Gambling -- Final Questionnaire

For today's survey, we're asking Canadians some questions about gambling.

Q1a. Over the past year, how often, if at all, have you yourself participated in the following activities?

For those who don't know, a VLT is similar to a slot machine, but digital. You may have seen them at bars or racetracks, depending on the province where you were when you saw them.

[Rows - Randomize]

Bought lottery tickets (such as Lotto 6/49, scratch tickets, etc.)
Played VLTs (video lottery terminals) at a bar or pub
Participated in some kind of charitable gambling (church bingo, 50/50 draw, etc.)
Played games at a casino (blackjack, roulette, slots, etc.)
Bet on a race at the track, or played VLTs there
Participated in sports betting (either off-track or by Pro-Line)
Gambled online (any of these activities online) -- ANCHOR

[Columns]
Never do this
Not in the past year
Once or twice this past year
Every other month or so
Monthly
A few times a month
About once a week
More than once a week

Q1b. [DO NOT SHOW THOSE ACTIVITIES NEVER/NOT IN THE PAST YEAR IN Q1a. IF NEVER/NOT IN LAST YEAR FOR ALL, THEN SKIP TO Q2a] For each of these activities, would you say that **your overall experience** in the last 12 months was positive, negative, or neutral?

[Rows – Same order as they appeared in Q1a]
Lottery tickets (such as Lotto 6/49, scratch tickets, etc.)
VLTs (video lottery terminals) at a bar or pub
Charitable gambling (church bingo, 50/50, etc.)
Casino (blackjack, roulette, slots, etc.)
Race track -- Betting on a race, or playing VLTs there
Sports betting (off-track or Pro-Line)
Gambling online (any of these activities online) – ANCHOR

[Columns]

Very negative

More negative than positive Neutral More positive than negative Only positive

Q1c. How much would you say that **you** have spent on each of these activities in the past 30 days? Please give us your best estimate for each of the activities.

[Rows]

Q1b LIST OF ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN

[Columns]

\$500 - \$1000 Over \$1000

Spent nothing in the last 30 days Under \$10 \$10 - \$24.99 \$25 - \$49.99 \$50 - \$99.99 \$100 - \$199.99 \$200 - \$499.99

Q2a. Over the past year, how often, if at all, have any **other members of your household (excluding yourself)** participated in the following activities?

[Rows - Randomize]

Bought lottery tickets (such as Lotto 6/49, scratch tickets, etc.)
Played VLTs (video lottery terminals) at a bar or pub
Participated in some kind of charitable gambling (church bingo, 50/50, etc.)
Played games at a casino (blackjack, roulette, slots, etc.)
Bet on a race at the track, or played VLTs there
Participated in sports betting (either off-track or by Pro-Line)
Gambled online (any of the above activities online) – ANCHOR

[Columns]

No one else in the household does this
Not in the past year
Once or twice this past year
Every other month or so
Monthly
A few times a month
About once a week
More than once a week

Q2b. [DO NOT SHOW THOSE ACTIVITIES NEVER/NOT IN THE LAST YEAR IN Q2b - IF NEVER/NOT IN LAST YEAR FOR ALL, THEN SKIP TO Q3] For each of these activities, would you say the **overall experience of your household** participating in the activity in the past year was positive, negative, or neutral?

[Rows - Randomize]

Lottery tickets (such as Lotto 6/49, scratch tickets, etc.)
VLTs (video lottery terminals) at a bar or pub
Charitable gambling (church bingo, 50/50, etc.)
Casino (blackjack, roulette, slots, etc.)
Race track – betting on a race or playing VLT's there
Sports betting (off-track or Pro-Line)
Gambling online (any of the above activities online) – ANCHOR

[Columns]

Very negative
More negative than positive
Neutral
More positive than negative
Only positive
Don't know

Q2c. How much would you say that **other members of your household (and again, excluding yourself)** spent on each of these activities in the past 30 days? Please give us your best estimate for each of the activities.

[Rows]

Q2b LIST OF ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN

[Columns]

Spent nothing in the past 30 days

Under \$10

\$10 - \$24.99

\$25 - \$49.99

\$50 - \$99.99

\$100 - \$199.99

\$200 - \$499.99

\$500 - \$1000

Over \$1000

Don't know/Can't Say

Q3a. Thinking of these different gambling activities we've been looking at – are there any that you think are essentially harmful to most participants? Please select from the list below all that you think are harmful.

Lottery tickets (such as Lotto 6/49, scratch tickets, etc.)
VLTs (video lottery terminals) at a bar or pub
Charitable gambling (church bingo, 50/50, etc.)
Casino (blackjack, roulette, slots, etc.)
Betting on a race at the track, or playing VLTs there
Sports betting (off-track or Pro-Line)
Gambling online (any of the above activities online) — ANCHOR
None of these are harmful to most participants - ANCHOR

[IF MORE THAN ONE SELECTED AT Q3A:]

3b. Of the gambling activities you just selected, which would you say causes the **most** harm to those participating?

[Pipe in those selected in 3a]

Q4. These gambling activities are operated by provincial governments here in Canada, and there is sometimes debate about whether this is a good thing or a bad thing.

