



# CANADIANS TUNING INTO ASIA'S RISE

**Economic factors are shaping the way Canadians view their place on the global stage.**

The number of Canadians who identified Canada as part of the Asia Pacific region grew:

**29%**

(up 3 points over 2011)

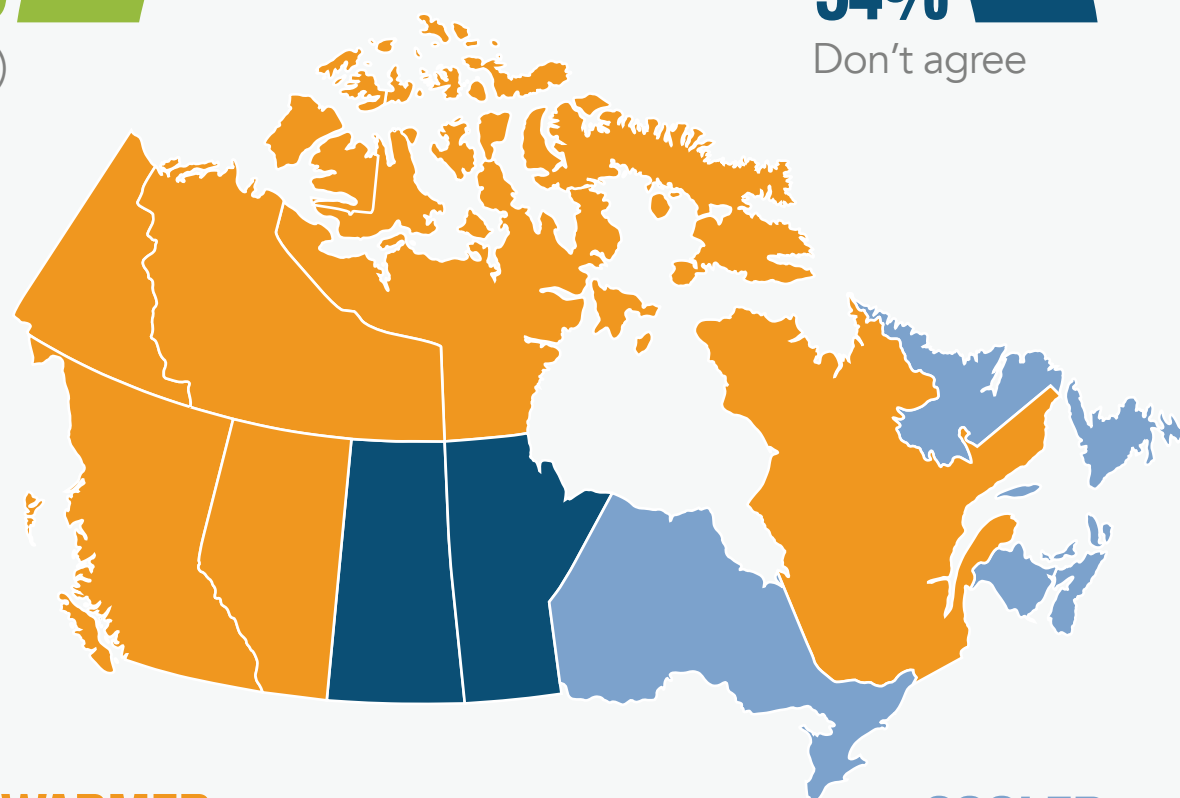
**17%**

Don't know

**54%**

Don't agree

A majority of Canadians from British Columbia and the North consider Canada to be part of the Asia Pacific Region in contrast to the rest of Canada.



