

April 2021 Federal Politics and Budget Survey

[Intro Screen]

Thank you for taking part in today's survey. We are looking at topics affecting you, your province and Canada today.

Q1.

BASE=ALL

(select up to three)

Thinking of the various issues and challenges facing Canada today, which ones do you personally care about the most? (Select up to 3 from the list below or choose other or 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

Ethics / Corruption

Crime / Public safety

Immigration / Refugees

Housing affordability

National Unity (Western Canada/Quebec)

International / Global issues

FIXED: Other (specify)

Q13.

BASE = ALL

SINGLE CHOICE

Overall, 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

QF1.**BASE=ALL****SINGLE CHOICE GRID**

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

[Randomize]

Erin O’Toole – the 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

QF2.**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

QF3.**BASE=UNDECIDED/RATHER NOT SAY IN QF2****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

QF3

Base = 'OTHER PARTY/INDEPENDENT' QF2 OR QF3

And which other federal election candidate would that be?

Independent/non-affiliated candidate
 Libertarian
 Maverick Party
 People's Party of Canada
 Christian Heritage
 Some other party

QF4.

BASE=1-6 IN QF2 OR QF3 (CPC/LPC/NDP/BQ/GPC/Other)
SINGLE CHOICE

How committed are you to that party choice?

Very committed – you'll definitely stick with them to the next election
 Fairly committed
 Not very committed
 Not committed at all – you could easily switch your support to another party

QF5.

BASE=1-6 IN QF2 OR QF3 (CPC/LPC/NDP/BQ/GPC/Other)
SINGLE CHOICE

If you had to choose, which party would be your *second* choice?

[Same order as previous -- Do not show first choice party from QF2/3]

Conservative Party
 Liberal Party
 New Democratic Party (NDP)
 Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
 Green Party
 Other Party/Independent
 No second choice/Can't say

QL4. Suppose the Liberal Party formed a majority government if an election were held this year. How would you feel if a Liberal majority was the result in an election held in the next six months?

Thrilled
 Content

Unhappy
 Distraught
 Don't care/can't say

B1. As you may have heard, this week, the federal Liberal government tabled its first budget in two years. Recognizing that people are busy and have lots of priorities, were you aware of this?

Very aware – I've followed, watched, or read a lot about the budget

Aware – I heard about it, but I don't have a lot of details

No, didn't know about the budget until now

B2.

Base=Exclude NO in B1

And based on what you've seen, read or heard about the budget, and given the social and economic circumstances in Canada today, how would you rate it overall?

An excellent budget

More good than bad

More bad than good

A terrible budget

B3

[Ask among those aware]

Was there anything you particularly liked about this budget?

Select all that you like below

[randomize]

\$10 a day child-care program (costs to be split with the provinces)

New taxes on cigarettes/vapes

Extending the Canada Recovery Benefit by 12 more weeks to a cap of 50 weeks

Continued Income support for small business owners/tourism workers

More spending on projects to help Canada reach its 2030 carbon emission targets

\$15 minimum wage for people working in federally regulated industries

Significant overall spending – projected deficit of \$154 billion

New taxes on luxury purchases such as private boats and planes

New taxes on foreign home buyers

Other:

Nothing

B4.

[Ask among those aware]

And – was there anything you did NOT particularly like about this budget?

Select all that you dislike below

[randomize]

\$10 a day child-care program (costs to be split with the provinces)
New taxes on cigarettes/vapes
Extending the Canada Recovery Benefit by 12 more weeks to a cap of 50 weeks
Continued Income support for small business owners/tourism workers
More spending on projects to help Canada reach its 2030 carbon emission targets
\$15 minimum wage for people working in federally regulated industries
Significant overall spending – projected deficit of \$154 billion
New taxes on luxury purchases such as private boats and planes
New taxes on foreign home buyers
Other:
Nothing

B5. The new budget adds about \$101 billion dollars in federal spending over the next three years, in addition to spending already announced for the year. The deficit - the amount the government spends versus what it earns back in revenue – is projected to be \$154 billion for the year. The debt, which is the total of all the deficits past and present, is expected to exceed \$1.3 trillion in the coming years.

Some people say Canadians are living through a once-in-100-years health crisis that has affected all parts of this country's society, and this level of spending is needed to get Canada back on track.

Other people say that despite the circumstances, too much has been spent in this budget and it was more than necessary.

Which statement is closest to your view – even if you don't totally agree:

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Extraordinary times call for extraordinary spending
Even if these are extraordinary times, too much is being spent

[Additional questions withheld for other releases]