As you may know, Canada arrested Meng Wanzhou at the request of the United States in December 2018. Meng is a Chinese citizen and the chief financial officer of Chinese telecom company Huawei.

She has been living in Vancouver under house arrest. The United States wants Meng extradited to charge her with fraud in that country. Last month, a judge ruled Meng’s extradition case will continue. This ruling means Meng may have to stay in Canada well into 2021, instead of being sent home to China, as the Chinese government is demanding.

Days after Meng’s arrest, China arrested and detained two Canadian men, Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig. China says it detained the men for “security reasons”. They have been held in prison for more than 550 days and were only recently charged with espionage. Canada says the men are innocent and are being held in retaliation.

Based on whatever you’ve seen or heard about this current tension between Canada and China, would you describe this situation as:

Very serious
Quite serious
Not that serious
Not serious at all

Based on whatever you have seen, heard or read about this situation with China, what kind of a job do you think the Trudeau Liberal government has done handling this?

Very good job
Good
Poor
Very poor job
Not sure/can’t say
Q6. Base=Total [single choice]

This week, the Chinese government announced that if Canada ended the extradition case and sent Meng Wanzhou home to China, it would, in turn, free the Canadians Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig.

Some people say the Canadian government should continue to treat the Meng case as a legal matter and leave it with the courts to decide, regardless of how long Spavor and Kovrig are detained in China.

Other people say the Canadian government should send Meng back to China in exchange for Spavor and Kovrig’s return to Canada, even if this means intervening in an independent court process and sets a precedent for other countries to detain Canadians abroad if an international dispute arises. If you were advising the federal government – what would you tell it to do?

Continue to treat the Meng case as a legal matter and leave it with the courts to decide Meng’s future

Intervene in the independent court process and send Meng home in exchange for Canadians Kovrig and Spavor

Q7. [T] Base=Total [single choice grid]

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements people might make about China and Canada’s relationship with that country.

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

China can’t be trusted on human rights or the rule of law
How China treats its own citizens is none of Canada’s business
Canada-China trade and investment are too valuable for us to be on the wrong side of them
Canada should have resisted the US request and not arrested Meng in the first place
Canadian consumers should try to avoid buying things made in China

[COLUMNS]

Strongly Agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree