office;
- b. the issue is connected to its purposes;
- c. its views are based on a well-reasoned position;
- d. public awareness campaigns do not become the charity's primary activity.

Permitted (charitable) activities

- talking to an elected or appointed official
- parliamentary committees
- releasing text of representation
- distributing research
- all-candidates meetings

Permitted (political) activities

advertising well-reasoned position

march on the Hill

“call to action”

- an appeal to the members of the charity or to the general public, or to segments of the general public, to contact an elected representative or public official to urge them to retain, oppose or change the law, policy or decision of any level of government.

Prohibited activities

- Partisan political activities
- Political purpose – stated or unstated

The bottom line

You can probably do what you want to do but think you can't do – and you may not even have to count it within your 10%.

Links

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/chrts/plcy/cps/cps-022-eng.html>

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