Saudi Arabia

Q10. As you may know, Canada sells military and defence technology to a number of countries around the world. These exports are regulated by guidelines, which are meant to restrict Canada from selling military goods and technology to countries:

- that pose a threat to Canada and its allies;
- involved in or under imminent threat of conflict or war;
- under United Nations Security Council sanctions;
- whose governments have a persistent record of serious human rights violations against their own citizens, unless it can demonstrated the weapons won’t be used against civilians.

Thinking about these restrictions, which of the following countries, if any, should Canada NOT sell military defense and technology to? (Choose all that apply)

[RANDOMIZE]
Saudi Arabia
Australia
United Kingdom
China
Iran
Peru
France
Germany
Norway
United States

[ANCHORED, EXCLUSIVE] None, it’s fine for us to sell to any or all of these countries.

Q11. There has been a lot of public discussion lately about the death of Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi journalist who was killed at the hands of Saudi officials at their embassy in Turkey.

First, how closely would you say you have been following news around this issue? Have you been:

Seeing a lot of media coverage and discussing it with friends and family
Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it
Just scanning the headlines
Not seeing or hearing anything about it

Q12. In 2016, the Canadian government approved a 15-year, $15 billion contract for arms exports to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

Due to concerns over human rights abuses and Khashoggi’s murder, some people say Canada should cancel this and no longer sell military equipment to the KSA.

Other people say cancelling the deal may cost Canada billions, and could harm jobs in the country’s defence industry.
Suppose you were an advisor to the Canadian government today. Based on what you know, including what you’ve learned in this survey, what would you advise the government to do with the deal?

- Cancel this deal with Saudi Arabia, and prohibit any future sales of Canadian weapons to that country
- Leave this deal in place but prohibit any future weapons deals with Saudi Arabia
- Maintain the current deal and continue to allow weapons sales to Saudi Arabia in the future

Q13. The recent debate over what to do about Canada’s defence contract with Saudi Arabia isn’t the only issue between these two countries. Over the summer, both governments got into a heated dispute when Canada’s Foreign Affairs minister Chrystia Freeland called on Saudi officials to release human rights activists jailed in that country. Saudi officials responded by, among other things, expelling Canada’s ambassador and demanding an apology.

When you think about the Canadian government and its relationship with Saudi Arabia overall, would you say Canada should …

- Be even more vocal in criticizing Saudi Arabia
- Maintain the current approach and level of criticism
- Be more guarded in its criticism of Saudi Arabia
- Not criticize Saudi Arabia at all
- Not sure/Can’t say

Marijuana Qs

Changing topics again …

Q14. As you may be aware, it became legal for people to use marijuana recreationally in Canada on October 17. We would like to know how Canadians are responding to this change.

First, since October 17, have you done any of the following? Please select all that apply:

- Visited a cannabis shop
- Purchased cannabis at a shop
- Visited a website that sells cannabis online
- Purchased cannabis online
- Used cannabis

[Exclusive] None of the above

Q15. Provinces have the authority to set their own minimum age to purchase and use marijuana, as long as it’s above 18. What age do you think is the right one to be able to purchase and use cannabis?

18
19
20
21
22
23
Q16. Now that cannabis is legal for recreational use, would you say you are:

Very pleased
Pleased
Neither pleased nor disappointed
Disappointed
Very disappointed
Sonia ARF Q. Changing topics one more time ...  

How many movies have you seen at a movie theatre in the past 12 months?  

Zero  
One  
2 to 3  
4 to 6  
7 to 12  
13+