

**B.C. One Year Later
Draft Questionnaire
May 2, 2018**

We'd like to ask you some questions about some important issues here in British Columbia today.

Intro/Core Questions – Issues agenda/leader favourability/vote next and last

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

Please select up to three responses.

[KEEP ISSUES WITHIN THE "BLOCKS" BELOW. RANDOMIZE PRESENTATION OF BLOCKS AND RANDOMIZE ISSUES LISTED WITHIN EACH BLOCK.]

The economy
Pipelines/Tankers/Kinder Morgan
Resource sector/Forestry
Jobs/Unemployment
Deficit/Debt/Government spending
Taxes

Health Care/MSP premiums
Education
Social services – welfare, daycare, public housing
Housing prices/affordability
Transportation/Traffic/Transit

Environment
Community issues – safety, recreation
Infrastructure/Roads and bridges

Leadership/Politics
Integrity/Ethics
Political party financing and fundraising
Electoral reform

[FIX POSITION] Other Issue [PROVIDE WRITE-IN BOX]

Q2. (T) Overall, do you think British Columbia is on the right track, or the wrong track?

Right track
Wrong track
Not sure

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of each of the following people?

[Randomize]

Premier and NDP leader John Horgan
B.C. Liberal Party leader Andrew Wilkinson
B.C. Green Party leader Andrew Weaver

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disapprove
Disapprove
Approve
Strongly approve
Don't know/Can't say

Q4. If a provincial election were held in B.C. tomorrow, how certain are you about which party's candidate you would support?

Very Certain – I know exactly who I would support
Somewhat Certain – I know who I am leaning towards but I could change my mind
Uncertain – I really don't know who I would support

Q5a. If a provincial B.C. election were held tomorrow, which one of the following parties would you be most likely to support in your constituency?

[RANDOMIZE TOP 3]

BC Liberal Party
BC New Democratic Party (NDP)
BC Green Party
Other party
Undecided
Would not vote

[Ask if no party named at Q5a:]

Q5b. Is there a party you're currently leaning towards?

[Same order as above]

BC Liberal Party
BC New Democratic Party (NDP)
BC Green Party
Other party
Undecided/Would not vote

NDP Government Performance

As you may recall, the last election was a close one with no party winning a majority. The Green Party eventually agreed to support the NDP on supply and confidence issues, and the NDP with John Horgan as Premier formed government two months later.

We want to get people's views on how this government has been doing so far.

Q7. Based on their first nine months in office, would you say the Horgan NDP government has helped or hurt each of the following:

You personally
Your community
British Columbia overall

Hurt
Helped
No impact either way

Q8. And do you approve or disapprove of the Horgan government's handling of each of the following?

[Randomize]

Kinder Morgan's TransMountain expansion project

Education/Schools

Managing B.C.'s finances

Healthcare/Hospitals

Building economic growth

Protecting the environment

Housing/Affordability

Public Transit

Infrastructure projects (bridges, highways etc.)

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disapprove

Moderately disapprove

Moderately approve

Strongly approve

Don't know/Can't say

Budget – Taxes and housing measures

Q9. Here are some specific measures the NDP has proposed or introduced since it formed government. For each, we'd like to know whether you think it's a good or bad idea.

[Randomize]

An increase in the property transfer tax on homes with value of more than \$3 million - from 3 to 5 per cent

An additional \$1 billion to be spent over the next three years to expand access to licensed child care, to create 22,000 new spaces

Medical service plan (MSP) premiums will be eliminated by 2020, to be offset with a new payroll tax for employers

A new speculation tax aimed at foreign and domestic homeowners who don't pay taxes in B.C.

A property tax increase of 0.2 per cent on homes assessed at more than \$3 million, rising to a 0.4 per cent increase on homes assessed at more than \$4 million, with the revenue going toward schools

Increasing the foreign buyers tax on homes from 15% to 20%

[COLUMNS]

Very bad idea

Bad idea

Good idea

Very good idea

Not sure/Can't say

Electoral Reform

The B.C. NDP says it will hold a referendum on the question of electoral reform. This will happen by mail-in ballot before November 30, 2018.

Q10. Broadly speaking, there are two options for British Columbia's electoral system:

B.C. could keep the current system, called First Past the Post (FPTP), in which political parties run one candidate per riding and voters in that riding cast one vote for the candidate they like best. The candidate with the most votes – even if it's less than 50 per cent of the total number of votes cast – wins the riding.

Alternatively, B.C. could adopt a new system that allocates seats in the legislature roughly in proportion to the total number of votes a party receives, meaning a party that received 30 per cent of the popular vote would also win approximately 30 per cent of the seats. Systems that do this are called, collectively, proportional representation (PR) systems.

Based on what you know, please indicate which of these two broad options you prefer for B.C.

[ROTATE]

The current First Past the Post system
 A new system of Proportional Representation

Q11. Some people say the Horgan government is taking too long to reveal the rules for the referendum, and whether the ballot will be one or more questions, and what the question(s) will be.

Others say that the government is not taking too long, and there is plenty of time for information to be released before the referendum deadline of November 30

Would you say you are:

Concerned that the government is taking too long to release the details of the referendum, which will hurt the public's ability to make an informed decision

Not concerned, and confident that the details will be released with enough time for people to make an informed decision

Q12. Some people say the Horgan government cannot be trusted to formulate a fair referendum question. Others say it can be trusted to come up with a question that doesn't try to influence the outcome of the vote.

Which statement is closer to your own point of view, even if you don't entirely agree with either one?

[ROTATE]

I trust the Horgan government to come up with a fair referendum question

I don't trust the Horgan government to come up with a fair referendum question

Q6a. The last B.C. election was held just about a year ago on May 9, 2017. Did you vote in that election?

Yes

No

Not sure/Can't recall

[Ask if Yes at Q6a:]

Q6b. Which party's candidate did you yourself support in last year's B.C. provincial election?

[Same order as above]

BC Liberal Party

BC New Democratic Party (NDP)

BC Green Party

Other party

Prefer not to say