

Marijuana September 2018

Q1. As you may know, the federal government will legalize marijuana in Canada this fall, in October. How closely, if at all, would you say you have been following the news about marijuana legalization?

Are you:

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

Q2. And overall, do you think the use of marijuana should be legalized in Canada, or not?

Yes, make it legal
No, it should remain illegal

Q3. The date for legalization was delayed from July 1 to October 17, after some provinces asked for more time to get ready for the change.

Based on what you have seen, read or heard, how confident would you say you are in your province's ability to have a plan in place by October 17, 2018 to regulate the sale and distribution of marijuana?

Very confident
Confident
Not that confident
Not confident at all
Not sure/Can't say

Q4. And after marijuana is legalized for recreational use in October, how likely will you be to use it for each of the following:

Medical purposes
Recreational purposes

Definitely use it
Probably
Probably not
Definitely not use it
Not sure/Can't say

[Standalone screen]

There has been some discussion about what marijuana legalization will mean for Canada. We have some questions now about how you feel this issue may affect Canadian society, and your own life.

Q5. The Trudeau government has said one of the main reasons for legalization is to stop organized crime from profiting from the illegal marijuana trade.

Personally, how effective do you feel legalization will be at cutting organized crime out of the marijuana trade. Do you think:

- Organized crime is going to be cut out of the marijuana trade almost entirely
- Organized crime will suffer a lot, but still find some ways to profit from the marijuana trade
- Organized crime won't be affected much
- Organized crime will not really be affected at all, will still profit greatly

Q6. Thinking about the police in your community. How confident are you that they are prepared, and will be able to spot and enforce new penalties for drivers caught under the influence of marijuana:

- Very confident
- Confident
- Not that confident
- Not confident at all
- Not sure/Can't say

Q7. Some people who are opposed to marijuana legalization say it will be easier to access the substance, and this will lead to young people to use it more often, even as doctors express concern about marijuana use on developing brains.

Other people who support legalization say young people are being educated about the health effects and risks of marijuana use and this, combined with strict penalties for selling or giving pot to someone under age, will help prevent young people from accessing pot.

Based on what you've heard so far, will legalization:

- Succeed in discouraging marijuana use among young people
- Fail to prevent kids from using even more pot once it is legal
- Not sure/Can't say

Q8. And considering legalization overall now, do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[Randomize]

- I'm more worried about kids drinking alcohol than smoking pot
- Marijuana legalization will do more harm than good in my community
- My community is going to be positively affected economically by legalization
- I worry about children in my family using marijuana
- More Canadians will use more harmful street drugs in the coming years

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Not sure/Can't say