Feelings toward Asian countries

**WARMER**

**COOLER**

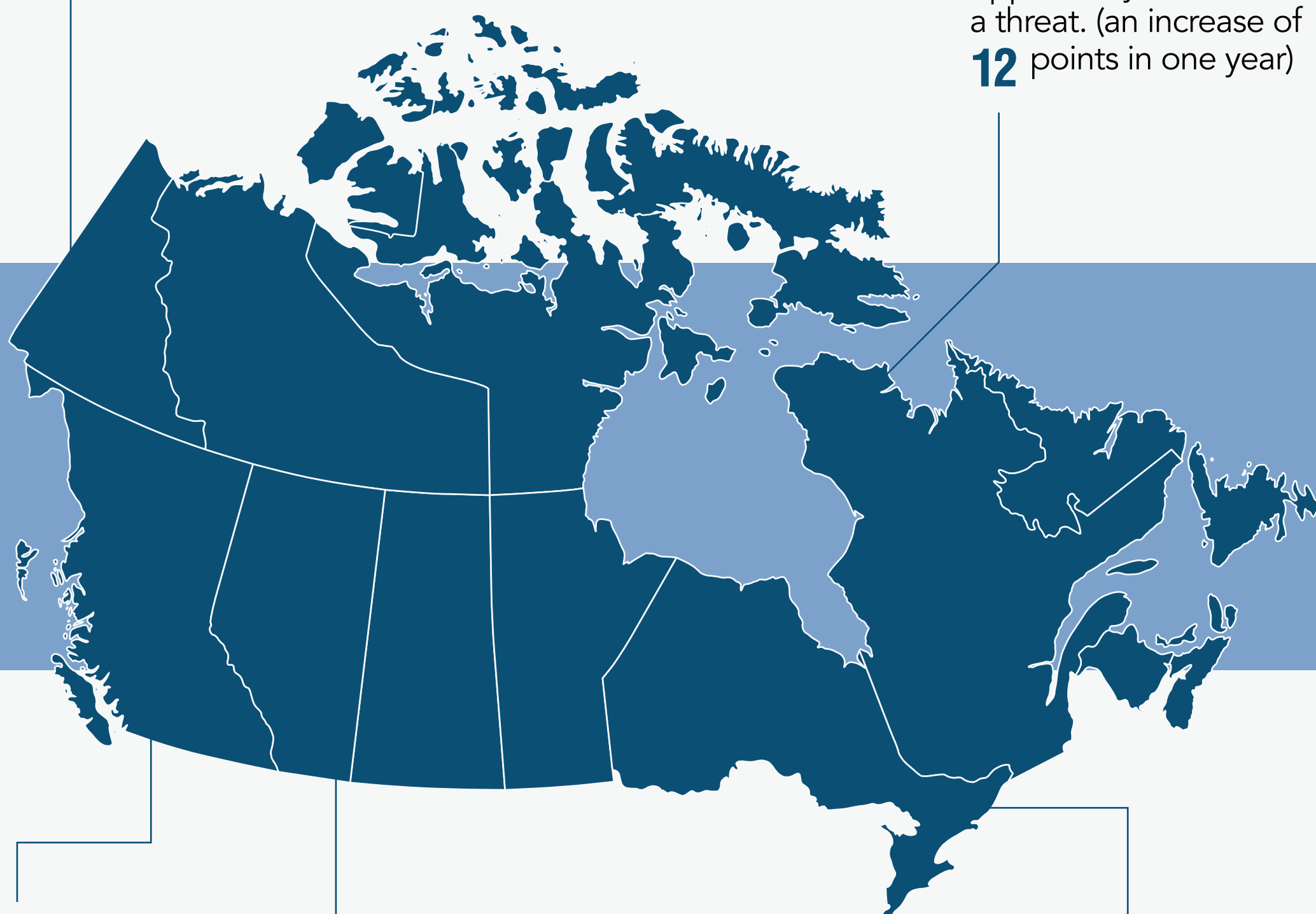


## Trends across Provinces and Territories.

**86%**

of Northern Canadians agree that Asian economies are vital to the well being of Canada.

In 2012, **51%** of Quebecers saw China's growth as an opportunity rather than a threat. (an increase of **12** points in one year)



British Columbians are **TWICE** as likely to consider Canada as part of the Asia Pacific region than respondents in other provinces.

**66%**

of Albertans feel that strengthening economic and political relations with Asia should be Canada's top foreign policy priority.

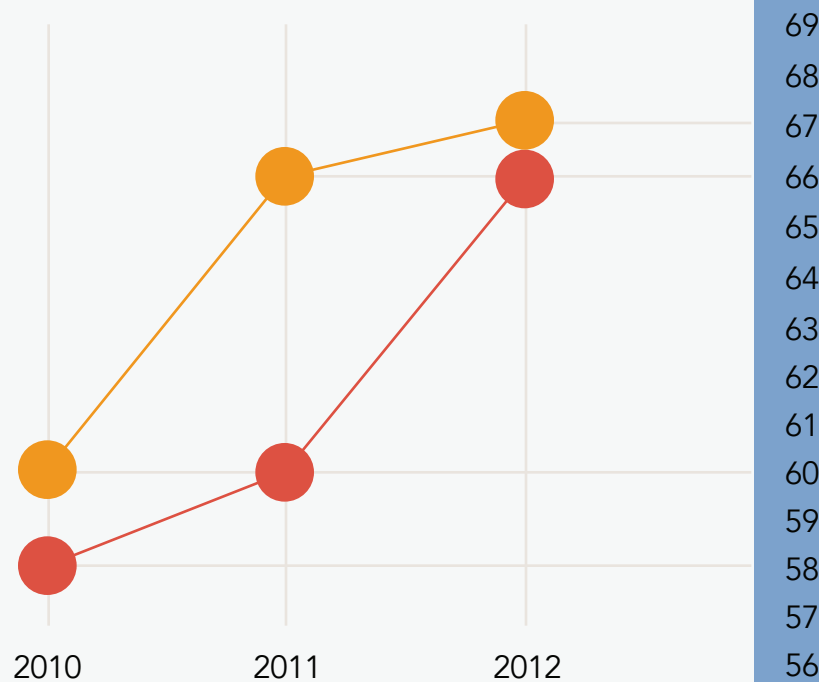
Ontarians are least likely to agree that Asian economies are vital to the well being of Canada, with **31%** disagreeing.

## Evolving Opinions on China

**STATEMENT:** Looking ahead 10 years into the future, the influence of China will surpass that of the US.

**STATEMENT:** China's growing military power is a threat to the Asia Pacific region.

**% OF CANADIANS WHO AGREE**



Data based on the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada National Opinion Poll conducted by Angus Reid. 3,129 Canadian adults participated. Margin of error is +/-1.8% for the entire sample.

