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Sample size	2279	125	876	801	229	65	182	1002	294	162	642	1001	474	804	1475

Regional sample sizes are unweighted. All other sample sizes, including column totals, are weighted to census data. Cells containing “\*” are statistically zero, though at least one response was received. Blank cells indicate zero responses received. Sample sizes below 100 should be interpreted with caution.

QP1. In your opinion, what best describes the relationship between Canada and Indigenous peoples in Canada?

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Improving a great deal	5%	100%						13%		18%	6%	4%	4%	8%	4%
Improving	38%		100%					87%		39%	47%	39%	25%	45%	35%
Staying about the same	35%			100%						25%	33%	38%	36%	31%	37%
Worsening	10%				100%					78%	10%	9%	11%	9%	10%
Worsening a lot	3%					100%				22%	3%	2%	2%	6%	3%
Not sure/Can't say	8%						100%			5%	3%	6%	19%	4%	10%
Net: Improving	44%	100%	100%					100%		57%	53%	43%	30%	53%	39%
Net: Worsening	13%				100%	100%			100%	13%	11%	13%	15%	12%	14%

QP2. Recently, Pope Francis was in Canada for a week-long tour, styled as the “pilgrimage of penance”, and included stops in major cities and Indigenous communities. How closely, if at all, have you been following this?

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Very closely – Reading a lot of stories and discussing it with friends and family	7%	23%	7%	5%	7%	7%	4%	9%	7%	100%				20%	
Closely, following the issue, and having the odd conversation about it	28%	29%	34%	26%	26%	22%	11%	34%	25%		100%			80%	
Not following that closely, just scanning the headlines	44%	32%	45%	47%	47%	27%	35%	43%	43%			100%			68%
Not following it at all	21%	16%	14%	21%	20%	43%	50%	14%	25%				100%		32%
Top2box	35%	52%	42%	31%	33%	29%	15%	43%	32%	100%	100%			100%	
Bottom2box	65%	48%	58%	69%	67%	71%	85%	57%	68%			100%	100%		100%

QP3. Based on what you know have read, seen, or heard, would you say his apology was...?

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Sincere	49%	70%	62%	41%	37%	31%	32%	63%	35%	65%	63%	49%	24%	64%	41%
Insincere	24%	12%	17%	28%	41%	51%	18%	17%	43%	20%	25%	21%	30%	24%	24%
Not sure/Can't say	27%	18%	21%	31%	23%	17%	50%	21%	21%	15%	11%	29%	46%	12%	35%

QP4. Do you think Pope Francis' apology is a meaningful step towards reconciliation or not?

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Yes, it was a significant meaningful step towards reconciliation	18%	56%	23%	11%	11%	11%	13%	27%	11%	38%	25%	17%	6%	27%	13%
Yes it was a small step towards reconciliation	40%	20%	53%	41%	23%	21%	17%	49%	23%	37%	46%	46%	21%	44%	38%
No, it didn't make a difference	32%	19%	16%	40%	60%	62%	34%	17%	60%	21%	26%	29%	48%	25%	35%
Not sure/ Can't say	10%	5%	7%	9%	6%	7%	37%	7%	6%	4%	3%	8%	25%	3%	13%
Net: Yes	59%	75%	77%	52%	34%	32%	30%	77%	33%	75%	71%	63%	28%	71%	51%

QP5. Which statement best reflects your own point of view, even if you don't totally agree?

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The harm from residential schools continues and further investigations are needed	58%	30%	65%	61%	52%	54%	40%	61%	52%	64%	63%	59%	46%	63%	55%
Enough attention has been paid to residential schools, it's time to focus on the future	42%	70%	35%	39%	48%	46%	60%	39%	48%	36%	37%	41%	54%	37%	45%

QP6. Thinking about this, which of the following do you think was MOST responsible:

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The federal government – for creating and enforcing attendance at residential schools	21%	23%	19%	21%	23%	41%	18%	19%	27%	24%	22%	20%	20%	22%	20%
Christian Churches in Canada, mainly the Catholic Church – for operating the schools	18%	25%	21%	16%	16%	11%	15%	21%	15%	20%	17%	18%	20%	18%	18%
Society as a whole at the time – for accepting the residential school system	9%	12%	10%	8%	10%	4%	8%	10%	8%	10%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%
All are equally responsible	52%	40%	51%	54%	51%	44%	59%	49%	50%	47%	52%	52%	52%	51%	52%