

C. First, thinking of the various issues facing Canada right now, I'd like to know which one you yourself feel requires the most attention from Canada's leaders? PROBE: What other issues do you think are important for Canada right now?

FIRST AND SECOND MENTIONS

	TOTAL	REGION					AGE			SEX		MARITAL STATUS			
		B.C.	Alta.	Man/ Sask	Ont.	Que.	Atl.	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Single	Mar- ried	Div./ Widow
BASE=ALL RESPONDENTS	(1500)	(172)	(138)	(124)	(539)	(390)	(137)	(590)	(580)	(325)	(736)	(764)	(349)	(955)	(192)
Abortion	4.3%	4.7%	7.2%	4.0%	4.5%	2.6%	5.8%	6.1%	3.6%	2.5%	3.0%	5.6%	7.2%	3.4%	4.2%
AIDS	.1%				.6%		.7%	.2%				.1%	.3%		
Canadian dollar value	.4%		.7%				1.5%	.8%		.3%	.7%	.1%	.6%	.4%	
Crime/ capital punishment	1.4%		2.2%		1.3%	2.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	1.6%	1.2%	1.7%	1.2%	2.1%
Constitution/ Meech Lake	70.7%	70.9%	68.1%	70.2%	63.8%	82.1%	68.6%	70.5%	70.2%	72.6%	70.8%	70.7%	73.9%	68.7%	75.5%
Defence/ disarmament/ peace	1.1%	1.7%			1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	.9%	.6%	1.4%	.8%	1.7%	.8%	1.0%
Deficit/ government spending	6.0%	7.0%	13.0%	8.1%	5.6%	4.1%	2.9%	4.9%	6.9%	6.5%	8.8%	3.3%	4.0%	6.7%	6.3%
Economy - general	16.7%	13.4%	12.3%	18.5%	17.1%	20.0%	13.1%	9.8%	22.6%	19.1%	20.0%	13.6%	12.9%	18.1%	17.2%
Education/ schools	1.7%	3.5%	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%	1.3%	2.2%	2.5%	1.4%	.9%	1.0%	2.5%	2.6%	1.5%	1.6%
Environment/ pollution	19.4%	18.0%	21.0%	10.5%	18.6%	25.4%	13.9%	25.3%	17.6%	11.7%	16.8%	21.9%	25.2%	18.5%	13.0%
Farming/ agriculture	.4%		.7%	2.4%	.4%			.2%	.3%	.9%		.3%	.6%		
Free Trade/ International Trade	6.3%	7.0%	2.9%	8.9%	8.7%	2.8%	7.3%	5.4%	7.6%	5.8%	7.3%	5.4%	3.7%	7.3%	6.3%
Government/ bad leaders/ politics/ scandals	4.1%	9.9%	3.6%	3.2%	4.6%	1.5%	2.9%	3.1%	3.4%	6.8%	4.8%	3.4%	2.0%	4.7%	4.7%
Immigration/ refugees	.5%	.6%	.7%		.2%	1.3%		1.0%	.2%	.3%	.8%	.3%	.9%	.5%	
Inflation	1.1%		2.2%	.8%	1.5%	.8%	1.5%	.7%	1.7%	.9%	1.4%	.9%	1.1%	1.4%	
Interest rates	4.4%	6.4%	5.1%	8.9%	3.2%	3.8%	3.6%	3.6%	5.7%	3.7%	5.8%	3.0%	3.2%	4.8%	4.7%
International/ Soviets-Europe/ Nicaragua/ U.S	.4%	.6%				1.3%		.2%	.7%	.3%	.4%	.4%	.3%	.5%	
Jobs/ unemployment	6.7%	6.4%	5.1%	9.7%	4.8%	6.4%	13.9%	5.4%	7.6%	7.4%	6.5%	6.8%	5.7%	6.8%	7.8%
Labour issues/ strikes	.4%	1.7%		.8%	.2%	.3%		.8%		.3%	.4%	.4%	1.1%	.1%	.5%
Language/ English in Quebec/ French	3.7%	2.9%	1.4%	1.6%	3.2%	6.4%	2.9%	3.6%	2.2%	6.5%	2.4%	4.8%	3.2%	3.6%	5.2%
Medicare/ pensions/ social services/ housing	2.3%	4.7%	2.9%	.8%	2.2%	1.8%	2.2%	2.7%	1.7%	2.8%	1.6%	3.0%	2.0%	1.9%	5.2%
Moral issues - pornography/ drugs	1.1%	1.2%	1.4%		1.5%	.8%	.7%	1.4%	.2%	2.2%	.5%	1.6%	1.7%	.5%	2.6%
Native issues/ land claims/ self-government	.7%			.8%	1.3%	.8%		.7%	.3%	1.5%	.7%	.8%	.9%	.5%	1.6%
Poverty/ the poor/ welfare/ homeless	2.3%	2.3%	.7%	2.4%	3.9%	1.0%	1.5%	2.4%	2.1%	2.8%	1.5%	3.1%	2.0%	2.5%	2.1%
Taxes/ tax reform/ GST	17.9%	19.2%	31.2%	17.7%	24.1%	6.2%	12.4%	16.8%	18.4%	19.1%	18.2%	17.7%	14.6%	19.2%	17.7%
Others	4.2%	2.3%	1.4%	4.0%	3.9%	5.4%	7.3%	4.6%	4.0%	3.7%	3.7%	4.7%	3.7%	4.0%	5.7%
Fisheries	.5%				.2%		4.4%	.8%	.2%	.3%	.7%	.3%	.6%	.5%	
Racism	.2%				.6%			.3%	.2%		.1%	.3%	.6%	.1%	
None/DK/NS	2.9%	2.9%	.7%	3.2%	3.0%	2.6%	5.1%	3.2%	2.4%	2.8%	2.0%	3.7%	2.3%	2.9%	3.1%

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