Trudeau Groping Allegations Questionnaire

Ballot questions(s):

- Has he responded appropriately
- Impact, if any, on views of Trudeau?

Q1. Currently, allegations that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau inappropriately touched a female reporter 18 years ago are being discussed in the news and on social media.

How closely would you say you have been following this issue? Are you:

- Seeing a lot of media coverage and discussing it with friends and family
- Seeing some coverage and having the odd conversation
- Just scanning the headlines
- Haven’t seen or heard anything about it

[STANDALONE PAGE]

The incident allegedly happened in 2000 at a fundraising event in Creston B.C. Trudeau was 28 years old at the time and had not yet entered politics. The day after the event, an unsigned editorial in the Creston Valley Advance newspaper accused Trudeau of “groping” and “inappropriately handling” a young female reporter. According to the same editorial, Trudeau apologized for behaving in a way that was “forward”.

There are no specific details about what actually occurred. The woman released a statement last week saying she stands by her story, but wishes to move on with her life. She offered no further information. Trudeau denies acting inappropriately but also says the woman who made the allegation might have had a different view of what happened.

Q2. Some people say Trudeau’s response to the allegation has been inadequate, because, in the past, he has publicly supported survivors of sexual assault and harassment and punished politicians in his own party over allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct.

Other people say Trudeau’s response to the allegation has been adequate, because there are few specific details about what actually occurred, and the woman does not plan to take the matter further.

Which statement is closest to your own view, even if you don’t entirely agree?

[RANDOMIZE]
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Q3. Thinking your own view of Justin Trudeau, what impact, if any, would you say this incident has had on your view of him? Would you say it has...

- Significantly improved your view of him
- Slightly improved
- Had no impact one way or the other
- Slightly worsened
- Significantly worsened your view of him

Q4. Finally, here are some statements about sexual harassment. For each one – please tell us whether you personally agree or disagree:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

(some statements from #metoo)

[N] These allegations about Trudeau seem overblown, and are receiving too much attention
Women are right to come forward and tell their stories even if it was in the past
People’s careers are being ruined without due process or a chance to defend themselves

There is no forgiveness for sexual harassment – the people who did it should suffer the consequences
Men need to take more responsibility for the way they behave towards women
There’s a lot of ambiguity about what sexual harassment is or how it’s defined

No one has a right to question a woman’s stories because they don’t know what she’s been through
All these new rules about conduct are killing the human element at work
It’s hard to tell where ‘the line’ is these days - what’s okay and what’s not

[COLUMNS]
Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Agree
Strongly Agree