This survey is about some issues concerning Canada and [ROC: your province/QC: Quebec] today. As always, there are no right or wrong answers, we just want to get everyone’s different views.

[QL1]
Base = Total

As you may have heard, a general election will be held in Canada next month, on October 21st. We’d like to know which issues you care about the most during this campaign so far. From this list below, please select up to 2 that are most important to you personally.

Job opportunities in my community
Management of the federal deficit
Improving health care access
The amount of taxes I pay
Immigration policy
Access to affordable housing
Upholding the rights of religious groups in Canada
Natural resource and energy policy
Protecting the rights of LGBTQ2 Canadians
Canada’s role on the international stage
Improving living conditions for Canada’s First Nations
Climate change
Transparency and honesty in the federal government
Other [specify]:

[QL2]
Base = Total

What is your overall impression of each of the following party leaders?

Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer
Liberal leader Justin Trudeau
New Democratic Party/NDP leader Jagmeet Singh
Green Party leader Elizabeth May
People’s Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier
Bloc Québécois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet [QC only]

Very favourable
Favourable
Unfavourable
Very unfavourable
Not sure/can’t say
[QL3]
Base = Total

Based on how you feel right now, how certain are you about which party’s candidate you will support in this upcoming federal election? Would you say you are...

Absolutely certain of who you would support – no way you could change your mind
Fairly certain – You feel like you’ve made up your mind
Less certain – You could change your mind
Not certain at all – You have no idea who you’d support

[QL4]
Base = Total

In this upcoming federal election, which party’s candidate will you be most likely to support?

Conservative Party of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada
Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
Green Party
People’s Party of Canada
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote

[QL5]
Base = ‘UNDECIDED/DK’ OR ‘RATHER NOT SAY’ IN QL4

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

Conservative Party
Liberal Party
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
Green Party
People’s Party of Canada
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote
And which other federal election candidate would that be?

Independent/non-affiliated candidate
Libertarian
Christian Heritage
Some other party
None – spoil ballot/won’t vote
Don’t Know/Not Sure

Suppose for some reason you could not support the [PIPE IN PARTY SELECTED]. In that case, which party would be your second choice?

Conservative Party
Liberal Party
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
Green Party
People’s Party of Canada
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don’t know
Rather not say
Will not vote

Do you approve or disapprove of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau?

Strongly approve
Approve
Disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Not sure/Can’t say
And, which of these leaders would make the best Prime Minister of Canada?

Andrew Scheer
Justin Trudeau

Since the election campaign started a few weeks ago, would you say your opinion of each of the following has improved, worsened or stayed the same?

The Liberal Party of Canada led by Justin Trudeau
The Conservative Party of Canada led by Andrew Scheer
The New Democratic Party (NDP) led by Jagmeet Singh
The Green Party led by Elizabeth May
The People’s Party of Canada led by Maxime Bernier
The Bloc Québécois led by Yves-Francois Blanchet [QC only]

Improved
Stayed the same
Worsened

Let’s turn our attention now to the topic of immigration. We’re talking about people who were born in other countries who have immigrated to live in Canada on a permanent basis.

A few quick questions to start. Don’t worry if you don’t know the answers, we just want to get an idea of what people’s perceptions are about immigration to Canada.

Canada’s total current population is 37 million. How many new immigrants do you think arrived in Canada last year?

Fewer than 200,000 new immigrants
200,000 up to 300,000
300,000 up to 400,000
400,000 up to 500,000
500,000 up to 1 million
More than 1 million new immigrants
No idea/Can’t say
The actual number of new immigrants coming to Canada in 2019 is: 331,000, just less than one per cent of Canada’s total population. If you had to estimate, roughly what percentage of that total do you think is from each of the three main immigrant classifications?

Please use the slider to indicate a %’age estimate for each. (Should add to 100%).

- Economic class immigrants: people who come to work, including caregivers, skilled labourers, and professionals.
- Family class immigrants: people who are sponsored by a relative who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Refugee or humanitarian class immigrants: people who are fleeing conflict or persecution abroad.

Where do you think most new immigrants to Canada have been coming from in the past 10 years or so? (Please select up to three regions):

- U.S.A. & Mexico
- Latin America & the Caribbean
- Europe
- Russia & Central Asia
- East Asia
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
As mentioned earlier, in 2019, Canada is expected to accept 331,000 new permanent residents. These are people who were born in other countries who have immigrated to Canada on a permanent basis. What is your opinion on this?

Would you say 331,000 new permanent residents in 2019 is ...

- Too many – the number should be lower
- About right
- Too few – the number should be higher
- Not sure/Can’t say

You’ve indicated you consider Canada’s current annual immigration number of approximately 330,000 to be “too many”. How many immigrants do you think Canada should be taking?

