

International Issues Survey
November 16 – 20, 2019

[INTRO TEXT]

Today's survey is about some international issues.

[T] QL1. ([Aug 18, 2017](#), [also asked in February 2017](#))

Base= Total

[multi-choice, max 2]

As we look to the future, with which of the following countries or regions do you think Canada should try to develop closer trade ties?

[RANDOMIZE – CHOOSE UP TO 2]

The United States

The United Kingdom

The European Union

China

Southeast Asia

India

South and Central America

[ANCHOR]Other (specify)

QL2. [T=[Oct 2018](#)]

Base=total

[single choice grid]

Overall, would you say you have a favourable or unfavourable view of each of the following countries?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The United States

China

Mexico

The United Kingdom

Japan

Germany

South Korea

Italy

Saudi Arabia

France

India

[COLUMNS]

Very unfavourable

Mostly unfavourable

Mostly favourable

Very favourable

Don't know/Can't say

QA1.

Base=Total

[single choice]

Do you have any close friends or relatives who are currently living in the United Kingdom (UK)?

Yes, immediate family (including brothers, sisters, sons, daughters or parents)

Yes, non-immediate family (including aunts, uncles, cousins)

Yes, close friends

No, no close personal connections living in the UK

QA2.

Base=Total

[single choice]

[stand alone screen]

As you may know, in June 2016, the United Kingdom (UK) held a referendum on leaving the European Union (EU), a matter commonly referred to as 'Brexit'. The ballot question asked British voters if the UK should remain a member of or leave the EU. The results of the vote were very tight: just over half (52%) voted to leave the EU, and just under half (48%) voted to remain in the EU.

Britain was supposed to leave the EU in March, but the deadline has been extended three times, most recently to January 2020.

[new screen]

How closely would you say you have been following news about Brexit? 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]

QA4.

Base=Total

[single choice]

Based on whatever you have seen, heard or read about it – and assuming Brexit goes ahead – do you think the following economies will be better off, worse off, or unaffected as a result of Britain leaving the EU?

[rows – rotate]

Britain's economy

European Union's economy

[columns]

A lot better off

A little better off

Won't make difference

A little worse off

A lot worse off

Don't know/Can't say

QA5.

Base=Total

[single choice]

There's been more developments on the Brexit issue recently, including a general election in the UK next month (on December 12th). Depending on the election results, this could confirm the current Brexit timeline, or could lead to a second Brexit referendum, or mean further delays, or leave everything up in the air.

Ultimately, which outcome do you yourself think is more likely to happen with Brexit?

[Rotate]

The UK will leave the European Union

The UK will remain in the European Union

Base=Total

[single choice]

QA6.

Now, suppose you are a British citizen and eligible to vote. If you had to choose between the following two options, which would you pick?

[Rotate]

Leave the EU

Remain in the EU

QA7.

Base=Total

[single choice]

Suppose the UK does leave the EU. Do you think Canada would benefit or be hurt by that?

Canada will benefit

Canada will be hurt

No real impact either way

Don't know – not sure