

## 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:

[ROWS -- same order]

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

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disagree

Moderately disagree

Moderately agree

Strongly agree

**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