

June 18, 2019: TransMountain Decision Survey

Today we have some questions about issues in Canada. As always, there are no right or wrong answers, we just want your honest opinion.

Q1. First, in shaping Canada's energy policy, what do you see as the biggest priority?

[Rotate]

Protecting the environment
Promoting economic growth

Q2. Now for some questions about pipeline projects in Canada. As you might know, the proposed TransMountain pipeline expansion project would twin an existing pipeline to increase the amount of oil moving from Alberta to the B.C. coast for shipment to markets overseas. The increased flow of oil would mean an increase in the number of oil tankers in the Burrard inlet from 5 per month to about 35.

The governments of Alberta have long supported this project while the current B.C. government has taken steps to oppose it. Last year the federal government announced it was purchasing the existing pipeline and related infrastructure for \$4.5 billion from Kinder Morgan, the company that owned it.

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 media coverage and having the odd conversation
Just scanning the headlines
Not seeing or hearing anything about it

Q3. Would you say you support or oppose the TransMountain pipeline expansion project?

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

Q4. On June 18, the Trudeau government approved the TransMountain pipeline expansion project. After a court decision, it had taken more time to review the project and consult with communities that would be affected by it. The federal government also announced it will invest all funds earned from the project into a 'clean energy transition'.

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

Right Decision
Wrong Decision
Not sure/Can't say

Q5. As mentioned, the TransMountain expansion project will "twin" an existing pipeline to carry roughly triple the current volume of oil. It will also mean an estimated six- or seven-fold increase in the number of oil tankers moving from the terminal through the Burrard Inlet in Metro Vancouver and out to sea.

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Currently, about four to five tankers travel to the terminal each month. After the expansion, the number of tankers would be closer to one per day.

When you think about this project, to what extent are you yourself concerned about the potential risk or danger posed by each of the following:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The overall environmental impact of extracting and burning more fossil fuels

The pipeline itself and the risks of major leaks or breaches on its 1,150 km path from Alberta to the BC coast in Burnaby/Vancouver

The environmental impact of constructing the second pipeline beside the existing one

The increased oil tanker traffic in the Burrard Inlet in Metro Vancouver visually detracting from the natural beauty

The risk of an oil spill or accident from a tanker carrying oil through the water of Metro Vancouver

[COLUMNS]

Very concerned

Moderately concerned

Not that concerned

Not concerned at all

Q6. Thinking about the actions and approach to the pipeline issue taken by the federal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, would you say it has been:

[This order]

Doing too little to build new pipeline capacity

Pushing too hard to build more pipeline capacity

Striking the right balance overall

Q7. And thinking about the approach the federal government has taken to environmental protection when it comes to pipelines and tankers, would you say it has been:

Doing too little to protect the environment

Pushing too hard to protect the environment

Striking the right balance overall

Q8. As you may know, there has been some vocal regional opposition to pipelines in Canada – particularly from the Vancouver area in the case of TransMountain and from Quebec in the case of Energy East, with politicians and people protesting new pipeline capacity coming through their area.

As far as you're concerned, should this kind of local opposition carry:

No weight at all – local opposition should not be able to block

A little weight

A lot of weight

All the weight – local areas should be able to veto

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Q9. And regardless of your personal views of the TransMountain pipeline expansion, do you feel it will ultimately be built?

Yes, it will be built

No, it will never be built

Not sure/Can't say

Q10. How likely is it that you yourself would consider supporting each of these parties in a future federal election? Would you:

[ROWS – SAME RANDOM ORDER]

The Conservative Party of Canada led by Andrew Scheer

The Liberal Party led by Justin Trudeau

The New Democratic Party (NDP) led by Jagmeet Singh

The Green Party led by Elizabeth May

[QC Only] The Bloc Quebecois led by Yves-François Blanchet

[COLUMNS]

Definitely support them

Certainly consider them

Maybe consider them

Definitely NOT even consider them