

We have some questions about you and life in British Columbia today.

TOP ISSUES, LEADERSHIP WARMUP

QWBC1.

BASE = ALL

MULTI-CHOICE, MAX 3

Thinking about the issues facing British Columbia, which of those issues would you say are the most important to you personally? Please select up to three:

[Randomize]

Health Care
 The Economy/Jobs
 Cost of living/Inflation
 The Deficit/Government spending
 Housing Affordability
 Poverty/homelessness
 Environment/Climate change
 Education
 Drug Use/addictions/opioids
 Energy policy - Oil & Gas/Pipelines/Renewables etc.
 First Nations/Indigenous issues
 Relationship with the federal government
 Street crime/Public safety
 Emergency management/Disaster planning

QWBC2.

BASE = ALL

SINGLE CHOICE

Do you have a favourable or unfavourable view of...

[Randomize]

Premier and BC NDP/New Democratic Party leader David Eby
 Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad
 BC Greens leader Sonia Furstenu

Very favourable
 Favourable
 Unfavourable
 Very unfavourable
 Don't know/Can't say

VOTE SERIES

QVBC1.

Base=All
SINGLE CHOICE

Looking ahead now, there will be a provincial election here in British Columbia in October. Which of the following parties' candidates are you most likely to support?

[Randomize first four]

NDP/New Democrats (led by David Eby)
 Conservative Party of BC (led by John Rustad)
 BC Greens (led by Sonia Furstenau)
 Other party **FIXED**
 Undecided **FIXED**
 Would not vote **FIXED**

QVBC2.
BASE = Undecided and Would not vote in QVBC1
SINGLE CHOICE

We've noticed that you did not select a party. Is there a party that you are currently leaning towards?

[SAME ORDER AS QVBC1]

NDP/New Democrats (led by David Eby)
 Conservative Party of BC (led by John Rustad)
 BC Greens (led by Sonia Furstenau)
 Other party **FIXED**
 Undecided **FIXED**
 Would not vote **FIXED**

QVBCOther.
Base=Chose other in QVBC1 or QVBC2
SINGLE CHOICE

Which other party are you most likely to support?

[Randomize]
 BC United (formerly the BC Liberals)
 Independent candidate
 Freedom Party of BC
 Another party not listed **[Anchor]**

QVBC3.
Base=All who chose party in QVBC1/2
Single choice

How certain are you about which party you will support in this election? Would you say you are...

Absolutely certain of who you will support – no way you will change your mind

Fairly certain – You feel like you've made up your mind

Less certain – You could change your mind

Not certain at all – You really haven't made up your mind

QVBC4.

BASE=Chose 1-4 in QVBC1/2

SINGLE CHOICE

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

[Same order as QVBC1, do not show choice from QVBC1/2]

NDP/New Democrats (led by David Eby)

Conservative Party of BC (led by John Rustad)

BC Greens (led by Sonia Furstenuau)

Other party **FIXED**

No second choice/Can't say **[Anchor]**

QVBC5.

Base=All

Single Choice Grid

Based on what you've seen, read and heard over the last couple of weeks has your opinion of the following people improved or worsened?

[Randomized, same order as QWBC2]

Premier and BC NDP leader David Eby

Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad

BC Greens leader Sonia Furstenuau

Improved

Stayed about the same

Worsened

QVBC6.

Base=All

Single choice

And, in your opinion, who of the following would make the best premier of British Columbia?

[Randomized, same order as QWBC2]

BC NDP leader David Eby

Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad

BC Greens leader Sonia Furstenuau

None of the above [Fixed]

QVBC7.

Base=All

Single choice

Election Day this year is **Saturday October 19**. Will this weekend date make you more or less likely to vote than if the election were held on a Tuesday?

More likely

Less likely

No real difference

QP1.

Base=All

Single choice grid

Which of the main parties do you believe are most capable of improving the following aspects of life in your community:

The cost of housing

The opioid/addiction crisis

Making neighbourhoods safer

Growing the economy

Improving access to health care

Increasing the overall quality of life

Ensuring emergency preparedness for wildfires and floods

[Randomize, same order as above]

David Eby and the NDP

John Rustad and the Conservatives

Sonia Furstenau and the Green Party

None of them will improve this

QP2.

