

Today we have some questions for you about a few issues being talked about lately. Please keep in mind there are no right or wrong answers, we just want to get everyone's different views.

QF1. First, as far as you're concerned, what would you say are the most important issues facing Canada today? (Please select up to two.)

[Randomize List]

The Deficit / Government spending
Economy
Health Care
Taxes
Jobs / Unemployment
Environment / Climate Change
Income inequality/Poverty
First Nations issues / Indigenous Affairs
Energy / Natural Resources /Pipelines
Ethics /Corruption
Terrorism / Security
Crime / Public safety
Education / Post-secondary training
Immigration
National Unity – Western Canada/Quebec
Housing affordability
Other (specify)

As you may have heard, a federal election will be held this fall on October 21st.

QF2. Based on how you feel right now, how certain are you about which party's candidate you will support in this upcoming federal election? Would you say you are...?

Very certain – I know exactly who I will support
Somewhat certain – I know who I am leaning towards, but I could change my mind
Uncertain – I really don't know who I will support
Unlikely I'll end up voting

QF3. As you consider the choices in this federal election, which of the following considerations is MOST important to you in making up your mind as to which party's candidate you will support?

[RANDOMIZE]

The parties' policies on the issues
The party leaders
The individual candidates running in your constituency

QF4. In this upcoming federal election, which party's candidate will 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 of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada
Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
Green Party
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote

[Ask all Undecided/Rather not say:]

QF5. We've noticed you did not select a party. Is there a party you are currently *leaning* towards?

[Same order as previous]

Conservative Party of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada
Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
Green Party
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote

[If Other Party/Independent mentioned at QF4 or QF5, Ask:]

QF6. And which other federal election candidate would that be?

[This order]

People's Party/Maxime Bernier
Independent/non-affiliated candidate
Libertarian
Christian Heritage
Some other party
None – spoil ballot/won't vote
Don't Know/Not Sure

QF7. Do you approve or disapprove of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau?

Strongly approve
Approve
Disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Not sure/Can't say

QF8 And what is your overall impression of each of the following party leaders?

[Rows – Same order as parties appeared above]

Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer
Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau
New Democratic Party/NDP leader Jagmeet Singh
Bloc Québécois leader Yves-François Blanchet [QC only]
Green Party leader Elizabeth May [fix position]
People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier [fix position]

[Response options:]
Very favourable
Favourable
Unfavourable
Very unfavourable
Not sure/can't say

[ROTATE ENVIRO AND ENERGY SECTIONS. TAG ORDER RESPONDENT SAW THEM IN]

Environment Section

QC1 (T). Now switching to some questions about environmental issues in Canada. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of climate change?

Climate change is a fact and is mostly caused by human activities (emissions, deforestation, industrial activities, etc.)

Climate change is a fact and is mostly caused by natural changes and cycles

Climate change is a theory that has not yet been proven

Not sure

QC2 (T). How much of a threat, if any, do you think climate change poses for planet Earth? Is it:

A very serious threat

A serious threat

A more minor threat

Not really a threat at all

Not sure

QC3 (T). As you may know, the federal government introduced a carbon tax on January 1, 2019 in provinces that haven't already set their own prices on carbon emissions. The price on carbon for that plan began at \$20/tonne in 2019 and will rise to \$50/tonne by 2022.

A carbon tax of \$50/tonne equals roughly 11 cents/litre of gasoline. The Trudeau government also announced it will return 90 per cent of revenue from the carbon tax to households that pay it in the form of a rebate.

Based on whatever you've seen or heard about the federal government's plan, including in this survey, would you say you support or oppose it?

Strongly support
Moderately support
Moderately oppose
Strongly oppose

QC4. Under the Paris Climate Agreement, Canada has committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030. Several monitoring agencies have estimated that Canada is not on track to meet these targets. Again, regardless of who wins the coming federal election, what would you say Canada should do:

Increase efforts to make sure we reach the Paris target for 2030
Continue on the current course even if it means falling short
Decrease efforts and don't worry about the 2030 target

QC5. Another proposal from the Liberal government is to ban 'single-use plastics' - that is, plastics that are designed to be used once and then thrown away. The government has not announced which products will be banned but said the ban would be similar to the European Union's, which includes plastic straws, cotton swabs, drink stirrers, plates, cutlery and others. In your opinion, should the next Canadian government elected this fall:

Follow through and ban single-use plastics
Not ban single use plastics

QC6. Currently, the Liberal government provides federal rebates of up to \$5,000 for Canadians buying electric vehicles, as part of its long-term plan to phase out all gas-powered vehicles by 2040.

Regardless of which party is elected in October, do you think the next federal government should maintain, discontinue or expand this program?

Maintain – keep the \$5,000 rebate in place
Expand – provide more federal incentives for electric vehicle purchases
Discontinue – cancel the \$5,000 rebate

QC7. And when you think about the Liberal government's record under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on climate change, would you say it has been:

[This order]
Doing too little to address climate change
Pushing too hard to address climate change
Or, has their approach been about right overall

QC8. And regardless of which party wins the election this fall how do you believe Canada's next federal government should approach the issue of climate change? Should it be the next Canadian government's:

Top priority

Among its top few priorities
A lower priority, one among many
Not a priority, focus on other issues

QC10. For each of the following statements, would you say you agree or disagree?

