

- ♦ **Crime/Justice Issues** – One in ten (9%) respondents identified crime and justice issues as an important concern for the country today. This represents a threefold increase over last month's sounding and the highest level of mentions thus far in 1996.
- ♦ **Education** – Issues pertaining to the education system were cited by 8 percent of those polled as a top priority for Canada at this time.
- ♦ **Other Social Services** – Seven percent of those surveyed expressed "top-of-mind" concern about social services.
- ♦ **Poverty** – Six percent of Canadians surveyed said issues concerning poverty need serious attention today.
- ♦ **Taxes/Tax Reform/GST** – Taxation issues were cited by 6 percent of respondents as one of the current top priorities for Canada.
- ♦ **The Environment** – One in twenty (5%) surveyed Canadians identified the environment as the area most in need of national attention.