

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

[T 01/2019] QC1.

Base=Total

[single choice grid]

Currently, China is Canada's 3rd largest trading partner. Chinese businesses have been investing billions in Canada in many different sectors. Canada's imports from China total roughly \$60 billion a year (mostly manufactured goods) and Canadian exports there total more \$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

[stand alone screen]

As you may know, there have been several developments over the last year regarding Canada's diplomatic and economic relationship with China.

Here is an overview:

In December 2018, Canada arrested Meng Wanzhou at the request of the United States. Meng is a Chinese citizen and the chief financial officer of Chinese telecom company Huawei. Her extradition case is currently before the courts. She lives in Vancouver under house arrest.

Days after Meng's arrest, China arrested and detained two Canadian men (Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig). China says it detained the men for "security reasons". They have been held in prison there for almost a year without criminal charges.

There have been other consequences to these Canada-China tensions. For example, China has banned the import of different Canadian agricultural products such as canola oil, soybeans and peas.

[T 01/2019] QC2.

Base=Total

[single choice]

How closely would you say you have been following news about this whole 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

[T 01/2019] QC3.

Base=Total

[single choice]

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

[T 01/2019] QC4.

Base=Total

[single choice grid]

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

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

Canada should have resisted the US request and not arrested Meng in the first place

[COLUMNS]

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

QC5.

Base=Total

[single choice]

What do you think the Canadian government's overall approach should be regarding the Meng situation?

[Rotate]

Continue to treat it as a legal matter and leave it with the courts to decide, no matter the consequences to Canada-China relations

OR

Apply political pressure to get Meng out of the Canadian system somehow, in hopes of resolving these tensions with China

QC6.

Base=Total

[single choice]

As you may know, the Canadian government is currently making decisions about moving to 5G (or fifth generation) mobile phone networks which will provide more data capacity and much faster connections. Do you think the federal government should or should not allow Chinese telecom company Huawei to be involved in building Canada's 5G mobile networks?

Definitely should

Probably should

Probably should not

Definitely should not

Not sure/Can't say

[T 01/2019] QC7.

Base=Total

[single choice]

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

[T 01/2019] QC8.

Base=Total

[single choice]

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