NDP Questionnaire – September 27, 2017

Introductory questions

Today's survey looks at some different issues in Canada today. As always, there are no right or wrong answers; we're really just interested in everyone's opinions.

Q1. As far as you are concerned, what would you say are the most important issues facing Canada today? (If your main issue isn't on this list, please type it in at the space below.)

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE -- ALLOW UP TO 3 SELECTIONS]
[KEEP ISSUES WITHIN THE "BLOCKS" BELOW. RANDOMIZE PRESENTATION OF BLOCKS AND RANDOMIZE ISSUES LISTED WITHIN EACH BLOCK.]

The economy
Jobs/Unemployment
Energy sector/Oil Prices
Deficit/Debt/Government spending
Taxes
Cost of living/Inflation

Health Care
Environment/Climate change
Crime/Justice issues
Education/Post-secondary
Poverty/Social services

Foreign/International Issues
Terrorism/Security
Refugees/Immigration/Border Crossing
Relationship with the US under Trump
Trade/NAFTA/Softwood lumber

First Nations issues/Aboriginals/Indigenous affairs
National Unity (Quebec and Quebec sovereignty)

The Senate
Leadership/Politics
Integrity/Ethics

[FIXED] Other Issue [Specify:]

Q2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Canada today?

Very Satisfied
Moderately Satisfied
Moderately Dissatisfied
Very Dissatisfied

Q3. And, overall, would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic about:

[ROWS – This order]
Your own future
The future of Canada

[COLUMNS]
Very Pessimistic
Moderately Pessimistic
Moderately Optimistic
Very Optimistic

The Vote universe/Consideration sets (from whither CPC)

Let’s turn to a few questions about federal politics.

Q4. There have been five Canadian federal elections since 2004.

[If born in 1985 or earlier:] You would have been eligible voting age for all five of these most recent elections.

[If born after 1985:] You may not have been eligible to vote in all these elections, but thinking about the ones you did vote in...

[All:] Of these most recent Canadian federal elections, how often have you yourself supported each of these federal political parties?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER – keep same order for all party questions]
Conservative Party of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party (NDP)
[QC Only] Bloc Quebecois
Green Party of Canada

[COLUMNS]
Never/Not once
Once
More than once
Every recent election

Q5. How likely is it that you yourself would consider supporting each of these parties in a future federal election? Would you:
The Conservative Party of Canada and their new party leader Andrew Scheer
The Liberal Party and Justin Trudeau
The New Democratic Party (NDP) and their new party leader Jagmeet Singh
[QC Only] The Bloc Quebecois and Martine Ouellet
The Green Party and Elizabeth May

[COLUMNS]
Definitely support them
Certainly consider them
Maybe consider them
Definitely NOT even consider them

Views of the NDP:
Focusing specifically on the federal New Democratic Party now ...

Q6. Setting aside whether or not you support the NDP or its policies, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements that someone might make about the NDP.

The NDP ...

[ROWS -- RANDOMIZE]
Has a real vision for Canada’s future
Cannot be trusted to competently manage the national government
Shares my values about what kind of society Canada should be
Stands up for ordinary Canadians
Has made major contributions to making Canada what it is today
Is just not relevant in Canada today
Is way too influenced by organized labour and its agenda
Reflects my region of Canada
Is too left-wing and unrealistic
Should remain committed to its principles, even if that means not getting elected

[COLUMNS]
Strongly disagree
Moderately disagree
Moderately agree
Strongly agree
Don’t know/Can’t say

Q7. And, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

[ROWS -- RANDOMIZE]
The rich should pay more in taxes in order to fund social programs in Canada
The federal government should fund affordable daycare for all Canadian parents.
Canada should accept fewer immigrants and refugees.
Canada still has a long way to go to overcome its historical racism, sexism, and other forms of bigotry.
There should be a federal minimum wage of at least $15.
Post-secondary education should be tuition-free in Canada.
Canada should guarantee a basic level of income to all of its citizens.
Canada should set more ambitious targets to combat climate change.

[ANCHORED] A country like Canada should be able to afford more programs like the ones described above.

[COLUMNS]
Strongly disagree
Moderately disagree
Moderately agree
Strongly agree
Don’t know/Can’t say

The leadership race (pulled verbatim from whither CPC):

As you may know on October 1st, the Canada’s Federal NDP elected a new leader: Jagmeet Singh.

