

Now for some questions about Canada and its systems of government. As always, there are no right or wrong opinions, we just want to know what you think.

As you may know, Canada's system of government is a constitutional monarchy. This means Queen Elizabeth II is Canada's Head of State. Under this system, the Queen has the power to govern Canada, but it is Canada's parliament, made up of elected MPs, who exercise this power day to day on behalf and in the interest of Canada's people.

**QM1.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Thinking about the royal family in Britain, how relevant is it to you personally these days?

- More relevant than ever
- As relevant as it used to be
- Becoming less relevant
- No longer relevant at all

**QM2.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Queen Elizabeth II has been Queen of Canada since 1952. Do you support or oppose Canada continuing to recognize her as Queen, by swearing oaths to her, putting her on currency, and recognizing her as head of state?

- Strongly support
- Moderately support
- Moderately oppose
- Strongly oppose

**QM3.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Regardless of what you think about the Queen, do you think Canada should continue as a constitutional monarchy for generations to come?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

**QM4.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Suppose that at some point Canada no longer remains a monarchy. Which of these options would you prefer to see replace the monarchy?

- An appointed Governor General (like currently) but without any ties to Britain
- An elected head of state who is also head of government – similar to the U.S. President
- The Prime Minister becomes head of state and head of government
- The Speaker of the House of Commons performs the role
- Not sure/Can't say

**QM5.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Queen Elizabeth's representative in Canada is the Governor General. Until recently the Governor General was Julie Payette. She resigned last month. Currently, the Supreme Court of Canada's Richard Wagner is simultaneously doing the job of Chief Justice and acting Governor General.

How closely would you say you have been following the latest developments about the office of the Governor General? Would you say you have been:

- 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

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Now some background which might be a refresher or new information for you.

There are three main parts to the Governor General's role. There is the "governance" work, such as summoning and adjourning sessions of parliament, reading the Throne Speech, and providing Royal Assent, which is how legislation becomes law.

Then there is a military function as Commander-in-Chief of Canada. And there is a ceremonial role that includes hosting official visits to Canada, handing out awards such as the Order of Canada, and interacting with volunteers and students across Canada.

**QM6.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Would you say, based on what you know including what you've read in this survey, that this position is:

- This is a unique role that only the GG can perform
- This is a role that others currently serving government could perform

**QM7.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

As previously mentioned, the position of Governor General is currently vacant while the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court fulfills the administrative part of the job.

Suppose you were a hiring manager, and you were going to review the role of GG before you repost the position. Would you:

- Keep the position exactly the way it is
- Expand the role of the GG add new duties
- Reduce the role of the GG
- Eliminate this position completely

**QM8.**

**Base=those who say reduce role in QM7**

**Multi choice, MAX 2**

You've said you'd like to see the governor general's role reduced. Please select the **up to two** of the three main element(s) of the job you would eliminate/cut. Would you eliminate:

Governance: summoning/adjourning parliament, reading the Throne Speech, providing Royal Assent

Military role: Commander in Chief of Canada

Ceremonial Role: hosting official events/recognizing the achievements of Canadians etc.

**QM9.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

The Governor General receives a salary of around \$300,000 per year. They also have use of Rideau Hall as a place to live, a personal driver, and a pension of up to \$150,000 per year after leaving the office. They can also claim up to \$200,000 a year in expenses related to continuing responsibilities of the position after retirement.

To compare, the Prime Minister earns around \$365,000 per year, the leader of the opposition about \$265,000 per year and each has use of an official residence as well.

When you think about the package of benefits and compensation that the Governor General receives, would you say it is...

- Far too generous for the position
- A bit too generous
- About right
- A little bit modest
- Far too modest for the position
- Not sure/can't say

**QM10.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

There's been discussion lately about the best way to appoint Canada's next Governor General. Regardless of how you feel about the role, who should select the next GG?

The Prime Minister alone

A committee of parliament