TransMountain Purchase Questionnaire
June 2018

[T] QP1. First, based on what you may have read, seen or heard, would you say you support or oppose the TransMountain pipeline expansion project which would move oil from Alberta to the B.C. coast for shipment to markets overseas?

Strongly support
Moderately support
Moderately oppose
Strongly oppose
Not Sure/Can’t say

QP2. On May 29, the Trudeau government announced it was purchasing the Trans Mountain pipeline and related infrastructure for $4.5 billion from Kinder Morgan, the company that owned it. Kinder Morgan had been threatening to walk from the project because of opposition from the B.C. provincial government. The government says this purchase is necessary to ensure the project goes forward, and plans to find a new buyer for the pipeline in the future.

In your view, did the federal government make the right decision or wrong decision in purchasing the TransMountain pipeline expansion project:

Right Decision
Wrong Decision
Not sure/Can’t say

[ASK THOSE WHO SAY RIGHT DECISION]
QP3a. And, why do you believe this was the right decision? Pick all options below that apply, or write in another reason if it is not listed:

[RANDOMIZE]
The government had no choice, this had to be done to save the project
The TransMountain project is a good investment for Canadian taxpayers
The government had to buy the pipeline to save Canada’s reputation as a reliable place to do business
[ANCHOR] Other, specify

[ASK THOSE WHO SAY WRONG DECISION]
QP3b. And, why do you believe this was the wrong decision? Pick all options below that apply, or write in another reason if it is not listed:

[RANDOMIZE]
I oppose the TransMountain pipeline expansion project
The government paid too much for the pipeline
The government should not be in the business of owning pipelines, sets a bad precedent
[ANCHOR] Other, specify
[T] QP4 Setting aside your own view on the TransMountain pipeline project for a moment, based on whatever you have seen or heard, do you think the federal government has done a good job or a poor job in their overall handling of this issue?

Very good job  
Good job  
Poor job  
Very poor job  
Not sure/Can’t say

[T] QP5. The current British Columbia government led by NDP Premier John Horgan is opposed to the TransMountain pipeline expansion project and has been trying to prevent it from going ahead. It is the federal government’s legal jurisdiction to approve or deny projects like this one, and Ottawa has approved it. Which statement best reflects your own point of view, even if you don’t agree completely with either one?

[ROTATE]

The B.C. government is RIGHT to oppose the expansion of the TransMountain pipeline – even though the federal government has already approved it. The Horgan government should do what it can to delay or stop this project.

The B.C. government is WRONG to oppose the expansion of the TransMountain pipeline – the federal regulatory agencies have already approved it and the previous BC government approved it. The Horgan government should co-operate to see that the project is built.

[T] QP6. Ultimately, do you think the TransMountain expansion project will go ahead and be completed?

WILL definitely happen  
Probably happen  
Probably not  
Will definitely NOT happen  
Can’t say/Don’t know

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QD1. Finishing up now, we have a few questions for our statistical calculations.

First, what is your gender? Are you:

Male  
Female  
Other
QD2. And, which of the following ranges includes your age?

18-24  
25-34  
35-44  
45-54  
55-64  
65+

QD3. What is the highest level of education that you yourself have completed?

High school or less  
College/technical school  
University undergraduate degree or more

QD4. Which of the following categories best describes your total annual household income before taxes?

Less than $50,000  
$50,000 to less than $100,000  
$100,000 or more  
Don’t know/Prefer not to say

QD5. Which province do you live in?

British Columbia  
Alberta  
Saskatchewan  
Manitoba  
Ontario  
Quebec  
New Brunswick  
Nova Scotia  
Prince Edward Island  
Newfoundland and Labrador

QD6. Which party’s candidate did you support in the 2015 federal election?

[RANDOMIZE TOP 3 PARTIES – TOP 4 IN QUEBEC]  
[ANCHOR]I did not vote  
Conservative Party of Canada  
Liberal Party of Canada  
New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP)  
Bloc Quebecois [QC ONLY]  
[ANCHOR]Green Party  
[ANCHOR]Other Party  
[ANCHOR]Rather not say
QD7. And, do you consider yourself to be a visible minority? (This could include belonging to any cultural or religious or racial minority that is outwardly “visible” here in Canada.)

Yes
No