

Bill C-51: Anti-Terror Bill

We want to ask Canadians their views regarding the issue of terrorism and potential measures against it.

1. Some people say there is a serious threat of terrorism in Canada. Others believe this threat has been overblown by politicians and the media. Which of these two views is closest to your own?

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

There is a serious threat of terrorism here in Canada

Politicians and the media have overblown the threat of terrorism in Canada

2. On Friday January 30, the federal government introduced new anti-terror legislation, known as Bill C-51. This legislation would expand the powers of police agencies and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). How familiar, if at all, are you yourself with this new proposed legislation?

Read/saw stories about it and discussed it with friends and family

Saw a story or two, and had the odd conversation about it

Just scanned/saw the headlines

Not read/seen anything at all

3. Below is a summary of some of the specific measures included in this proposed legislation. Please indicate whether you yourself are in favour or opposed to each of these specific measures.

[RANDOMIZE ROWS]

Make it illegal to promote terrorism, with sentences of up to 5 years

Block internet websites that promote terrorism

Make it easier for law enforcement agencies to add a terror suspect's name to airline no-fly lists

Extend to seven days instead of three the length of time a terrorism suspect can be detained without charge

Give government departments the authority to share private information – such as passport applications or commercial data – with law enforcement agencies

Strongly in favour

In favour

Opposed

Strongly opposed

4. Some people point out the proposed anti-terror legislation provides for no additional oversight of the police agencies as they go about using these expanded powers. There has been some debate about this. Which of the following broad views is closest to your view?

[ROTATE ITEMS]

We already have adequate oversight of the police agencies, nothing additional is required in this new legislation

There should be additional oversight to ensure the police agencies do not go overboard with these new powers

5. What is your overall view of the overall balance between security concerns and Canadians' freedom and privacy under this new anti-terror legislation? Would you say this proposed legislation:

Goes way too far, not enough protection for freedom and privacy

Strikes the right balance overall

Does not go nearly far enough, if you're not a terrorist you have nothing to hide

6. Thinking generally about Canadian law enforcement agencies having expanded powers and access to people's personal information, to what extent do you trust them to use this only for anti-terror purposes and nothing else? Do you have:

A great deal of trust

A fair amount of trust

Not that much trust

No trust at all

7. All things considered, do you yourself support or oppose this proposed new anti-terrorism legislation?

Strongly support

Support

Oppose

Strongly oppose