

Vote Intent

Today we are doing a survey asking people about some issues here in Canada and [Name of Province].

Q1. First of all, as far as you're concerned, what would you say are the most important issues facing Canada today?

[Randomize]

[choose up to 2]

The Deficit / Government spending
 Economy
 Health Care
 Taxes
 Jobs / Unemployment
 Environment / Pollution
 Income inequality
 First Nations issues / Aboriginal Affairs
 Energy / Natural Resources
 Ethics / Accountability
 Terrorism / Security
 Crime / Public safety
 Education / Post-secondary training
 The Senate
 National Unity (Quebec and Quebec separation)
 Other (specify)

Q2. If a federal election were held tomorrow, how certain are you about which party you would support? Would you say you are.....

Absolutely certain of who you would support – no way you could change your mind

Fairly certain – You feel like you've made up your mind

Less certain – You could change your mind

Not certain at all – You have no idea who you'd support

Q3. If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you yourself be most likely to support?

[Single choice. Randomize first 3 choices/first 4 in QC. Then keep that order per respondent.]

Conservative Party

Liberal Party

New Democratic Party (NDP)

Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]

Green Party
 Other Party/Independent
 Undecided /Don't know
 Rather not say
 Will not vote

Q4. Regardless of how you feel about the parties, please indicate whether you have an overall favourable or unfavourable opinion of each of the following:

[Rows – Same order as previous]

Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer
 Liberal leader Justin Trudeau
 New Democratic Party/NDP leader Jagmeet Singh
 Green Party leader Elizabeth May [fix position]
 Bloc Québécois leader Mario Beaulieu [QC only]

[Response options:]

Very unfavourable
 Somewhat unfavourable
 Somewhat favourable
 Very favourable

Q5. And over the past month or so, would you say your opinion of each has improved, worsened or stayed the same?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE TOP 3]

Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau
 Opposition leader and Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer
 New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Jagmeet Singh
 Green Party leader Elizabeth May [fix position]
 Bloc Québécois leader Mario Beaulieu [QC only]

[COLUMNS]

Worsened
 Stayed the same
 Improved

SNC

QS1. Now, we would like your opinion on something happening in Canada today. Remember there is no right or wrong answer.

A Canadian engineering company called SNC-Lavalin has been accused of fraud and bribery related to work in Libya.

Broadly speaking, prosecutors can pursue one of two different options with this case. One option would involve prosecutors charging the company under the criminal code. If SNC-Lavalin is found guilty, it would be banned from bidding on Canadian government contracts for ten years. The other option would involve prosecutors negotiating an agreement that would avoid criminal charges in exchange for SNC-Lavalin admitting responsibility, giving back any profits earned from wrongdoing, and paying a major fine.

Some people say SNC-Lavalin should be fully prosecuted and face a possible 10-year ban on government contracts, because that's the only way justice will be served and business leaders will learn their lesson. Other people say SNC-Lavalin should be allowed to negotiate an agreement, so the company can keep operating normally and current employees and investors who didn't do anything wrong aren't punished.

Based on what you know, including the summary above, which is closest to your own point of view:

[Rotate]

SNC-Lavalin should be fully prosecuted under the criminal code and face a possible 10-year ban on government contracts as punishment

SNC-Lavalin should be allowed to negotiate a remediation agreement, so the company can keep operating normally to protect current employees and investors

QS2. There have been allegations that the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) pressured the then-Attorney General, Jody Wilson-Raybould to interfere in a decision over whether to charge SNC-Lavalin or negotiate an agreement.

The situation led Wilson-Raybould to resign as a cabinet minister, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's principal secretary, Gerald Butts, to quit his post as well.

How closely, if at all, have you been following this issue?

Read/saw stories about it and discussed it with friends and family

Saw a story or two, and had the odd conversation about it

Just scanned/saw the headlines

Not read/seen anything at all

QS3. People have differing opinions on this issue. Which of the following broad statements is closest to your own point of view:

[rotate]

This issue has been overblown by the media and politicians. The resignation of Gerald Butts settles the matter

There is a deeper scandal within the Prime Minister's Office and more information will emerge

Part 4:

Vote Last deeper dive (after “Issue” poll q’s, before Demo’s)
Now, just a few more questions about politics and the political scene.

