

Western Canada – Issues, Opinions and Options
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National Institutions

Q30. Another issue that people sometimes talk about is the location of national agencies and institutions (federal departments, Crown corporations, national museums etc). In Canada, almost all of these are located in the national capital region of Ottawa, Ontario and Gatineau, Quebec.

Which of the following is closer to your own view on this:

[Rotate]

These should not all be in the capital; national institutions and agencies should be placed across the country to more closely reflect the distribution of Canada's population.

It is fine to keep the main federal institutions all centrally located in the national capital.

Politics/Options for the West

Q31. Based on what you've seen, heard or read, do you feel that the number of western Canadians who are angry about Ottawa's treatment of the West is:

Increasing

Decreasing

Or remaining the same?

Q32. In Alberta, some people have raised the idea of the province separating from Canada and becoming its own independent country. A few questions about this:

a) To what extent do you consider Alberta separatism to be a real possibility? Is this something you think:

Would never happen

Is very unlikely

Could happen

May very well happen

b) And when you think about the idea of separatist feelings and ideas growing in Alberta, what is your own personal overall reaction to this? Would you say you are generally:

Sympathetic and understand where this is coming from

Hostile and reject there would be any good grounds for this

Indifferent/Don't care one way or the other
 Can't say/Don't know enough

c) Suppose separatist feelings keep gaining ground and become a full-fledged movement of western Canadian separatism.
 Would you be in favour or opposed to your own province joining such a western separatist movement?

Strongly in favour
 Moderately in favour
 Moderately opposed
 Strongly opposed

d) Suppose Western Canada as a whole ended up separating from Canada and becoming an independent country. In terms of the economy and standard of living, do you think the following would be better off or worse off if the West left Canada?

Western Canada
 Your own province

Would be better off if West left Canada
 Would be worse off if West left Canada
 The same/Mixed
 Not sure/Can't say

Q33. Suppose a separatist movement started to gain a lot of strength in Alberta and elsewhere in western Canada, and there was growing support there for that region to leave Canada and become its own country. What kind of approach do you think the federal government and the rest of Canada should take to respond to that?

A "soft" approach – focus on keeping a good relationship and avoiding conflict
 A "firmer" approach – speak up for the rest of Canada's interests even if that means disagreement
 A "tough" approach – stand firm and do what it takes to defend our interests (such as, insisting on top dollar re-imbursement for national infrastructure, and continued royalty payments for industries Canada has supported, etc)