[Randomize]

Canada will be harmed economically if we increase our efforts to reach emission reductions targets
Even if Canada suffers economically, we have to reduce our impact on climate change
Canada should only make major changes to tackle climate change if big countries like the United States and China do so first
Canada's population is so small compared to countries like China and India – at the end of the day, our efforts won't make any difference

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

QC11. Thinking about Election Day on October 21st, suppose the **top issue** on your mind is climate change. In that case, which party's candidate in your riding would you yourself be most likely to vote for?

[Same order as previous]
Conservative Party
Liberal Party
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois [OPTION IN QUEBEC ONLY]
[Anchor] Green Party
[Anchor] Other Party
[Anchor] Not Sure/Can't say

Energy Section

Switching topics, we have a few questions about pipelines and the oil and gas sector. When we talk about oil and gas sector development, we mean things like the exploration, drilling, production and refining of products like crude oil and natural gas. This also includes technology and research in this area.

QR1. Generally speaking, how do you believe the next federal government (regardless of which party wins this upcoming election) should treat oil and gas sector development? Should **promoting growth** in this area be the next Canadian government's:

Top priority

Among its top few priorities
A lower priority, one among many
Not a priority, focus on other issues

QR2. Let's focus for a moment on a pipeline project you may have heard about:

The TransMountain project (TMX) would twin an existing pipeline running from northern Alberta to Metro Vancouver for export by oil tanker from there. The federal government bought this western pipeline last year from the company who started it, and it was approved for construction this past June.

Some of the federal parties support the TMX pipeline, while others oppose it. Which would be your preference for the next federal government – would you like to see them:

Build the pipeline expansion
Stop the pipeline expansion
Don't have a strong opinion one way or the other

QR3. And when you think about the Liberal government's record under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the pipeline issue more broadly, would you say it has been

[This order]

Doing too little to build new pipeline capacity for Canada's oil and gas industry
Pushing too hard to build more pipeline capacity for Canada's oil and gas industry
Or, has their approach been about right overall

QR4. The federal government can provide funding and incentives in a number of different areas of the economy to help stimulate growth. If the federal government was to make a big investment in an area of natural resource development in your province, what would you want your provincial government to do with these funds?

Invest entirely in **non-renewable resources** (Oil, gas, shale, natural gas etc.)
Invest mostly in non-renewable resources (Oil, gas, shale, natural gas etc.)
Invest close to evenly in each industry
Invest mostly in renewable resources (Solar, wind, geothermal, hydro etc.)
Invest entirely in **renewable resources** (Solar, wind, geothermal, hydro etc.)

QR5. When you think about the federal government's approach to renewable resources, things like solar and wind power, hydroelectricity, geothermal, and others, do you think that these energy sources are:

[Rotate top two]

Unproven and a risky investment at this time
A huge opportunity for Canada that we should be investing in right now
Not sure/Can't say

[new section, not part of big rotation]

QR6. We have been discussing two broad issues – climate change and the oil and gas sector. Over the next five to ten years, the Canadian government will make important decisions about the direction for the future in both of these areas. Which do you believe should be the bigger priority overall for Canada for the next five to ten years:

[Rotate first two options]

Climate change efforts

The oil and gas sector

Not sure/Can't say

[If climate change efforts:]

QR7 You have indicated that you would like the federal government to give higher priority to climate change efforts. What would be your preferred overall approach to the oil and gas sector then? Would you want to see:

No federal government attention or investment in oil and gas at all

Some attention and investment, but not a lot

Still quite a bit of attention and investment, but just not quite as much as climate change efforts

[If oil and gas sector:]

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Some attention and investment, but not a lot

Still quite a bit of attention and investment, but just not quite as much as oil and gas

[Everyone]

QR9. Thinking about Election Day on October 21st, suppose the **top issue** on your mind is how the government handles oil and gas sector. In that case, which party's candidate in your riding would you yourself be most likely to vote for?

[Same order as previous]

Conservative Party

Liberal Party

New Democratic Party (NDP)

Bloc Quebecois [OPTION IN QUEBEC ONLY]

[Anchor] Green Party

[Anchor] Other Party

[Anchor] Not Sure/Can't say

Final Section

Just wrapping up now...

QR12. Thinking back to the last Canadian federal election which was held in October 2015.... That's when Justin Trudeau and the Liberals got elected, defeating Stephen Harper's Conservative government and the opposition NDP led by Thomas Mulcair. [QC Only: and Gilles Duceppe had come back to lead the Bloc.]

Which party's candidate did you support in that 2015 Canadian federal election?

[Keep parties in same order as first questions]

Conservative

Liberal

NDP/New Democrat

Bloc Quebecois [QC Only]

Green Party

Some other party

I don't remember/not sure

Did not vote

Prefer not to say

QR13. 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]

Other Party

I did not vote

Not sure/Can't say

Rather Not Say

List of Provincial Parties for QXX:

BC:

BC Liberal Party

BC New Democratic Party (NDP)

BC Green Party

AB:

Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)

United Conservative 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
Québec Liberal Party
Parti Québécois
Coalition Avenir Québec
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 QR13:

BC: May 2017

AB: April 2019

SK: April 2016

MB: April 2016

ON: June 2018

QC: October 2018

PEI: April 2019

NFLD: May 2019

NS: May 2017

NB: September 2018