Q1. Some people are interested in Canadian politics and public policy issues, and some people aren’t.
How about you? Would you say you personally have:

A high interest in political and policy issues
A moderate interest
Lower interest
No interest -- you tune this out

Q2. Thinking about past elections, which of the following best describes your own personal voting habits?

[SINGLE RESPONSE] [THIS ORDER]
I vote in every election (federal, provincial, and municipal)
I vote in most elections (three of the last four elections)
I vote in some elections (two of the last four elections)
I rarely vote (one of the last four elections)
I never vote

Q3. How about in the last Canadian federal election which was held back in October 2015 – -- that’s when Justin Trudeau and the Liberals first got elected, defeating Stephen Harper’s Conservative government, and the opposition NDP led by Thomas Mulcair.
To the best of your recollection, did you actually go out and vote in that 2015 federal election?

Yes, definitely voted
Probably voted
Maybe not/Can’t recall
No, did not vote in that election

[Voters: Top 3 boxes at Q3]

Q4. And which party’s candidate did you support in that 2015 Canadian federal election?

[Present first 3 parties/4 in QC in same order as earlier politics questions]
Conservative
Liberal
NDP/New Democrat
Bloc Quebecois [QC Only]
Green Party
Some other party
Can’t recall/not sure
Prefer not to say

Q6. How likely is it that you yourself would consider supporting each of these parties in a future federal election? Would you:

[Rows -- same order as above]

The Conservative Party of Canada led by Andrew Scheer

The Liberal Party led by Justin Trudeau

The New Democratic Party (NDP) led by Jagmeet Singh

[QC Only] The Bloc Quebecois and Mario Beaulieu

[Response options]

Definitely support them

Certainly consider them

Maybe consider them

Definitely NOT even consider them

Prov Vote Last -- from West survey

Let's turn our attention for a moment now to the provincial political scene here in [Province].

QD4a) If a provincial election were held tomorrow here in [Province], which party's candidate would you yourself be most likely to support?

[Party List below – tailored to province. Alphabetical order so no randomizing needed. Followed by:]

Other Party

Undecided/Don't know

Rather Not Say

None/Would not vote

[If Undecided/Don't know at QD4a:]

QD4b) A lot of people aren't sure at this point which party they would support, but is there nevertheless a provincial party here that you are leaning towards?

Same list as QD4a

QD5. Thinking back to the last provincial election held here in [Province] in [Month of Year], which party's candidate did you support in that election?

[Same tailored alpha party list -- except Alberta, ending with:]

Other Party

I did not vote

Not sure/Can't say

Rather Not Say

Programming Reference:

List of Provincial Parties for QD4 (and QD5 Alberta).

BC:

BC Liberal Party
BC New Democratic Party (NDP)
BC Green Party

AB QD4:

Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)
United Conservative Party
Alberta Liberal Party
Alberta Party

AB QD5:

Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)
Alberta Progressive Conservatives
Wildrose Party
Alberta Liberal Party
Alberta Party

SK:

Saskatchewan Party
Saskatchewan New Democratic Party
Saskatchewan Liberal Party
Saskatchewan Green Party
Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan

MB:

Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba
New Democratic Party of Manitoba (NDP)
Manitoba Liberal Party
Green Party of Manitoba

ON:

Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario
Ontario New Democratic Party
Ontario Liberal Party
Green Party of Ontario

QC:

Coalition Avenir Québec
Quebec Liberal Party
Parti Québécois
Québec Solidaire

NB:

Liberal Party of New Brunswick
Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick
Green Party of New Brunswick
People's Alliance of New Brunswick

New Democratic Party of New Brunswick

NS:

Nova Scotia Liberal Party

Progressive Conservative Association of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia New Democratic Party (NDP)

Green Party of Nova Scotia

PEI:

Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island

Progressive Conservative Party of Prince Edward Island

Green Party of Prince Edward Island

New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island

NFLD:

Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

Newfoundland and Labrador New Democratic Party (NDP)

Last Provincial Elections for QD5

BC: May 2017

AB: May 2015

SK: April 2016

MB: April 2016

ON: June 2018

QC: October 2018

PEI: May 2015

NFLD: November 2015

NS: May 2017

NB: September 2018