

**Floor Crossing Questionnaire
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QF1. Now we would like to ask you a few questions about government.

First, are you aware of an issue in politics called ‘floor crossing’? This is when an elected official switches their allegiance from one party to another after being elected as a member of the first party. They still serve the same constituency to which they were elected, but as a member of a different party until the next election is held.

What would you say best describes your knowledge of this process? Before beginning this survey were you:

Aware of this procedure

Unaware of this procedure

QF2. Over the last 10 years, 20 members of Parliament have changed their party allegiance in between elections, and this has happened often at the provincial level too. In September, a Liberal MP changed her political allegiance, crossing the floor from that party to the federal Conservative Party.

Some people say that if elected politicians cannot work with their parties in good conscience and have irreconcilable differences, they should be allowed to change parties.

Other people say politicians changing parties between elections is a betrayal of the constituents who voted for a person representing a specific party, and this should not be allowed.

Which would you say is closest to your view?

[Rotate top two options]

Floor-crossing should be allowed

Floor-crossing should NOT be allowed

[Anchor] Not sure/Can't say

QF3. Imagine that there was a politician in your province who wanted to leave his or her party between elections. What would you prefer to see happen in your province?

[Randomize]

The politician should have step down and re-contest his or her seat in a by-election

The politician's seat should be vacated until the next election

The politician should serve out their term as an Independent until the next election