

Senate Questionnaire

Changing subjects now, we want to get people's views on the Canadian Senate.

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7. There are three broad choices in terms of the future of the Canadian Senate. Overall, which of the following would you say would be the best outcome? Would you say the Senate should be:

- Abolished
- Reformed
- Left as is

8. As you may have read, seen or heard, Canada's Senate is back in the news. According to documents filed in court, the RCMP are investigating expense claims made by Senator Pamela Wallin, and Senators Patrick Brazeau and Mac Harb have been charged with one count each of fraud and breach of trust. Senator Mike Duffy faces 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery related to a \$90,000 payment from the prime minister's former chief of staff to repay Duffy's ineligible expenses. The three trials are all expected to get underway later this year.

How closely are you following these Senate issues?

- Are following it in the news, and discussing it with friends and family
- Seeing some media coverage, and having the odd conversation about it
- Just scanning the headlines
- Haven't seen or heard anything about it

9. Whom do you trust the most to effectively deal with Senate issues?

[Randomize top 3 choices]

- Conservative Party leader and Prime Minister Stephen Harper
- New Democratic Party leader Thomas Mulcair
- Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau
- None of them
- Not sure

10. How much will the Senate debate be a factor for you in this year's federal election? (Please use the 1 to 10 scale below; you can choose any number that best reflects how much of a factor this is for you.)

[1-10 Scale]

Left hand label = 1 – Not a factor at all

Right hand label = 10 – It's the deciding factor