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
Muslim
Sikh
Spiritual
Atheist
Agnostic
No religious identity
Other (specify:_________________

16. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week
Once a week
Once or twice a month
A few times a year
Seldom
Never