

November ripple train survey
Nov. 3-5

Some questions held for future release.

Now for a few questions on another topic:

QF1.

Base=All

Since May Canadian flags have been at half-mast on all federal buildings including embassies overseas and the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau requested the flags be lowered as a national gesture of mourning following the confirmation of the existence of unmarked graves at former residential schools across the country.

Overall, what is your own personal view of this decision to lower flags to half-mast?

Appropriate – it was the right thing to do

Inappropriate – it was the wrong thing to do

Don't know/can't say

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Flags at many municipal and provincial buildings were raised over the summer. Trudeau says flags at federal buildings will not be raised until the federal government has worked with Indigenous communities to decide when it is appropriate to do so.

With Remembrance Day approaching, there has been discussion over whether the flags should be raised sooner. For example, the flag at the National War Memorial is currently at half-mast. The Royal Canadian Legion says it plans to raise the flag at that monument on the morning of November 11th before immediately lowering it again to honour Canada's war veterans.

QF2.

Base=All

Thinking overall about lowering flags at federal buildings as a gesture of reconciliation to Indigenous communities, what is your point of view? Should the flags:

Be raised for Remembrance Day

Remain lowered for Remembrance Day

Not sure/Can't say

QF3.

Base=All

Regardless of how you feel about raising the flag for Remembrance Day, going forward, should the flags:

Be raised immediately and stay up going forward

Remain lowered until the end of the year

Remain lowered indefinitely, until Indigenous communities decide it's appropriate to raise them

Not sure/Can't say

QF4.

Base=All

To what extent do you feel the lowering of flags is a meaningful addition toward reconciliation? Which of the following statements most aligns with your view:

It is a meaningful demonstration that genuinely furthers reconciliation with Indigenous communities

It is a nice gesture, but true reconciliation requires more action

It is a political gesture that does nothing to further reconciliation

Not sure/Can't say