Q8. How closely have you been following this NDP leadership contest over recent months? Would you say you have been:

Seeing a lot of media coverage and discussing it with family and friends
Seeing some coverage and having the odd conversation about it
Just scanning the headlines
Not aware of this issue at all

Q9. How familiar are you with the new national NDP leader Jagmeet Singh? Would you say you:

Have never heard of him until now
Have heard the name, but don't know anything about him
Are a bit familiar
Fairly familiar
Are very familiar with him?

[Ask Q10 and 11 of all except bottom two box “never heard of” or “heard, but don't know anything”]

Q10. And, would you say you have a generally favourable or unfavourable view of the new federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh?

Very favourable
Moderately favourable
Moderately unfavourable
Very unfavourable
Really can't Say

Q11. And overall, do you think Jagmeet Singh would do a good job or a bad job as Prime Minister of Canada?

Good job
Bad job
Really can't say/Too soon to tell

**Jagmeet Singh Questions (if he’s the new leader):**

Q12. As you may be aware, the new NDP leader Jagmeet Singh is an observant member of Canada’s Sikh community. He wears a turban and carries a kirpan (ceremonial dagger) as part of his religious faith.

We’d like to ask you some questions about this. First, let’s leave aside your opinion on Jagmeet Singh himself, and on the NDP as a party. Would you, yourself, consider voting for a political party led by a Sikh man who wears a turban and carries a kirpan?

Yes, I could vote for such a person, assuming I liked his policies
No, I could NOT vote for such a person, regardless of his policies

Q13. What about your close friends and family members? How many of them do you think feel that they could not vote for a party led by an observant Sikh man?

Most of them
Some
Only a few
None – no one I know thinks this way

Q14. Now, let’s think about society as a whole. How many people in Canada do you think feel that they could not vote for a party led by an observant Sikh man?

Most people
Some
Only a few
None – no one really thinks this way

Q15. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

- Having a member of a visible minority leading a major political party is good for Canada overall
- Overall, Jagmeet Singh’s religion will hurt the NDP’s electoral chances
- Ultimately, a politician’s religious or cultural identity shouldn’t matter – only their policies should
Vote behaviour/political involvement (from wither CPC):

A few additional political questions now...

Q16. If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party’s candidate would you be most likely to support?

[Keep parties in same order as earlier]

[ANCHORED] I would not vote
Conservative Party of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois (QC only)
Green Party
Some other party
Not sure/Can’t say/Undecided

Q17. Which party’s candidate did you vote for in the last federal election held in October 2015?

[Same order]

[ANCHORED] I did not vote
Conservative Party of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois [QC only]
Green Party
Some other party
Rather not say

Q18. If you had to look into the future and make a prediction, when do you think the New Democratic Party will most likely be elected to form the government of Canada?

Next election (2019) they will defeat the Liberals
Probably the election after that (2023)
Not for 3 more elections (15 years from now)
Longer than that
Never – the NDP will never form government
No idea/Cannot guess
Q19. We’re interested in knowing what different ways people might have been involved in federal politics, and with which parties. By “involved” we mean anything from being a party member to taking a lawn sign -- whether recently or well in the past. Please indicate below any type of involvement you might have had (if any) with each of the federal parties.

[ROWS – SAME ORDER]
Conservative Party of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois [QC only]
Green Party

[COLUMNS – MULTI-CHOICE GRID]
[EXCLUSIVE]No, never involved
Volunteered
Donated money
Took a sign
Went to a meeting
Are/was a party member

Q20. Thinking about past elections, which of the following best describes your own personal voting habits?

I vote in every election (federal, provincial, and municipal)
I vote in most elections (three of the last four elections)
I vote in some elections (two of the last four elections)
I rarely vote (one of the last four elections)
I never vote

Demographics

And finally, a few questions for our statistical calculations.

Q21. Where were you born?

In Canada
In another country

Q22. Do you consider yourself to be a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) communities?

Yes
No
Q23. Do you consider yourself to be a member of a visible minority? (This could include belonging to any cultural or religious or racial minority that is outwardly "visible" here in Canada.)

Yes
No

Q_Union. Are you now – or have you ever been – a member of a labour union?

Yes
No

Q24. Which one of the following best describes your religion?

Roman Catholic
United Church
Anglican
Lutheran
Presbyterian
Baptist
Pentecostal
Other evangelical Christian
Other Christian
Muslim
Hindu
Jewish
Sikh
Buddhist
No religious identity
Other (please specify)

Q25. 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