

INDIA-CANADA TIES

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Today's survey is about some international issues.

A. Thinking about Canada's international competitiveness, which of the following is closest to your opinion?

[Randomize statements]

We are **keeping up** with other countries and competing as well as we should be

We **falling behind** other countries and are not competing as well as we should be

B. In the past, Canada has counted countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom/Europe and Japan as trading partners. As we look to the future, with which of the following countries or regions do you think Canada should try to develop closer trade ties?

[Please select up to two countries/regions from the following list, or write in a different country/region if you like]

RANDOMIZE

Continue to focus on the US

China

South East Asia

South and Central America

India

The European Union

Other ____

C. Canada is currently in talks to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (or TPP), which is a proposed regulatory and investment treaty involving several countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Based on whatever you may have seen or heard about this and on your own general impressions, would you say you support or oppose the idea of Canada joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership?

Support

Oppose

Can't say/Don't know

8. There are two Asian countries with populations of more than one billion: India and China. When you think about Canada's overall relationships with these countries -- including things such as trade, culture, diplomacy etc, which country do you think Canada should put more effort into?

[rotate]

India

China

Now, still on international issues, but changing the focus.....

1. [Show picture of Narendra Modi]

Are you able to identify this international leader?

[randomize]

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, President of Egypt

Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka

Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan

I don't know who this is

In fact, the person we showed you is India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is coming to Canada from April 14-16 – making stops in Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver.

2a. When you think about India, would you say your overall opinion is:

Very favourable

Mostly favourable

Mostly unfavourable

Very unfavourable

We'd like to ask you a few questions based on what you've seen, read or heard about India.

3a. Is India:

[randomize]

A democracy

A military run country

A dictatorship

2b. When you think about India, which of the following images are strongest in your mind? (Please pick your top three choices from the list below -- or write in another image if one of your main ones is not on our list.).

[randomize]

Bollywood Movies

Cuisine/Indian food

Ancient culture

Corruption

Fashion

A dangerous place for women

A very poor country

Beautiful countryside

World's largest democracy

Mahatma Gandhi

Massive population

Economic powerhouse

Cricket

Other (please specify)

3b. And based on what you've seen read or heard – In recent years, is India's economy:

[keep this order]

Growing rapidly

Growing at a moderate pace

Stagnant (neither growing nor shrinking)

Shrinking a little

Shrinking a lot

3c. People in India belong to many different faith groups. Which **two** of the following religions do you think have the most followers in India?

[randomize]

Hinduism

Sikhism

Islam

Jainism

Judaism

Christianity

Buddhism

Other (please specify)

4. Tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

[randomize]

India can be counted on as a dependable ally to Canada.

India does the right thing when it comes to world affairs.

India respects the personal freedoms of its people.

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Don't know

5. According to the International Monetary Fund, India's economy grew by 7.2% in the last fiscal year. To put that into context, that's about three times Canada's economic growth rate. To what extent do you see India's growth as an opportunity for Canada?

Huge opportunity – it's a can't miss

Important opportunity – but it depends on what we're doing with other countries

Not much of an opportunity – doing business with India could be risky

Not an opportunity at all – India offers no real upside for Canada

6. Currently, Canada is part of free trade agreements with several countries around the world. Right now, we do not have a free trade agreement with India.

Some people say a Canada-India free trade agreement would decrease taxes and tariffs on goods we import from and export to India, saving Canadian consumers money and opening up new markets for Canadian businesses.

Other people say a Canada-India free trade agreement would endanger Canadian jobs, and wouldn't necessarily deal with the rules and regulations that hurt trade.

What is your view as to whether or not Canada should pursue a free trade agreement with India?

[RANDOMIZE]

We should pursue a free trade agreement with India

We should not pursue a free trade agreement with India

7. Now moving to a slightly different subject.

Until the 1970s, Canada was providing plutonium to India to produce nuclear energy. Canada stopped its nuclear energy cooperation in 1974, after India tested a nuclear weapon. In recent years, Canada has

signed agreements to export and import controlled nuclear materials, equipment and technology to and from India, for peaceful purposes. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose Canada helping develop India's nuclear energy industry?

Support

Oppose

Let's turn for a moment to the Indian community here in Canada. Immigration from India to Canada began at the turn of the last century, and in recent years India has become one of the major sources of immigration to Canada. The last census showed there about 1.2 million Canadians of Indian heritage.

9. Overall, do you personally feel positively or negatively towards the Indo-Canadian community as a whole?

Very positive

Mostly positive

Mostly negative

Very negative

Neither positive nor negative

10. And, finally, we'd like to know if you personally have a relationship with one or more Canadians of Indian heritage?

Yes, know well

Yes, an acquaintance

No, no relationship