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Some questions have already been released. Others have been withheld for future release.

[Intro Screen]

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

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)

QFed_RightTrack

Base=All

Single choice

Overall, would you say that Canada is on the right track or the wrong track?

Right track
Wrong track
Not sure/ Can't say

Q2.
BASE = ALL
SINGLE CHOICE

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Prime Minister Mark Carney?

Strongly approve
Moderately approve
Moderately disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Not sure

Q3.
BASE=ALL
SINGLE CHOICE GRID

Do you have an overall favourable or unfavourable view of the following people?

[Randomize]
Pierre Poilievre – leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
Don Davies – interim leader of the NDP
[QC Only] Yves-François Blanchet – leader of the Bloc Québécois

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

QF1.
BASE=ALL
SINGLE CHOICE

As you may know, there is a minority government in Canada. Suppose a federal election was held again tomorrow, which party's candidate in your riding would you 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]
Green Party of Canada

Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote

QF2.

**BASE=UNDECIDED/RATHER NOT SAY IN QF1
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]
Green Party of Canada
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote

QF3.

**Base = 'OTHER PARTY/INDEPENDENT' QF1 OR QF2
Single choice**

And which other federal election candidate would that be?

Independent/non-affiliated candidate
Libertarian
Maverick Party
People's Party of Canada
Christian Heritage
Canadian Future Party
Some other party

QF4.

**BASE=1-6 IN QF1 or QF2 (CPC/LPC/NDP/BQ/GPC/Other)
SINGLE CHOICE**

How committed are you to that party choice?

Very committed – you'll definitely stick with them to the next election
Fairly committed
Not very committed
Not committed at all – you could easily switch your support to another party

Thanks, next we have a few questions now about your personal financial situation and the economy. As always, please know that your responses are confidential and only looked at in aggregate. We respect your privacy.

W1 [T, INDEX]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Are you currently...?

A full-time employee within a company

A part-time / contract employee within a company

A business owner – A company with one or more employees

Self-employed

Retired

A student

Unemployed – looking for employment

Unemployed – about to start a business/be self-employed

Unemployed – not looking for employment

W2 [T, INDEX]

Base = Employed Full or Part (Code 1 and 2 in W1)

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How secure do you feel about your current employment?

Totally secure

Mostly secure

Mostly insecure

Totally insecure

Unsure

W5 [T, INDEX]

Base: All

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How would you describe your current household finances?

Very good

Good

Poor

Very poor

Not sure/Can't say/N/A

QM1. [T, INDEX]

BASE = ALL
SINGLE CHOICE

All things considered, do you think you are financially better off or worse off than you were a year ago?

- Better now
- The same as a year ago
- Worse now
- Not sure

QM2. [T, INDEX]
BASE = ALL
SINGLE CHOICE

And a year from now, do you think you will be financially better off or worse off than you are now?

- Better a year from now
- The same as now
- Worse a year from now
- Not sure

QM3. [T, INDEX]
Base=All
Single choice

Thinking about grocery shopping and your household's food budget today, how easy or difficult would you say it is to feed your household?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Difficult
- Very difficult
- Not sure/I don't do the grocery shopping

QM4. [T, INDEX]
Base=All
Single choice

And when it comes to your current living situation, whether you're paying a mortgage, renting, or otherwise, would you say the financial aspect of this is:

- Easy – no worries at all
- Manageable
- Tough
- Very difficult
- Not applicable

QM5. [T, INDEX]

Base=Exclude Not Applicable in QM4

Single choice

And what best describes your living situation?

Rent your current residence

Own your current residence, paying a mortgage

Own your current residence, not paying a mortgage

Other

QM6. [T, INDEX]

Base=All

Single choice

When it comes to the debt – if any – that your household currently holds, would you say this amount is...

Not a problem at all

A minor source of stress

A major source of stress

Don't have any debt

QM7.

Base=All

Single choice

Now, let's think for a moment about major purchases a person might make. This could include things like buying or renovating a home, buying a car, or taking a major vacation, things of this magnitude. Thinking about your own life, do you expect the next 12 months or so to be a good time or a bad time to make these types of purchases?

Very good time for a major purchase

Good time

Bad time

Very bad time for a major purchase

Not sure/Can't say

QGP1.

Base = All

Single choice

Gasoline prices have risen sharply in most parts of Canada in recent weeks.

How much, if at all, has the increase in gas prices affected your household finances?

A great deal

A little

Not very much
Not at all
Not sure / Can't say

QGP2.

Base = All

Multichoice

Which of the following best describes how you are responding to higher gasoline prices?

I am cutting back spending in other areas to afford fuel

I am driving less or combining trips more often

I am using alternative transportation more (public transit, biking, walking, etc.)

I have not made any changes **[Exclusive]**

Not sure / Can't say **[Exclusive]**