

Climate change

4. Now, we want to ask a few questions about climate change (or global warming) and about reducing greenhouse gas emissions (the type of pollution which is created by burning carbon and which is causing global warming).

How much of a threat, if any, do you think climate change poses for planet Earth? Is it:

A very serious threat to the planet

A serious threat

A more minor threat

Not really a threat at all

Not Sure

5. As you may know, countries from around the world are meeting in Paris next month for a UN Climate Change Conference. The objective of this summit meeting is to reach an international agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Suppose this Paris Climate Change Conference results in an international agreement on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Would you support or oppose Canada signing an agreement and committing to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions – if it meant higher energy costs of, say, 10% per household per year?

Strongly support

Moderately support

Moderately oppose

Strongly oppose

6. Would you support or oppose Canada committing to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions even if some major polluting nations (such as India or China) do not join the agreement to limit their emissions?

Strongly support

Moderately support

Moderately oppose

Strongly oppose

7. Thinking about this upcoming Paris Climate Change Conference, all things considered, how confident are you that it will achieve broad international agreement on reducing greenhouse gas emissions?

Very confident

Fairly confident

Not very confident

Not confident at all

8. Before the Paris conference, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be meeting with the provincial Premiers to consult on Canada's greenhouse gas emissions targets. How likely do you think it is that this meeting will see the PM and the Premiers reach an overall agreement on how emissions reduction targets should work in Canada?

Very likely
Fairly likely
Not very likely
Not likely at all

9. This Canadian meeting will discuss options for carbon pricing. There are two main carbon pricing systems: known as “cap and trade” and “carbon tax.”

Very briefly,

In a “cap and trade” system, the government “caps” the amount of permitted greenhouse gas emissions and issues quotas to companies that produce those emissions. The “trade” part comes in when companies who go over their emissions quota must buy carbon credits from companies that didn't use all of theirs.

In a “carbon tax” system, the government sets a price or tax on carbon (including fossil fuels such as gasoline, diesel fuel, natural gas, jet fuel, etc.). Everyone who buys and burns these fuels pays the tax, and the idea is that people will consume less fuel in order to pay less tax.

Would you support or oppose the implementation of each of these carbon pricing systems in your own province? (If your province already has such a system, please indicate whether you support or oppose keeping it in place.)

[ROWS – ROTATE]

Cap and Trade
Carbon tax

[COLUMNS]

Strongly oppose
Moderately oppose
Moderately support
Strongly support

10. Who did you vote for in the October 2015 Canadian federal election?

[ROTATE TOP 3 PARTY CHOICES/TOP 4 IN QUEBEC]

[ANCHOR] Did not vote
Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party of Canada

[ONLY IN QC] Bloc Quebecois

Green Party

Other

Don't remember/would rather not say