Some say it is good to have provincial governments involved to regulate and set rules, and the revenue that comes from gambling goes to fund worthwhile community projects.

Others say it is bad for provincial governments to be involved in this area since gambling fundamentally takes advantage of people who should not be spending their money that way.

What is your own overall view on having provincial government involvement in gambling?

Overall good
More good than bad
More bad than good
Overall bad

Q5. There's some discussion about how the provincial government should deal with the revenue it makes from gambling.

Some feel that gambling revenues should be "earmarked", or set aside for specific purposes, such as addiction services or education.

Others feel that these revenues should be spent generally, wherever the provincial government needs the money.

Generally speaking, which of the following is closest to your own opinion on how gambling revenues should be spent?

[ROTATE]

Gambling revenues should be earmarked for specific purposes Gambling revenues should be general revenue

Q6a. Now, we want to consider the issue of "problem gambling" for a moment. Problem gambling has a number of different medical definitions, but can be broadly described as a condition in which a person has difficulty controlling the amount of time and/or money they spend on gambling, leading to negative consequences for the gambler, those close to them, or their community.

Knowing this definition, have **you or anyone living in your household** ever suffered from problem gambling?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Q6b. [IF YES TO Q6a, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q7a] Which of the following gambling activities did this person have a problem with? Please try to use the categories available, but feel free to use the 'Other' option if appropriate.

If thinking of multiple people, please answer for yourself, or the person with whom you have the closest relationship.

[Randomize]

Lottery tickets (such as Lotto 6/49, scratch tickets, etc.)
VLTs (video lottery terminals) at a bar or pub
Charitable gambling (church bingo, 50/50, etc.)
Casino (blackjack, roulette, slots, etc.)
Race track – betting on races or playing VLT's there
Sports betting (off-track or Pro-Line)
Gambling online (any of the above activities online) – ANCHOR
Other type of gambling (please specify) - ANCHOR

Q6c. [IF MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES IN Q6b] Which of these would you say this person had the **most** problem with?

[MASK IN SELECTED ANSWERS FROM Q6b]

Q6d. Has this person ever sought out help for their problem gambling?

Yes, successfully
Yes, currently getting help
Yes, but were unable to find any help
Yes, but the help didn't work
No, they didn't or don't want to get help

Q6e. Did this person suffer a significant economic loss as a result of problem gambling? By significant economic loss, we mean losing a car, a house, going into heavy debt, etc.

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Q7a. Have any of your close friends or family members **who do not live with you** ever suffered from problem gambling? [IF YES, CONTINUE THROUGH 7b-e, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q8]

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Q7b. Which of the following gambling activities did this person have a problem with, as far as you know? Please try to use the categories available, but feel free to use the 'Other' option if appropriate.

If thinking of multiple people, please answer for the person with whom you have the closest relationship.

[Randomize]

Lottery tickets (such as Lotto 6/49, scratch tickets, etc.)

VLTs (video lottery terminals) at a bar or pub

Charitable gambling (church bingo, 50/50, etc.)

Casino (blackjack, roulette, slots, etc.)

Race track – betting on races or playing VLTs there

Sports betting (through an off-track or on a Pro-Line)

Gambling online (any of the above activities online) – ANCHOR

Other type of gambling (please specify) - ANCHOR

Q7c. [IF MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES IN Q7b] Which of these would you say this person had the **most** problem with?

[MASK IN SELECTED ANSWERS FROM Q7B]

Q7d. Has this person ever sought out help for their problem gambling?

Yes, successfully
Yes, currently getting help
Yes, but were unable to find any help
Yes, but the help didn't work
No, they didn't or don't want to get help

Q7e. Did this person suffer a significant economic loss as a result of problem gambling? By significant economic loss, we mean losing a car, house, going into heavy debt, etc.

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[Rows]

The government of your province DOES enough to assist those suffering from problem gambling The government of your province DOES NOT do enough to prevent gambling addictions from developing in the first place

The government of your province DOES a good job of managing gambling and gaming activities in your province

[Columns]
Strongly Disagree
Moderately Disagree
Moderately Agree
Strongly Agree
Don't Know

Q9. We'd like to ask you now about VLTs (Video Lottery Terminals) in bars and pubs specifically.

A VLT is similar to a slot machine, but digital. You may have seen them at bars or racetracks, depending on the province where you were when you saw them. VLT's are played by simply hitting a button – the outcome is decided at the outset, and there is no skill involved.

There has been some debate about whether VLT's should be in bars and pubs. Some say that they should not be, as this makes access too easy and leads to abuse. Others say it's fine to have VLT's in bars and the responsibility falls upon the individual, same as with alcohol.

What do you think?

[Rotate]

VLTs should be allowed in bars and pubs

VLTs should be removed from bars and only placed in special places (like racetracks or casinos)

Q10. All things considered, what would you like to see your own provincial government do in terms of its overall approach to gambling? Should they:

Expand gambling activities and make more revenue from gambling Keep things more or less as they are now Reduce gambling, and find a way to do with less revenue Get out of gambling entirely