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## Optimistic About Future

Ottawa - the majority of young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 24 say they are very optimistic about their future, says a survey of youth.

Five out of 10 of these young people want jobs that pay well and 80 per cent want to find interesting work that gives them a feeling of accomplishment. A majority believe that a friendly workplace and a chance for promotion are more important than job security.

These are some of the many varied findings of a recent cross-country survey of 2,100 young people, conducted by the Canadian Youth Foundation and released today in a 55-page report entitled *Canada's Youth: Ready for Today*.

However, there's a wide gap between youthful expectations and reality. According to the report, 50 per cent of the respondents want a university education, but if current trends continue only a minority will realize this goal.

"The contract between these findings and the realities youth will face should motivate all labour market players to commit themselves to the needs of young people," Minister Charest added.

A lingering source of concern is the fact that more than half of Canada's students don't believe the traditional school system prepares them properly for the world of work, according to the survey.

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the observations and the implications are the views of the Canadian Youth Foundation and the authors of the report.

In releasing the report the Honourable Jean J. Charest, Minister of State for Youth, said: "Youth between the ages

of 15 to 24 represent idealism 17 per cent of the Canadian population, so their idealism and optimism seem to bode well for Canada's future. The work ethic is alive and well among young people."

### The Campus Vote:

What follows is the results of an informal poll conducted by *The Brunswickan*. Question sheets were simply circulated through various classrooms on Campus. A total of 107 people responded.

**Question #1: Who are you going to vote for in the Federal Election?**

PC: 32 (29.9%)    NDP: 12 (11.2%)    Don't know: 8 (7.5%)  
Lib: 34 (31.8%)    Rino: 7 (6.5%)    Won't vote: 14 (13.1%)

**Question #2: Which Leader would you like to see as Prime Minister?**

Mulroney: 39 (29.9%)    Broadbent: 22 (20.6%)  
Turner: 20 (18.7%)    Other: 26 (24.3%)

**Question #3: What do you see as the most important issue of the campaign?**

Free Trade: 82 (76.6%)    Leadership: 3 (2.8%)  
Environment: 5 (4.7%)    Abortion: 3 (2.8%)  
Meech Lake: 4 (3.7%)    Others: 10 (9.4%)

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