

ARI Post-Election Poll
October 29 – November 4, 2019

[TEXT]

For today's survey we want to get people's views on the federal election held on October 21st. As always, there are no right or wrong answers, we just want your own views and opinions.

[V1]

[ASK ALL]

Thinking about past elections, which of the following best describes your own personal voting habits?

[SINGLE RESPONSE] [THIS ORDER]

I vote in every election (federal, provincial, and municipal)

I vote in most elections (three of the last four elections)

I vote in some elections (two of the last four elections)

I rarely vote (one of the last four elections)

I never vote

Q1.

Base=All

[single choice]

Did you vote in this federal election?

Yes, voted on election day, October 21st

Yes, voted in advance (i.e. advanced polls, special ballot, via mail)

No, did not vote

Q2.

BASE=all except non-voters

[single choice]

When did you decide who you were going to vote for in this federal election?

Before the campaign started

By the middle of the campaign

In the final week or so of the campaign

The last couple of days of the campaign

You only firmly decided on voting day

Q3.

BASE=all except non-voters

[single choice]

And which party's candidate did you support?

[Randomize first 3 for ROC, first 4 for QC – keep order for rest of survey]

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada

Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]

Green Party [Fixed]

People's Party of Canada [Fixed]

Other Party/Independent [Fixed]

Spoiled ballot

Rather not say [Fixed]

Q4.

BASE=all except non-voters

[multi-choice, max 2]

Thinking about your own decision-making process in making your final choice in this federal election, what considerations were most important for you? Please pick one or two from the list below (or select Other if yours isn't there).

[Randomize]

Voting strategically for a party you thought had a better chance to win or to stop another party from winning

Supporting the party that you felt best represented you

Liked the local candidate

The party leaders

Keeping your current MP

The policies of the party

Other (specify:) [Anchor]

Q5.

Base = Total

[single choice]

The election ended with Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party winning a minority government. Overall, would you say you are pleased or upset with this outcome?

Very pleased

Pleased

Neutral

Upset

Very upset

Q6.

Base = Total

[single choice]

Based on the outcome of this election, looking back, do you think you would have voted differently (or, if you didn't vote, would you have voted after all)?

Yes

No

Don't know/Can't say

Q7.

Base = Those who said 'Yes' in Q6.

[single choice]

And which party would you support if you could go back and re-do things?

[Same order as earlier]

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada

Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]

Green Party [Fixed]

People's Party of Canada [Fixed]

Other Party/Independent [Fixed]

Q8.

BASE= total

[single choice grid]

Thinking about things going forward now, are you optimistic or pessimistic about each of the following under this new Liberal minority government?

[ROWS – KEEP THIS ORDER]

Your own future

The future of your province

The future of the Canadian economy

The functioning of the federal government

The future of Canada overall

[COLUMNS – KEEP THIS ORDER]

Very pessimistic

Moderately pessimistic

Moderately optimistic

Very optimistic

Q9.

BASE= total

[single choice]

And which of the following statements would you say best describes how you feel about this minority government, even if neither is exactly how you feel?

This is an opportunity for different parties to cooperate to get meaningful things accomplished

This is just going to make it more difficult for anything meaningful to get done

[T] Q10.

Base=All

[multi-choice, max 3]

Which priorities should this new federal Liberal minority government focus on in the first several months? Pick up to three that you feel are most important.

[Randomize List]

Keeping the deficit under control

Growing the economy/job creation

Improving access to healthcare

Investing in transportation-related infrastructure (roads, highways, public transit)

Tax cuts for lower- and middle-income Canadians

Improving living conditions for First Nations in Canada

Ensuring Canada meets its 2030 emission reduction targets

Building the TransMountain pipeline expansion

Electoral reform/changing Canada's federal voting system

Creating more accountability and transparency in federal government

Ensuring Western Canada is heard in Ottawa

Funding construction of more affordable housing
Implementing a national pharmacare program
Other (specify)

Q11.

BASE= total
[single choice]

Thinking for a moment about your own province and its relationship with the federal government since 2015, do you think Justin Trudeau's Liberal government has done a good job or a poor job when it comes to promoting your province's interests?

Very good job
Good job
Poor job
Very poor job
Not sure/Can't say

Q12.

BASE= total
[single choice]

Do you think the federal government has done a good job or bad job of representing the interests of the following regions of the country?

[rows]

British Columbia (hide if in BC)
Alberta (hide if in AB)
Saskatchewan (hide if in SK)
Manitoba (hide if in MB)
Ontario (hide if in ON)
Quebec (hide if in QC)
Atlantic Canada (hide if in ATL)

[columns]

Very good job
Good job
Poor job
Very poor job
Not sure/Can't say

Q13.

BASE= total
[single choice]

There has been some discussion about what role the federal government should or should not play when it comes to Alberta's resource industry. Regardless of how you feel about the Trudeau Liberal government's actions over their first term, would you say this new minority Liberal government should:

Do more to help Alberta's natural resource industry
Continue the same approach it has taken the last four years
Do less to help Alberta's natural resource industry

Q14.

BASE= total
[single choice]

There's been some discussion after the election about electoral reform. Broadly speaking, there are two options for Canada's electoral system:

Canada could keep the current system, called First Past the Post (FPTP), in which political parties run one candidate per riding and voters in that riding cast one vote for the candidate they like best. The candidate with the most votes – even if it's less than 50 per cent of the total number of votes cast – wins the riding.

Alternatively, Canada could adopt a new system that allocates seats in the legislature roughly in proportion to the total number of votes a party receives, meaning a party that received 30 per cent of the popular vote would also win approximately 30 per cent of the seats. Systems that do this are called, collectively, proportional representation (PR) systems.

Based on what you know, please indicate which of these two broad options you prefer for Canada

[ROTATE]

The current First Past the Post system
A new system of Proportional Representation

Q15.

BASE= total

[single choice]

We also want to get an idea of how you feel about this minority government going forward. As a reminder, minority governments can be defeated if they fail to secure a majority of votes in the House of Commons on budget and confidence issues, which means they can be less stable than majority governments.

How long do you expect the Liberals will be able to govern with this arrangement?

Less than six months

Six months to a year

One year to 18 months

18 months to two years

More than two years but less than a full term

A full four-year term

No idea/Can't say

Q16. Thinking about the major federal party leaders coming out of this federal election, we'd like to know for each whether you think they should: stay on and continue to build toward the next federal election, or step aside for new party leadership.

Conservative leader Andrew Scheer

Liberal leader Justin Trudeau

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh

Green Party leader Elizabeth May

Should remain leader

Should step down as leader

Not sure/No opinion