

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 MENTION

	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	1.5%	1.7%	.7%	2.4%	2.0%	.3%	2.2%	2.2%	1.4%	.3%	1.1%	1.8%	3.2%	1.2%	
AIDS	.1%						.7%	.2%				.1%	.3%		
Canadian dollar value	.2%			.2%			1.5%	.3%		.3%	.3%	.1%	.3%	.2%	
Crime/ capital punishment	.7%			.7%	1.3%		.7%	.5%	.7%	.9%	.7%	.7%	.3%	.7%	1.0%
Constitution/ Meech Lake	53.9%	52.9%	50.7%	49.2%	43.4%	72.6%	50.4%	52.9%	54.0%	55.7%	53.0%	54.7%	54.7%	53.0%	56.8%
Defence/ disarmament/ peace	.8%	1.7%		.9%	1.0%		1.0%	.7%	.6%	1.1%	.5%	.9%	.7%	1.0%	
Deficit/ government spending	3.3%	3.5%	6.5%	6.5%	3.3%	1.5%	2.2%	2.5%	3.4%	4.6%	4.6%	2.1%	2.3%	3.8%	3.1%
Economy - general	7.3%	5.8%	5.8%	12.1%	9.5%	4.1%	6.6%	3.7%	10.5%	8.0%	8.4%	6.2%	6.0%	7.5%	8.3%
Education/ schools	.7%	.6%	.7%	.9%	.5%	1.5%	.8%	1.0%		.4%	1.0%	1.1%	.7%		
Environment/ pollution	8.3%	6.4%	11.6%	4.8%	9.5%	8.5%	5.8%	12.9%	6.7%	2.8%	7.9%	8.8%	14.0%	7.2%	3.6%
Farming/ agriculture	.1%			.8%	.2%			.2%	.3%	.3%	.3%		.2%		
Free Trade/ International Trade	2.5%	2.9%	.7%	2.4%	4.3%	.5%	2.2%	2.4%	2.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.1%	1.4%	2.6%	3.6%
Government/ bad leaders/ politics/ scandals	1.8%	2.3%	1.4%	.8%	3.2%	.5%	.7%	1.2%	1.2%	4.0%	2.4%	1.2%	.9%	2.1%	2.1%
Immigration/ refugees	.1%		.7%					.2%		.1%	.1%		.1%		
Inflation	.5%			1.3%				.9%	.6%	.5%	.4%	.3%	.6%		
Interest rates	1.6%	3.5%	1.4%	4.0%	1.5%	.5%	.7%	1.0%	1.9%	2.2%	2.3%	.9%	.6%	1.9%	2.1%
Jobs/ unemployment	2.3%	1.7%	3.6%	4.8%	1.7%	1.3%	4.4%	1.5%	2.8%	2.8%	2.0%	2.5%	1.7%	2.3%	3.1%
Labour issues/ strikes	.1%			.8%	.3%		.2%		.3%	.1%	.1%	.3%	.5%		
Language/ English in Quebec/ French	1.4%	2.3%		1.6%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	.8%	1.2%	2.8%	1.1%	1.7%	.6%	1.7%	1.6%
Medicare/ pensions/ social services/ housing	1.1%	2.3%	.7%	.9%	1.3%	.7%	1.9%	.3%	.9%	.7%	1.4%	.6%	1.0%	2.1%	
Moral issues - pornography/ drugs	.5%	.6%	.7%	.7%	.3%		.5%		1.2%	.3%	.7%	.6%	.3%	1.0%	
Native issues/ land claims/ self-government	.3%			.6%	.3%		.3%	.3%		.3%	.3%	.3%	.2%	.5%	
Poverty/ the poor/ welfare/ homeless	1.0%	.6%		2.4%	1.5%	.5%	.7%	1.4%	1.0%	.3%	.4%	1.6%	.9%	.9%	1.6%
Taxes/ tax reform/ GST	6.3%	8.1%	13.8%	4.0%	8.5%	.3%	7.3%	6.8%	6.6%	4.9%	6.0%	6.7%	5.4%	6.9%	4.7%
Others	.6%			.7%	.5%		2.2%	1.2%	.2%	.3%	.5%	.7%	.9%	.6%	
Fisheries	.3%						2.9%	.3%	.2%	.3%	.4%	.1%		.4%	
Racism	.1%			.2%			.2%			.1%			.3%		
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%