

## Pipelines, February 2017

As you may be aware, the governments of British Columbia and Alberta are in a conflict over the plan to twin an existing pipeline – the Kinder Morgan TransMountain pipeline – to move oil from Alberta to the B.C. coast for shipment to markets overseas. The federal government approved the twinning in 2016.

The B.C. government says it is opposed to the pipeline because of risk to the pacific coast in the event of an oil spill. Recently, it has threatened to disrupt completion of the pipeline project by restricting the flow of oil into the province.

The Alberta government has taken measures to retaliate, and says B.C. has no right to do this because the federal government has already approved the pipeline expansion, and such restrictions would be bad for Alberta's economy.

QP1. Based on what you've seen, heard or read, including this survey – which statement best reflects your own point of view, even if you don't agree completely with either one?

[ROTATE]

The B.C. government is **RIGHT** to try to delay the expansion of the TransMountain pipeline – even though the federal government has already approved it

The B.C. government is **WRONG** to try to delay the expansion of the TransMountain pipeline – the federal government has already approved it

QP2. How closely would you say you have been following the news about this disagreement between Alberta and B.C.? Are you ...

Seeing a lot of media coverage and discussing it with friends and family

Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation

Just scanning the headlines

Not seeing or hearing anything about it

QP3. Here is a map of the where the twinned pipeline would go – from Alberta to the coast of B.C. near Metro Vancouver.

[SHOW MAP OF KINDER MORGAN PIPELINE]

The B.C. government says that the pipeline would increase tanker traffic in Vancouver seven-fold – seriously increasing the risk of an oil spill along the B.C. coast – and that it therefore should be delayed, to further study the potential impact of a spill, or scrapped entirely.

The Alberta government says that the pipeline will create jobs and allow the province's oil to get to foreign markets, which will be good for the Albertan and Canadian economy.

Which of these arguments do you find more persuasive?

[ROTATE]

The B.C. government's argument

The Alberta government's argument

QP4. Some people say this debate, ultimately, is about pipelines themselves, and whether it's worthwhile or not – economically and environmentally – to build more pipelines and expand Canada's oil-production capacity. Other people say this debate is ultimately more about oil tankers and the possibility of a spill on the B.C. coast.

Which of these perspectives is closer to your own? Is this about ...

[ROTATE]

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Oil tankers

[T] QP5. Thinking about these sorts of cases, in which the federal government approves or supports a pipeline, but a provincial or municipal government is opposed, which of the following statements is closer to your point of view?

[ROTATE]

The federal government should have the final say since these have a wider impact

Provincial governments should have the power to stop pipelines from being built through their jurisdictions

[T] QP6. Regardless of the conflict between the provincial governments of B.C. and Alberta, would you say you support or oppose the expansion of the Kinder Morgan pipeline?

Strongly support

Moderately support

Moderately oppose

Strongly oppose

Not Sure/Can't say

QP7. And finally, do you think the TransMountain pipeline will be twinned?

It will definitely be twinned

It will probably be twinned

It's unlikely to be twinned

It will never be twinned

Not Sure/Can't say