

	Total	Would you say use of the notwithstanding clause generally weakens or strengthens the constitutional rights and freedoms of Canadians?							
		Much stronger	Stronger	Neither weaker nor stronger	Weaker	Much weaker	Not sure/Can't say	Much stronger/Stronger	Much weaker/Weaker
Sample size	5030	164	326	955	1177	1250	1141	491	2427

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.*

QN1. Thinking about this notwithstanding clause, and based on what you have read, seen, or heard about how it is used, would you say the use of the notwithstanding clause generally weakens or strengthens the constitutional rights and freedoms of Canadians?

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Much stronger	3%	100%						34%	
Stronger	7%		100%					66%	
Neither weaker nor stronger	19%			100%					
Weaker	23%				100%				49%
Much weaker	25%					100%			51%
Not sure/Can't say	23%						100%		
Top2box	10%	100%	100%					100%	
Bottom2box	48%				100%	100%			100%

QN2. How concerned are you about the increased use of the notwithstanding clause in provincial politics?

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Very concerned	26%	31%	10%	6%	20%	71%	5%	17%	46%
Concerned	32%	15%	25%	28%	59%	25%	19%	22%	41%
Not very concerned	21%	26%	44%	49%	16%	2%	18%	38%	9%
Not at all concerned	5%	28%	17%	10%	1%	1%	4%	21%	1%
Not sure	15%		3%	7%	4%	1%	54%	2%	2%
Top2box	58%	46%	36%	33%	79%	96%	24%	39%	88%
Bottom2box	27%	54%	61%	59%	17%	3%	22%	59%	10%

QN3. In an attempt to force a deal with education support workers who were threatening job action in October, the Ontario government passed Bill 28, which imposed a contract on the workers and used the notwithstanding clause to override their right to strike.

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Acceptable	21%	69%	46%	36%	14%	7%	16%	53%	10%
Unacceptable	63%	24%	39%	47%	77%	89%	44%	34%	83%
Don't know/ Can't say	17%	7%	15%	16%	8%	5%	41%	12%	6%

QN4. Last year in Quebec, the provincial government used the notwithstanding clause to pass Bill 96, which restricts the use of English in public settings among other restrictions.

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Acceptable	16%	63%	40%	28%	9%	3%	12%	48%	6%
Unacceptable	72%	30%	51%	60%	87%	94%	56%	44%	91%
Don't know/ Can't say	12%	7%	9%	12%	4%	3%	32%	8%	3%

QN5. Overall, do you think that Canada should:

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Keep this notwithstanding clause in place, it's important for provinces to have this option	45%	91%	82%	72%	37%	15%	49%	85%	25%
Abolish the notwithstanding clause	55%	9%	18%	28%	63%	85%	51%	15%	75%

QN6. Agreement - Provinces that use the notwithstanding clause undermine national unity

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Strongly agree	20%	25%	10%	5%	15%	51%	9%	15%	33%
Agree	32%	13%	23%	28%	50%	31%	24%	20%	40%
Disagree	23%	24%	43%	44%	23%	8%	16%	37%	16%
Strongly disagree	5%	32%	13%	9%	2%	3%	2%	20%	2%
Don't know/ Can't say	19%	6%	10%	15%	11%	7%	50%	9%	9%
Top2box	53%	38%	34%	33%	64%	82%	33%	35%	73%
Bottom2box	28%	56%	56%	53%	25%	11%	18%	56%	18%

QN6. Agreement - The federal government needs to push back harder against provinces that invoke the notwithstanding clause

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Strongly agree	19%	10%	11%	6%	16%	46%	9%	10%	32%
Agree	31%	30%	21%	26%	47%	31%	25%	24%	38%
Disagree	20%	14%	33%	36%	20%	8%	15%	27%	14%
Strongly disagree	12%	41%	26%	18%	8%	7%	7%	31%	7%
Don't know/ Can't say	18%	5%	9%	15%	9%	8%	46%	7%	8%
Top2box	51%	40%	32%	31%	63%	77%	33%	35%	70%
Bottom2box	31%	55%	60%	54%	28%	15%	21%	58%	22%