Base=All

Single choice grid

Here are some policy ideas that have been proposed so far heading into the election campaign. For each, please tell us whether you support or oppose them:

[Randomize]

BOTH Expand mandatory medical treatment for those with severe mental health or addiction issues

NDP Remove the provincial carbon tax for individual consumers, but keep it for industrial emitters

BCC End the provincial carbon tax completely – for both consumers and industrial emitters

Strongly support

Support

Oppose
 Strongly oppose
 Not sure/Can't say

QP3.**Base=All****Single choice**

Recently, BC NDP leader and Premier David Eby has changed his position on two issues – the carbon tax, saying he will now remove the consumer portion of the tax if the federal government changes its requirements – and mandatory treatment for those with mental health and addiction issues, something he previously opposed.

Some people say that Eby's recent reversals are purely for political gain while others argue that he is changing policies based on listening to what British Columbians want. What's closest to how you feel?

These changes are purely political
 These changes are based on listening to British Columbians
 Both are true
 Not sure

QP4.**Base=All****Single choice grid**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

The BC NDP doesn't deserve another four years in government
 BC Conservative Party leader John Rustad's views are too extreme for him to be Premier
 I don't really feel represented by any of the party options

Strongly agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Not sure/Can't say

QP5.**Base=All****Single choice**

Currently, each provincial political party in BC receives an annual allowance from Elections BC based on the number of votes it received in the previous provincial election. Parties receive \$1.81 for each vote, which means, for example, the BC NDP received \$1.6 million this year, while the BC Conservatives received \$64,000, and the Greens received about \$500,000. After this election, would you change this system or leave it as is?

Continue this system, funding per vote

Scrap it entirely

Change the system so funding is tied to current party support rather than previous election result

Not sure/Can't say

CLOSING, DEMOS

QDBC1.

Base=All

Single choice

Just wrapping up now.....

Do you know which provincial party your own current Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) belongs to?

Please select it from the list below. If you don't know, that's okay, too. Is your local MLA a member of....

[present parties in same order QVBC1]

I'm not sure/Don't know **[Fixed, top]**

New Democratic Party (NDP)

BC United (Formerly BC Liberal Party)

Conservative Party of BC

BC Greens

Independent **[Fixed]**

QDBC2.

Base=All

Single choice

People have different approaches and habits when it comes to voting in elections. Which of the following best describes you?

I vote in every election (federal, provincial, municipal) no matter what

I vote in most elections but skip the odd one

I may or may not vote, it depends if the main issues concern me

I usually end up not voting

QLP1.

BASE = All

Single choice

Do you recall if you voted in the last BC provincial election held back in October 2020?

A reminder, this was the election where John Horgan and the NDP were re-elected to a majority government, defeating the BC Liberals led by Andrew Wilkinson as well as the Greens and other parties.

No, did not vote in that election
 Do not recall/Not sure if I voted or not
 Yes, I likely voted
 Yes, 100% sure I voted in that election

QLP2.**BASE = All Voters (bottom two box above)****Single choice**

And which party's candidate did you support in that 2020 British Columbia election?

[same party order as QVBC1]

BC NDP/New Democrats (led by John Horgan)

BC Liberal Party (led by Andrew Wilkinson)

Conservative Party of BC (led by Trevor Bolin)

BC Green Party (led by Sonia Furstenuau)

Other party

[Anchor] I can't remember

[Anchor] Rather not say

QLP3.**BASE = Supported Conservative Party****Single choice**

The Conservative Party of BC has been gaining popularity lately, but they actually got less than 2% of the popular vote in 2020 and fielded candidates in less than half the electoral districts.

Are you sure you actually cast a vote for them last time, or is it possible you supported another right of centre party?

100% sure I voted for BC Conservatives

Fairly sure I did so

Might have supported another party

QLP4.**Base= Supported Conservative party****Single choice**

In past elections besides the 2020 election, have you ever voted for the BC Liberals?

Yes, at least once

Yes, a few times

No, never

Not sure/ Can't say

QLP5a.**BASE = All****Single choice**

Finally, turning to the federal political scene for just a moment....

If a federal election were held in Canada tomorrow, which party's candidate would you yourself be most likely to support?

[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 – Do not show for BC]

Green Party of Canada [Fixed]

Other Party/Independent [Fixed]

Undecided /Don't know [Fixed]

Rather not say [Fixed]

Will not vote [Fixed]

QLP5b.

BASE=UNDECIDED/RATHER NOT SAY

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 – Do not show for BC]

Green Party of Canada [Fixed]

Other Party/Independent [Fixed]

Undecided /Don't know [Fixed]

Rather not say [Fixed]

Will not vote [Fixed]