

January 20 Ripple Questionnaire

[Intro Screen]

Thank you for taking part in today's survey. It should take 5-7 minutes to complete. We have some questions about your life in Canada today. As always, we just want your honest opinions. Your answers are completely confidential.

QF1.

BASE=ALL

(select up to three)

Thinking of the various issues facing Canada today, which ones do you personally care about the most? (Select up to 3 from the list below or choose other to write in yours if it's not on our list.)

[Randomize issues]

The Deficit / Government spending
The Economy
Coronavirus / COVID-19 response
Health Care
Taxes
Jobs / Unemployment
Environment / Climate Change
Income inequality / Poverty
First Nations / Indigenous issues
Energy / Natural Resources / Pipelines
Crime / Public safety
Immigration / Refugees
Housing affordability
International / Global issues
FIXED: Other (specify)

QF2.

BASE = ALL

SINGLE CHOICE

Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau?

Strongly approve
Moderately approve
Moderately disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Not sure

QF3.

BASE=ALL

SINGLE CHOICE GRID

Do you have an overall favourable or unfavourable view of the following people?

[Randomize]

Erin O'Toole – leader of the Conservative Party and Official Opposition

Jagmeet Singh – leader of the NDP

Annamie Paul – leader of the Green Party

[QC Only] Yves-Francois Blanchet – leader of the Bloc Quebecois

Very favourable

Favourable

Unfavourable

Very unfavourable

Don't know/Can't say

QF4.

BASE=ALL

SINGLE CHOICE

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

[Randomize first 3 parties/First 4 in QC]

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party of Canada [NDP]

Bloc Québécois [QC only]

Green Party of Canada

Other Party/Independent

Undecided /Don't know

Rather not say

Will not vote

QF5.

BASE=UNDECIDED/RATHER NOT SAY

SINGLE CHOICE

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

[Same order]

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party of Canada [NDP]

Bloc Québécois [QC only]

Green Party of Canada

Other Party/Independent

Undecided /Don't know
 Rather not say
 Will not vote

QF6.

Base = 'OTHER PARTY/INDEPENDENT'
SINGLE CHOICE

And which other federal election candidate would that be?

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

QF7.

Base= EXCLUDE Conservative or Liberal at Q5/6A
SINGLE CHOICE

Suppose it starts to really look like the Conservative Party led by Erin O'Toole could win the next federal election. If that happened, how likely is it that you would change your mind and decide to support the Liberals and Justin Trudeau after all? Is it:

Not at all likely – no way you'd support the Liberals
 Unlikely
 A possibility
 Likely you'd switch – anything to keep the Conservatives out

QF8.

Base=All
Single choice grid

Suppose an election was called in the next three months. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, how comfortable would you be doing each of the following:

[rows]

Going to a polling place to cast your ballot in person
 Voting by sending your ballot through the mail

[columns]

Completely comfortable
 More comfortable than uncomfortable

More uncomfortable than comfortable
 Completely uncomfortable

[standalone screen]

And continuing now with a few questions about your life during the coronavirus pandemic.

[T]QC1.

Base=All

[single choice grid]

How concerned are you about each of the following...?

[rows]

[T] You personally becoming sick from this new coronavirus

[T] Friends or family becoming sick

[columns]

Very concerned

Moderately concerned

Not that concerned

Not at all concerned

[T]QC2.

Base=All

Single choice

Overall, thinking about restrictions that have been put in place in the community where you live to prevent the coronavirus from spreading, do you think these restrictions go too far, don't go far enough, or are about right?

Go too far

Don't go far enough

Are about right

[T]QC3.

Base=All

Single choice

When a vaccine against the coronavirus became available to you, would you get vaccinated, or not?

Yes, I would get a vaccination as soon as one became available to me

Yes, I would eventually get a vaccination, but would wait a while first

No, I would not get a coronavirus vaccination

Not sure

QC4.

Base = exclude NO

Single choice

And regardless of what you would do personally, how important would you say being vaccinated is to you in order to return to normal?

Crucially important – it's the only thing that will really end the pandemic for me/my household

Important – but it's not a magic bullet

Not important – won't make much difference

[T] QC5.

Base=all

Single choice

Based on what you have read, seen, or heard, what is your assessment of the Canadian government's efforts to secure doses of COVID-19 vaccine?

Canada has done a good job in securing sufficient doses for Canadians

Canada has done a poor job in securing sufficient doses for Canadians

Not really sure/Can't say

QC6.

Base=all

Single choice

And how confident are you in the federal government to effectively manage the distribution of vaccines to the provinces/territories in Canada?

Very confident

Confident

Not that confident

Not confident at all

Not really sure/Can't say

QC7.

Base= all

Single choice

And, how confident are you in your provincial government to effectively manage the distribution of vaccines within your province?

Very confident

Confident

Not that confident

Not confident at all

Not really sure/Can't say

QC8.

Base = all

Single choice

One vaccine manufacturer, Pfizer, has announced it will not deliver any of its doses to Canada next week, due to delays in manufacturing. The federal government says this delay will not affect the overall vaccination timeline and that all Canadians who want one will have access to a vaccine by September.

What is your reaction to these developments? Is it?

- A major setback
- A minor setback
- Not a big deal

QC9.

Base = ALL

Single choice

Canadians have been living with the COVID-19 pandemic for more than 10 months now. Looking back over the last year, and thinking about your own life, would you say it has been:

- The worst year of my life
- A tough year
- An average year
- A good year
- A great year

Q10.

Base = ALL

Single choice

Looking ahead, thinking about your life and how you will be a year from now, would you say the next 12 months – for you – will be:

- Terrible
- Tough
- Average
- Good
- Great

QC11.

Base=All

Single choice

How long do you think it will be before life in Canada goes back to “normal” – that is – the way it was before the pandemic?

- Relatively soon now, probably by spring
- Summer of this year
- Fall of this year

Not until close to the end of 2021
Not until beyond 2021
Won't ever go back to the way it was

[Text screen]

Okay now changing subjects again.

The Keystone XL pipeline is a proposed oil pipeline running from Alberta to Nebraska that would deliver up to 900,000 barrels per day of Canadian crude oil to US refineries. First proposed in 2008, former U.S. president Barack Obama did not grant permits needed for construction, citing climate change as the reason. His successor, former president Donald Trump signed an executive order allowing Keystone XL to go ahead. Now however, President Joe Biden is indicating he will again cancel the project again citing climate change. So far, the Alberta government has invested roughly \$1.5 billion in the project, plus \$6 billion in loan guarantees.

QK1.

Base = all

Single choice grid

Based on what you've seen read or heard about this, would you say the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline is a good or bad thing for:

[rows]

Alberta
Canada
The U.S.

[columns]

Good thing
Bad thing
Not sure

QK2

Base=All

Single choice

What consideration carries more weight in how you view the Keystone XL issue:

[rotate]

Jobs and economy
Climate change and the environment

QK3.

Base = all
Single choice

Some people say this is the most important issue for Canada-US relations and want the Trudeau government to expend all its political capital to push the new administration to approve the project. Other people say it is unlikely the Biden administration will change its minds and Canada should accept the decision and move on, saving its political capital for another day.

Suppose you were the Prime Minister of Canada and you were speaking to President Joe Biden. Which approach is closest to the one you would you take?

Press for the authorization of Keystone XL above other Canada-US priorities

Accept Biden's decision on Keystone XL and focus on other Canada-US priorities