

Trudeau and Trump Dispute

[WELCOME SCREEN]

Today's survey asks people for their views on a variety of different topics, including national politics and international trade. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

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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.)

[Choose up to 2]

The economy/job growth
Energy sector/Oil Prices/Pipelines
Deficit/Debt/Government spending
Health Care
Environment/Climate change
Refugees/Immigration/Border Crossing
Trade/NAFTA/Relations with the US
[FIXED] Other Issue [Specify:]

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the following federal leaders?

[ROWS – THIS ORDER]

Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau
Opposition leader and Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer
New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Jagmeet Singh
Green Party leader Elizabeth May

[COLUMNS]

Disapprove strongly
Disapprove moderately
Approve moderately
Approve strongly
Not sure/Can't say

Q3 And recently, say over the past few weeks or so, would you say your opinion of each leader has improved, stayed the same, or worsened?

[ROWS – THIS ORDER]

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Green Party leader Elizabeth May

[COLUMNS]

Worsened

Stayed the same

Improved

Q4 If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you be most likely to support?

Conservative Party

Liberal Party

New Democratic Party (NDP)

Bloc Québécois

Green Party

Other party

Undecided / Would not vote

Not sure/ Can't say

[ASK THOSE WHO ARE UNDECIDED]

Q5. We've noticed you did not select a party. Is there a party you are currently *leaning* towards?

Conservative Party

Liberal Party

New Democratic Party (NDP)

Bloc Québécois

Green Party

Other party

Undecided / Would not vote

Not sure/ Can't say

Q6 Over the next twelve months, do you think the Canadian economy will improve, remain the same, or worsen?

Significantly improve

Moderately improve

Remain the same

Moderately worsen

Significantly worsen

Q7. All things considered, do you think your current standard of living is better or worse now than it was a year ago?

Better now

The same as a year ago

Worse now

Not sure

Q8. And a year from now, do you think your standard of living will be better or worse than now?

Better a year from now
The same as now
Worse a year from now
Not sure

Q9. Which of these leaders would make the best Prime Minister of Canada?

Justin Trudeau
Andrew Scheer
Jagmeet Singh
Elizabeth May
Not sure

Q10. Which of the following two statements best reflects how you feel today?

It is time for a change in government, the Liberals under Justin Trudeau should be replaced by a different party
It is not time for a change in government, the Liberals under Justin Trudeau should be re-elected
Not sure

Q11. Changing topics now, we want to look at the relationship between Canada and the United States. First, based on the Trump Administration's performance so far, since the inauguration in January of 2017, is your overall impression positive or negative overall?

Very positive
More positive than negative
Mixed – about equally positive and negative
More negative than positive
Very negative
Not sure/Can't say

[STANDALONE INTRO SCREEN]

As you may have heard, Prime Minister Trudeau and United States President Donald Trump had a public disagreement after last week's G-7 meeting in Quebec. At the closing press conference, Trudeau criticized new US tariffs on steel and said that Canada 'is polite and reasonable, but won't be pushed around'. Trump responded with this on Twitter:



Trump has continued to tweet critically of Canada's trade policy and also withdrew his support from the official communique endorsed by the other G-7 leaders.

Q12. Based on what you have seen or heard about this, do you think that President Trump is...

Sincere with his threats and willing to take further action against Canada

Creating a public scene as a negotiating tactic, not considering further action against Canada

Not sure/Can't say

Q13. Which of the following statements is closer to your own view (even if neither is exactly correct)?

Would you say Trump's actions have been:

Appropriate – He's doing what he thinks is best for American interests

Inappropriate – He's acting erratically and breaking trust with allies

Q14. Thinking about the way Justin Trudeau has been handling this public disagreement with Trump, would you say Trudeau ...

Has been too aggressive

Has been too weak

Has handled this situation well so far

Q15. And going forward, overall, do you think it would be best for Trudeau and his government to respond to anything further like this with a:

"Soft approach" – being careful not to offend Trump into hostile actions

OR

"Hard approach" – standing up to Trump even at the risk of potential consequences

Q16. People have been discussing what this public disagreement between Trump and Trudeau might mean about the overall Canada—US relationship. Which of the following is closer to your own view (even if neither is exactly how you feel)?

This is a sign of a fundamental deterioration in the Canada-U.S. relationship that could take many years to recover from

Disagreements like this happen from time to time (even with allies) and the Canada--US relationship will emerge as strong as ever

Q17 How concerned are you, personally, about the following potential consequences of the disagreement between Trudeau and Trump?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

These escalations leading to a trade war between Canada and the United States

The fight with Trump damaging Canada's international reputation

[COLUMNS]

Not concerned at all

Not that concerned

Quite concerned

Very concerned

Not sure/Can't say

[T]Q18. How confident are you in the ability of the Canadian government to effectively represent Canada's national interests in future trade negotiations with the Trump administration?

Would you say you are:

Very confident

Moderately confident

Not that confident

Not at all confident

[ASK THOSE WHO SAY 'NOT THAT' OR 'NOT AT ALL' CONFIDENT]

[T]Q19. And, which of the following would you say is closer to the reason you're not confident? (Even if neither is exactly how you feel)

[RANDOMIZE]

The Trump administration is too unpredictable – no Canadian government would be well-qualified to deal with it

The Trudeau government is poorly qualified to deal with the Trump administration – some other party would handle it better