

Quebec Election and Issues

[INTRO SCREEN]

Today we are doing a short survey asking people about some important public issues here in Quebec. The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

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Q1. As you probably know, a provincial election will be held on Oct. 1.

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

[RANDOMIZE]

The economy

Jobs/Unemployment

Deficit/Debt/Government spending

Taxes

Public sector jobs

Health Care

Education

Immigration

Social services – welfare, daycare, public housing

Policy for the production, sale and use of marijuana

Sovereignty

Environment

Community issues – safety, recreation, traffic

Infrastructure/Roads and bridges

Public transit

Energy/Electricity/Hydro

Leadership/Politics

Corruption/Integrity/Ethics

[ANCHOR] Other, specify:

Q2. Overall, do you think Quebec is on the right track, or the wrong track?

Right track

Wrong track

Not sure

Q3. In the Quebec provincial election on October 1, which party's candidate will you yourself be most likely to support?

[SINGLE CHOICE – RANDOMIZE FIRST THREE – KEEP THAT ORDER PER RESPONDENT]

Quebec Liberal Party

Parti Québécois

Coalition Avenir Québec

[FIX POSITION] Québec solidaire

[FIX POSITION] Other/Independent

[FIX POSITION] Undecided /Don't know

[FIX POSITION] Rather not say

[FIX POSITION] Will not vote

[Ask all Undecided/Rather not say:]

Q4. We've noticed you did not select a party. Is there a party you are currently *leaning* towards?

[SINGLE CHOICE – SAME ORDER AS FIRST RANDOMIZATION]

Quebec Liberal Party

Parti Québécois

Coalition Avenir Québec

Québec solidaire

[FIX POSITION] Other/Independent

[FIX POSITION] Undecided /Don't know

[FIX POSITION] Rather not say

[FIX POSITION] Will not vote

[ASK ALL RESPONDENTS WHO SELECTED A PARTY IN 3 OR 4:]

Q5. Suppose for some reason you could not support your first-choice party, which party would most likely be your second choice?

[SINGLE CHOICE – SAME ORDER, EXCEPT HIDE ANSWER FROM 3 OR 4.]

Quebec Liberal Party

Parti Québécois

Coalition Avenir Québec

Québec solidaire

[FIX POSITION] Other/Independent

[FIX POSITION] No second choice/Don't know

[ASK ALL]

Q6. Is there any party you feel you could never support in this upcoming Quebec election? (Select up to two responses.)

[RANDOMIZE, SAME ORDER]

Quebec Liberal Party

Parti Québécois

Coalition Avenir Québec
[ANCHOR]Québec solidaire
[ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE] No, could support any of the parties

Q7. Regardless of how you intend to vote in this election, please indicate whether you have an overall favourable or unfavourable opinion of each of the following people?

[ROWS – Same order]
Quebec Liberal Party leader Philippe Couillard
Parti Québécois leader Jean-François Lisée
Coalition Avenir Québec leader François Legault
Québec solidaire spokespeople Manon Massé and Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois

[COLUMNS]
Not sure/Can't say
Very unfavourable
Somewhat unfavourable
Somewhat favourable
Very favourable

Q8. A number of policy proposals have been made during the election campaign. We would like to get your opinion on some of these proposals, regardless of which party may have made them. For each, please say if you support or oppose it.

[BREAK UP THIS GRID OVER TWO PAGES, REPEATING THE PREAMBLE ON EACH ONE. DO NOT SHOW THE PARTIES LISTED IN PARENTHESES.]

[PAGE 1 ROWS – RANDOMIZE]
Free day care for four-year-olds (LIB)
Offering more intensive English courses for children in Grades 5 and 6 (LIB)
Ban the sale of gas-powered vehicles in Quebec by 2030 (QS)
Opening up the health care system to more private-sector providers (CAQ)
Have immigrants pass a values and language test in order to qualify to settle in Quebec (CAQ)

[PAGE 2 ROWS – RANDOMIZE]
Introduce a \$15/hour minimum wage (QS)
Increase the education budget by \$3 billion (LIB)
Ban judges, prosecutors, prison guards, police and newly hired teachers, from displaying religious symbols while working (PQ)
Pursue independence for Quebec (QS, but also PQ down the road)
Instruct Quebec's pension fund to divest from fossil fuel exploration, production and pipeline companies (PQ)

[COLUMNS]
Strongly oppose
Oppose

Support

Strongly support

Not sure/Can't say