

China
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China section

Q6. There has been some diplomatic and political tension between Canada and China recently.

How closely would you say you have been following news about this issue? Would you say you are:

- 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 until now

[STANDALONE SCREEN]

Here's some quick background:

Last month Canada arrested Chinese citizen Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer for the telecom giant Huawei (at the request of the US government who believes the company was illegally dealing with Iran).

After that, China arrested two Canadians for what it calls national security reasons. More recently, China re-tried a Canadian citizen convicted of drug trafficking there and changed his 15-year jail sentence to the death penalty.

Senior Canadian and Chinese officials have been strongly and publicly criticizing each other's actions and comments.

Q7. Based on whatever you've seen or heard about this current tension between Canada and China, would you describe this situation as:

- Very serious
- Quite serious
- Not that serious
- Not serious at all

Q8. Have you been or do you expect to be personally affected in any way by this current tension between Canada and China?

- Yes, for sure
- Could be
- Not likely
- No, won't be
- Not sure

Q9. Based on whatever you have seen, heard or read about this situation with China, what kind of a job do you think the Trudeau Liberal government has done handling this?

Very good job
Good
Poor
Very poor job
Not sure/can't say

Q10. More specifically, in dealing with China over these recent issues, would you say the Trudeau Liberal government has been:

Too tough – should ease up
About right/striking a good balance overall
Not tough enough – need to take stronger action
Not sure/can't say

Q11. China is now Canada's 3rd largest trading partner (after only the US and the European Union). Chinese businesses have been investing billions here in Canada in many different sectors. Canada's imports from China total roughly \$65 billion a year (mostly manufactured goods) and Canadian exports there total roughly \$20 billion a year (mostly natural resources).

Overall, what kind of impact would you say the Canada – China trade relationship has on:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]
Jobs and the economy in your own community
The Canadian economy as a whole

[COLUMNS]
Positive
More positive than negative
Equally positive and negative
More negative than positive
Negative
No impact at all
Not sure

Q12. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements people might make about China and Canada's relationship with that country.

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]
China can't be trusted on human rights or the rule of law
How China treats its own citizens is none of Canada's business

Trade and investment between Canada and China is simply too valuable for us to be on the wrong side of them

Canada should prohibit Chinese investment in sensitive industries such as finance and telecommunications

Canada should have resisted the US request and not arrested that Chinese telecom executive in the first place

Canadian consumers should try to avoid buying things made in China

[COLUMNS]

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Q13. Thinking about Canada's overall relationship with China, what should be more important to Canada: (Please select ONE of these choices, even if you don't entirely take that view.)

[RANDOMIZE]

Trade and investment opportunities for Canada

Human rights and the rule of law

Q14. Looking ahead to the future, what do you expect to happen with the Canada – China relationship? Do you think it is more likely that:

(Again, please select ONE of these choices, even if you don't entirely take that view.)

[RANDOMIZE]

This will be sorted out and relations with China will be back to normal

Canada – China relations are in for long term trouble

Q15. Thinking more generally now, and not just focusing on China ...

Would you say Canada's overall international image or reputation has improved or worsened over the past few years?

Improved

Stayed about the same

Worsened