

### Moral Issues

(Previous questions asked in this survey – on a different topic – are being held for future release)

Now, changing the subject.....

10. Which of the following is closest to your own point of view regarding personal morality?

There are moral absolutes – things are either right or wrong

There are moral guidelines – things are usually right or wrong

There are lots of moral grey areas – it depends on the circumstance

11. Thinking very broadly about your own personal moral values -- which one of the following has been **most important** in developing your moral values?

[RANDOMIZE]

Religion/God

Instinct/innate human nature

From parents/close family/role model

Rules of society/culture

Using reason/rational choice

12. Here are some different activities and situations that are sometimes discussed in terms of personal morality. Forgetting about legality and focusing only on morality, please indicate whether you personally believe each of the following are morally acceptable or morally wrong, or not a moral issue as far as you're concerned.

Selling sex

Buying sex

Having an affair

Same sex couples raising children

High-schoolers having sex

Telling jokes about another race

Keeping a handgun in the house

Doctor-assisted suicide

Abortion

Gambling

Buying a fur coat

Watching pornography

Spanking a child

Eating meat

Scientific testing on animals

Death penalty

Buying a gas guzzling SUV

Genetic engineering

Not declaring income to avoid paying taxes

[COLUMNS]

Morally wrong under any circumstances

Usually wrong except in some circumstances

Usually acceptable except in some circumstances

Morally acceptable under any circumstances

Not a moral issue

13. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]

There is more and more evil in the world

Most people can't be trusted

Believing in God makes it easier to have a strong moral code

Living by a strong moral code makes life easier

I often have feelings of guilt

Public education should put more emphasis on teaching morals and values

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disagree

Moderately disagree

Moderately agree

Strongly agree

14. All things considered, do you think Canadian society's moral values are generally getting stronger or getting weaker?

Stronger

Overall morals aren't really changing

Weaker

15. Which one of the following best describes your religious identity?

Roman Catholic

United Church

Anglican

Lutheran

Presbyterian

Evangelical Christian

Other Christian

Hindu

Buddhist

Jewish