- Between 250,000 and 300,000
- 200,000 to 250,000
- 150,000 to 200,000
- 100,000 to 150,000
- Fewer than 100,000
- None, stop immigration to Canada altogether

There are a few broad types, or “classes” of immigrants to Canada. Of the 331,000 expected to make their home in Canada this year:

- Most (58%) are “economic class” immigrants: people who come to work, including caregivers, skilled labourers, and professionals.
- Another 27 per cent are “family class” immigrants: people who are sponsored by a relative who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- The remaining 15 per cent are “refugee” or “humanitarian” class immigrants: people who are fleeing conflict or persecution abroad.

What are your views on these proportions? Would you say each one is too high, about right, or too low?
Economic class immigrants – 58% of the total  
Family class immigrants – 27% of the total  
Refugee/humanitarian class immigrants – 15% of the total

[Response options]:

Too few – the number should be higher
About right
Too many – the number should be lower
Not sure/Can’t say

[Q04]
Base = Total

Which parts of the world should Canada’s immigrants be coming from? (Please select up to three regions):

- U.S.A. & Mexico
- Latin America & the Caribbean
- Europe
- Russia & Central Asia
- East Asia
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
- South Pacific
- Middle East & North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Doesn’t matter/Can come from any region
[QA1]
Base = Total

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

A lot of new immigrants have trouble settling into life here
Minorities should do more to fit in better with mainstream Canadian society
Canada’s economic growth is in peril without immigration
New immigrants take too many jobs away from Canadians
Recent immigrants should have as much say about the future of Canada as people who were born and raised here

[response options]:
Strongly Disagree
Moderately Disagree
Moderately Agree
Strongly Agree

[QA2]
Base = Total

Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents
Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing, and health care

[QP1]
Base = Total

Now let’s consider a few specific immigration issues that some people are talking about.

When it comes to immigrants being able to speak our official languages, would you say we should:

Require that all new immigrants to [PIPE ‘ENGLISH’: IF FROM Canada/FRENCH: Quebec] – at least those who are not refugees – speak at least some [PIPE ‘ENGLISH’ IF English or French/FRENCH: French] before they are accepted here

Or

Newcomers to Canada [and Quebec] can learn the language once they are here
Regarding asylum seekers crossing into Canada outside official border crossings, would you say the Trudeau Liberal government has been:

Too soft in their approach
Too tough on this
Struck about the right balance overall
No idea/Can’t say

Refugees fleeing conflict or persecution are currently 15% of all our immigrants. Would you say Canada should or should not increase the proportion of immigrants who are refugees?

Should increase as refugees are in such need
Should not – we need to keep the priority on economic class immigrants who are coming here to work

And to what extent, if at all, should provincial governments decide how many new immigrants settle in their own respective provinces? Should the provinces:

Have complete control over immigration within their province
Be involved as equal partners with the federal government
Be consulted
Not involved at all

Regardless of whether you are supporting them or not, overall, how well or poorly would you say the Trudeau Liberal government has handled the immigration file over these past four years in office?

Very well
Reasonably well
Quite poorly
Very poorly
And continuing to setting aside your overall views of the parties and whose candidate you might support next month – who do you think would do the best job managing the immigration file?

The Conservative Party and Andrew Scheer
The Liberal Party and Justin Trudeau
The New Democratic Party (NDP) and Jagmeet Singh
[QC Only] The Bloc Quebecois and Yves-Francois Blanchet
The Green Party and Elizabeth May
The People’s Party of Canada and Maxime Bernier
Don’t know/Can’t say

Were you born in Canada or in another country?

In Canada
In another country

Were your parents born in Canada?

Yes, both parents born here
One parent here, one elsewhere
No, both parents born outside Canada
Not Sure

And, how many years have you lived in Canada?

Fewer than 10 years
10-20 years
20-30 years
30 years or more
[QD4]
Base = Total

Would you say you are a member of a visible minority (in terms of your ethnicity/heritage/race)?

Yes
No

[QD5]
Base = Total

How about in the last Canadian federal election which was held back in October 2015 -- that’s when Justin Trudeau and the Liberals first got elected, defeating Stephen Harper’s Conservative government, and the opposition NDP led by Thomas Mulcair. [QC Only: and Gilles Duceppe had come back to lead the Bloc.]

To the best of your recollection, did you actually go out and vote in that 2015 federal election?

Yes, definitely voted
Probably voted
Maybe not/Can’t recall
No, did not vote in that election

[QD6]
Base = ONLY Voters: (Top 3 boxes at previous QD5)

And which party’s candidate did you support in that 2015 Canadian federal election?

Conservative
Liberal
NDP/New Democrat
Bloc Quebecois [QC Only]
Green Party
Some other party
Can’t recall/not sure
Prefer not to say