

Angus Reid Institute  
Election 2025 Poll #2  
March 28-31, 2025

**FIXED QUESTIONS AND NUMBERS**

**CHANGES TO FIXED QUESTIONS/NOTES TO PROGRAMMERS**

**NEW QUESTIONS THIS ROUND**

Variables

Party in Power:

BC: New Democratic Party (NDP)  
AB: United Conservative Party (UCP)  
SK: Saskatchewan Party  
MB: New Democratic Party (NDP)  
ON : Progressive Conservative Party  
QC : Coalition Avenir Québec  
PEI: Progressive Conservative Party  
NS: Progressive Conservative Party  
NB: Liberal Party  
NL: Liberal Party

Last election:

BC: October 2024  
AB: May 2023  
SK: October 2024  
MB: October 2023  
ON: February 2025  
QC: October 2022  
PEI: April 2023  
NS: November 2024  
NB: October 2024  
NL: March 2021

## INTRODUCTION

### [Intro Screen]

Thank you for taking part in today's survey. We are looking at topics affecting your life in your province and Canada today.

## FEDERAL ISSUES/LEADERSHIP

**Q1.**

**BASE=ALL**

**(select up to three)**

Thinking of the various issues and challenges facing Canada, which ones do you personally care about the most? (Select up to 3 from the list below or choose 'other' or write in yours if it's not on our list.)

[Randomize issues]

The Deficit / Government spending  
The Economy  
Health Care  
Taxes  
Jobs / Unemployment  
Environment / Climate Change  
Income inequality / Poverty  
Indigenous issues / Reconciliation  
Energy / Natural Resources / Pipelines  
Ethics / Corruption  
Crime / Public safety  
Immigration / Refugees  
Housing affordability  
National Unity (Western Canada/Quebec)  
International Issues  
Relations with the U.S. including tariffs  
Cost of Living / Inflation  
Emergency preparedness  
**FIXED:** Other (specify)

**Q\_Issues1**

**Base=All**

**Grid**

Thinking again about the top issues Canada is facing we asked about earlier. Which of these two leaders do you think is best to handle...

**[PIPE-IN ISSUES CHOSEN IN Q1]**

**[Same order as QF7]**

CPC Leader Pierre Poilievre  
Liberal Leader Mark Carney  
Not sure/Can't say

**Q\_Issues2**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Which of these two leaders do you think will be financially best for your household?

**[Same order as QF7]**

CPC Leader Pierre Poilievre  
Liberal Leader Mark Carney  
Not sure/Can't say

**Q\_Issues3**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Which of these two leaders do you think is most likely to divide Canadians?

**[Same order as QF7]**

CPC Leader Pierre Poilievre  
Liberal Leader Mark Carney  
Not sure/Can't say

**Q\_Issues4**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

And which of these two leaders do you think would be best to manage the relationship between Canada and U.S. President Donald Trump?

**[Same order as QF7]**

CPC Leader Pierre Poilievre  
Liberal Leader Mark Carney  
Not sure/Can't say

**Q\_Government2 [T, 2015]**

**Base=All**

**Pick Two**

We want to know what people think the government should be focusing on when it comes to the economy. Please choose your top two economic priorities from the list below.

Promoting jobs and economic growth where I live  
Taking steps to ensure a balanced budget  
Improving social programs through greater investments in health care, pensions and child care  
Ensuring that the tax system is fair and progressive  
Controlling inflation and costs in areas such as real estate and food  
Tackling the special issues confronting specific groups such as First Nations, veterans, farmers, parents, etc.

**Q\_Government3**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

More specifically, if you had to choose between these two paths for the next federal government, which one is more important to you?

Expanding social safety net/social programs even if it means continued deficit spending  
Focusing on balancing the budget even it means cutting social programs

**Q\_Government4**

**Base=All**

**Grid**

Thinking specifically about new social programs introduced by the federal Liberal government in recent years, would you keep or cancel...

Pharmacare  
Dental care

Keep  
Cancel  
Not sure/ Can't say

**Q\_Government6**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Since 2015, federal government spending on social programs such as Old Age Security, family benefits, disability payments and unemployment benefits, has increased by more than \$85 billion. Even if you don't agree with either entirely, please choose which of the following statements is closer to your view:

This spending was worth it, Canadian society is better off  
This spending was not worth it, Canadian society is not better off  
Not sure/ Can't say

**Q\_ForeignInterference1**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Changing topics now. In your opinion, how much of a problem, if at all, do you believe foreign interference is in this current federal election?

- A major problem
- A minor problem
- Not a problem at all
- Not sure/ Can't say

**Q\_ForeignInterference2**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Last year a report was released by the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP) detailing allegations of foreign interference in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections. One of the recommendations from the report was that all federal party leaders receive a security clearance to read the report and understand the implications.

In your opinion, should all the federal leaders receive security clearance and read the report, or not?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/ Can't say