

Marijuana Preparation

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As you may know, the federal government has introduced legislation to legalize marijuana in Canada. This law is expected to take effect on July 1, 2018.

TQ1 First, do you think the use of marijuana in Canada should be made legal, or not?

Yes, make it legal

No, it should remain illegal

Q2 Under the new law, individuals may legally possess up to 30 grams of marijuana for their own personal use (30 grams equals roughly one ounce; this amount would fill a sandwich bag and would be enough for about 40 to 60 joints, depending on size.)

It is up to provincial governments to determine how to organize the sale of marijuana in their provinces, and the age at which it will be legal (the federal minimum has been set at 18 years).

Some provinces have announced their plans for legalization (where marijuana will be sold, minimum age, etc.) while others have been holding public consultations, or have not offered information at this time. How closely would you say you have been following these discussions about legalization *in your province*?

Following it in the news and discussing it with friends and family

Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it

Just scanning the headlines

Haven't heard anything about it

Q3 How confident would you say you are in your province's ability to have a complete plan in place by July 1, 2018 to regulate the sale and distribution of marijuana?

Very confident

Confident

Not that confident

Not confident at all

Not sure/Can't say

Q4 Some people say the timeline for legalization is too short, and there won't be enough time to train police, figure out how cannabis should be taxed, or educate young people about the effects of using.

Other people say the July 2018 timeline must stay in place, because a delay will just result in people accessing marijuana from criminal organizations instead of through the new, legal channels.

Which would you say is closest to your opinion:

The federal government should push back the timeline for legalization
The timeline should not be changed

TQ5 Would you support or oppose organizing the distribution of marijuana in each of the following ways in your own province?

[ROWS – KEEP THIS ORDER]

Marijuana may be sold in licensed dispensaries, which sell only marijuana products
Private businesses – such as pharmacies – wishing to sell marijuana may acquire a license to do so
Marijuana may be sold through provincial government agencies – such as government liquor stores

[COLUMNS]

Strongly oppose
Moderately oppose
Moderately support
Strongly support

TQ6 And, suppose you had to choose one of these three methods of distribution for your province. If that were the case, which one of the three would you most like to see your province adopt?

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The federal government recently proposed an additional tax of at least \$1.00 per gram of marijuana, or 10 per cent of the final retail price, whichever is higher. This is in addition to provincial and federal sales taxes, which vary by jurisdiction, and would also be added to the final price. The revenue from this additional tax will be split 50/50 between the federal government and the provinces.

Q7 Overall, what is your opinion of this \$1.00 per gram tax. Would you say it is too high, too low, or about right?

The proposed tax is too high
The proposed tax is about right
The proposed tax is too low
There should be no additional tax on marijuana, just sales taxes

Q8 And on the proposed taxation split, 50/50 between the federal government and the provinces, which is closer to your opinion?

50/50 is a fair split
The federal government should keep more of the revenue
The provincial governments should keep more of the revenue