

CANADIANS' PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AGENDA
- February 1988 to May 1996 -

	Feb. '88	July '89	July '90	July '91	July '92	July '93	Nov. '93	July '94	Dec. '94	July '95	Oct. '95	Jan. '96	Feb. '96	Mar. '96	Apr. '96	May '96
(Weighted Bases)	(1523) (%)	(1521) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1508) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1506) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1507) (%)	(1505) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1503) (%)	(1511) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1520) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1516) (%)
Unemployment/Jobs	18	14	8	14	24	38	58	33	28	34	27	40	42	44	40	45
Nat'l Unity/Quebec/Const.	2	4	52	38	55	6	6	17	33	22	72	39	30	31	28	41
The Economy (general)	10	10	22	31	44	36	21	21	21	22	20	25	28	21	24	23
Deficit/Debt	5	13	7	12	4	21	33	18	29	28	15	26	23	26	21	23
Health Care/Medicare	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	9	3	5	12	7	12	12	12	13	13
Crime/Justice Issues	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	5	9	12	5	4	4	4	3	9
Education	3	2	2	2	2	3	5	2	5	3	3	5	7	7	8	8
Other Social Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	5	4	5	7	6	5	7	5	7	7
Poverty/Homeless/Hunger	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	1	7	8	6	5	6	4	6	6
Taxes/Tax Reform/GST	4	6	14	17	5	7	5	3	6	5	3	4	5	6	8	6
Environment	5	31	24	17	9	4	5	3	2	4	2	2	2	3	4	5
Immigration/Refugees	3	4	1	2	2	2	3	4	4	3	1	2	3	2	3	4
Government/Politics	9	4	7	8	3	7	3	1	1	3	1	2	3	3	3	3
Native Issues	1	1	3	6	4	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	2
Other Economic Issues	3	6	6	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Defence/Peace	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Trade Issues	37	15	4	7	8	6	16	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Moral Issues/Abortion	20	16	2	1	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1
Language Issues	0	4	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
International Issues	2	3	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	8	1	0	0	1	0	0
Health/Social Services*	6	9	4	4	4	8	14	7	10	19	13	17	19	17	20	20
Other**	17	18	8	5	3	5	6	11	6	7	4	5	7	5	5	5
(Unsure)	10	8	5	3	3	8	2	6	5	6	5	4	5	5	5	6

* These two items were presented together in previous soundings. Above, mentions for each are reported separately for July 1993 onwards.

** "Other" includes other specific policy issues mentioned by less than 2 percent of all respondents to the May 1996 survey.

Figures represent "Total Mentions": Up to three issues were accepted from each respondent, therefore, percents will exceed 100.