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Some questions are withheld for future release.

QF1.  
Base=All  
Single choice  

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  

[Text screen]  

As you may know, there has been an ongoing protest in Ottawa since late January. Protesters have blocked downtown streets with personal vehicles and commercial trucks. For several days protestors honked their vehicle horns constantly until a court ordered them to stop. Some protestors say they will not leave Ottawa until their demands are met. Parallel protests and blockades have also sprung up at Canada-US border crossings at Windsor, Ontario, Coutts, Alberta, and Emerson, Manitoba.  

QT1.  
Base=All  
Single choice  

How closely would you say you’ve been following this 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  

QT2.  
Base=All  
Single choice
The protesters say they’re demonstrating against requirements that commercial truck drivers who cross the Canada-U.S. border be vaccinated. They are demanding an end to all COVID-19 restrictions and vaccine requirements.

Overall, given what you know about these protests, would you say support or oppose the following:

The protesters’ demand to end all pandemic restrictions
The protesters themselves – their approach and behaviour

Strongly support
Support
Oppose
Strongly oppose
Not sure/Can’t say

QT3.
Base=All
Single choice

Some people say it’s time for the protesters to go home, that the point has been made. Others disagree. What do you think the protesters should do?

Stay in Ottawa and other protest sites until their demands are met
Go home now, they have made their point
Not sure/Don’t know

QT4.
Base=All
Single choice grid

Overall, have these protests made you any more likely to support or oppose any of the following:

Vaccine passports to enter restaurants/stores/etc. in your community
Wearing a mask in public indoor spaces
Vaccine requirements to travel internationally/cross the border with the U.S.

[ROTATE]
More likely to support
More likely to oppose
[ANCHOR]Neither – they have had no real effect on your opinion about this

QT6.
Base=All
Single choice
So far, the protesters are showing no signs they intend to end their blockades and demonstrations. There has been a lot of discussion about how what to do next. If protesters refuse to leave, which of these do you think you should be the **main or primary approach** to end the protests and blockades?

- Local/Provincial police should enforce existing laws
- The Canadian military should be called in
- Political leaders should negotiate with the protesters
- Do nothing, let the protestors stay as long as they want

**QT7.**
**Base=Exclude Do Nothing**
**Single choice**

Suppose these protesters refuse to follow a legal order to leave their protest sites – what do you think should happen to them?

- They should be fined
- They should be forcibly removed but not arrested
- They should be arrested, but not criminally charged
- They should be arrested AND criminally charged
- Nothing should happen

**QT8.**
**Base=All**
**Single choice**

Some people say the right to protest outweighs any economic disruption the protest might cause. Other people say economic interests must be protected, even if that limits the right to protest.

Which is closer to your point of view?

- The right to protest outweighs economic disruption
- Protect economic interests, even if it limits protest

**QT9.**
**Base=All**
**Single choice grid**

And based on what you have read, seen, and heard, would you say each of the following has helped the current situation, or made it worse?

[randomize]
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Ontario Premier Doug Ford
Alberta Premier Jason Kenney
Interim Opposition leader Candice Bergen
Ottawa Police
The Ontario Provincial Police

Helped a lot
Helped more than worsened
Worsened more than helped
Worsened a lot
Not sure/Can't say