

WE Charity Scandal Questionnaire

QF1.

Base=All

SPLIT SAMPLE/Half get WE/half do not

First, please rank the issues facing Canada that you care about the most. Select up to three from the list or write in your own if you do not see the issue you're thinking of.

RANDOMIZE, RANKING (select up to three)

The Deficit/Government spending
The Economy
Coronavirus/COVID-19 response
Health Care
Taxes
Jobs/Unemployment
Environment/Climate Change
Income inequality/Poverty
First Nations/Indigenous issues
Energy/Natural Resources/Pipelines
Ethics/Corruption/WE Scandal
Terrorism/Security
Crime/Public safety
National Unity (Western Canada/Quebec)
Immigration/refugees
Housing affordability
International/global issues
Other (specify)

QF4.

BASE = ALL

SINGLE CHOICE

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau?

Strongly approve
Moderately approve
Moderately disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Not sure

QF5.

Base=All

Single choice

And over the past month or so, would you say your opinion of Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau has improved, worsened or stayed the same?

Improved
Stayed the same
Worsened

Part 2 – WE scandal

Recently, there has been discussion about the relationship between the Trudeau government and an organization called WE Charity. WE Charity was given a \$19.5 million contract to run student volunteer programs across the country. It later emerged that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Finance Minister Bill Morneau have family ties to the organization and that both men may have committed an ethics violation by not removing themselves from discussions over awarding this contract. Both men have apologized for not doing this.

QW1.

Base=All

Single choice

How closely would you say you have been following this issue. Would you say you are...?

Following it in the news and discussing it with friends and family
Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it
Just scanning the headlines
Haven't heard anything about it

QW2.

Base=All

Single choice

Thinking about this situation, which view is closest to your own:

[ROTATE]

This issue is serious and significant
This issue has been overblown by the media and opposition parties
Not sure/Can't say

QW3.

Base=All

Single choice

And thinking about your feelings and views on this issue, how would you assess what has come to light so far? In your own opinion, is what happened:

[Select one]

A simple mistake/error in judgement

An unethical decision, but not a criminal act

A possible criminal act that should be investigated by police

Not sure/Can't say

QW4.

Base=All

Single choice

Putting aside your own views and feelings about this issue, and based on what you know right now, what impact – if any – do you think it will have on the current minority Liberal government:

Major impact – this could be the issue that ultimately brings down the Liberal government

Minor impact – it will embarrass the Liberal government but ultimately it will survive

No impact at all – this will all be forgotten in a matter of weeks