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# APPENDICES

## A. Wave 5 Questionnaire

### WINTRO

The Government of Canada is conducting a research study on trust and confidence in public institutions, including governments. EKOS has been hired to administer this survey. Si vous préférez répondre au sondage en français, veuillez cliquer sur [français](#).

The survey takes about 25 minutes to complete. It is voluntary, completely anonymous, and confidential. Please complete the survey in one sitting.

Your responses will be identified by a subject number, so the researchers will not know your identity or your personal information. You can review EKOS' privacy policy [here](#).

The purpose of this study is to understand opinions and behaviours relating to public trust, Canadian democracy, and information consumption across multiple areas of Canadian life (for example, public health and climate change). Your answers will be used for research purposes.

This survey includes questions about your personal experiences and current public affairs, some of which may be sensitive. You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons if you find any of the content distressing.

Further information about this study:

Your data will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Government of Canada Privacy Policy.

Your participation in the study is voluntary and your responses will be kept entirely anonymous and confidential.

<[Target group]By completing this survey, you will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as our 'thank you' for your time. It will be emailed to you in a few weeks after completing the survey.[Everyone else]Should you choose to participate and complete the survey, you will be entered into a draw for 1 of 4 prizes of \$500.>

You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact [iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:iuu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca) and indicate the survey topic in the subject line.

### CONSENT

I agree to participate in the study and understand that my answers will be used to advance scientific knowledge about trust in public institutions and inform government policies.

I agree to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the information provided here.

I am aware that the data will be published in anonymous form to promote transparency in research.

I agree to participate	1
No, I don't want to participate	2

### **QINTRONOTE**

Thank you for deciding to participate in this study. Please answer all the questions in this survey to the best of your ability without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

If you are completing this survey on a mobile device, you might find it easier in landscape orientation.

### **DEMO**

First, please provide us with some information about yourself.

#### **BIRTH\_YEAR**

In what year were you born?

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

#### **QAGE**

In which of the following age categories do you belong?

Under 18	98
18 to 24	1
25 to 34	2
35 to 44	3
45 to 54	4
55 to 64	5
65 to 74	6
75 and older	7

#### **GENDER**

What is your gender? Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, a woman or a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman, for example, non-binary, agender, gender fluid, queer or Two-Spirit.

Man	1
Woman	2
Or please specify your gender:	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## PROVINCE

In which province or territory do you live?

Select one only

Alberta	2
British Columbia	1
Manitoba	4
New Brunswick	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	10
Northwest Territories	12
Nova Scotia	8
Nunavut	13
Ontario	5
Prince Edward Island	9
Quebec	6
Saskatchewan	3
Yukon	11
I live outside Canada	97

## HOUSEHOLD\_INCOME

Which of the following categories best describes your total household income for the year ending December 31, 2023? That is, the total income of all persons in your household combined, before taxes?

Under \$20,000	1
\$20,000 to just under \$40,000	2
\$40,000 to just under \$60,000	3
\$60,000 to just under \$80,000	4
\$80,000 to just under \$100,000	5
\$100,000 to just under \$150,000	6
\$150,000 to just under \$200,000	7
\$200,000 to just under \$250,000	8
\$250,000 and above	9
Prefer not to say	9999

## INDIGENOUS [1,3]

Are you First Nations, Métis, or Inuit? Note: First Nations includes Status and Non-Status Indians.

Please select all that apply.

No, not First Nations, Métis, or Inuit	1
Yes, First Nations	2
Yes, Métis	3
Yes, Inuit	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## ETHNICITY [1,12]

<[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]In addition to being an Indigenous person, you may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?[ELSE]You may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?>

Please select all that apply.

Arab	1
Black	2
Chinese	3
Filipino	4
Japanese	5
Korean	6
Latin American	7
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	8
Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Thai, Laotian, etc.)	9
West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)	10
White	11
Other group (Please specify:)	77
[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]	
No, I don't identify with any other racial or cultural group	9998
Prefer not to say	9999

## QLANGUAGE

Which language do you speak **most often** at home?

English	1
French	2
Arabic	3
Atikamekw	4
Cantonese	5
Cree	6
Dene	7
Dutch	8
German	9
Greek	10
Gujarati	11
Hindi	12
Inuktitut	13
Italian	14
Korean	15
Mandarin	16
Mi'kmaq	17
Montagnais (Innu)	18
Ojibway	19
Oji-Cree	20
Persian (Farsi)	21
Polish	22
Portuguese	23
Punjabi	24
Romanian	25
Russian	26

Spanish	27
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	28
Tamil	29
Ukrainian	30
Urdu	31
Vietnamese	32
Language not listed above (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## **BIRTH\_PLACE**

Where were you born?

In Canada	1
Outside of Canada (please specify the country)	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## **IMMIGRATE\_YEAR**

In what year did you first come to Canada to live? If exact year is not known, enter best estimate.

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

## **RESIDENT\_STATUS**

Which of the following categories best describes your current resident status in Canada?

Canadian Citizen	1
Permanent Resident of Canada (but not a citizen)	2
Temporary Foreign Worker program	3
Other Temporary Work Permit	4
International Student	5
Refugee or Protected Person	6
Other (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## **LGBTQ2**

Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community (Two-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, another sexual orientation, or gender identity)?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## **PARENT**

Are you a parent?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## **PARENT\_U18 [1,4]**

Do you have any children in the following age groups living in your household?

Check all that apply

No	9
Under 6	1
6-11	2
12-17	3
18+	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## **VOTE\_LASTELEC**

Did you vote in the last Canadian federal election in September 2021?

Yes	1
No, I was eligible but did not vote	2
No, I was not eligible to vote	3
I don't remember	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## **VOTE\_NEXTELEC**

Do you think you will vote in the next Canadian federal election?

Yes	1
No, I will be eligible but will not vote	2
No, I will not be eligible to vote	3
I'm not sure yet	4

## **QSECT2**

In the next section, you will be asked some questions related to health, climate change, and immigration. Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

## **PREMIS\_HEALTH**

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements true or false?

### **MIS\_T\_HEALTH\_1**

Raw milk (i.e., unpasteurized milk), can contain dangerous germs that can pose serious health risks

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### **MIS\_T\_HEALTH\_2**

Regular cannabis use can worsen symptoms of anxiety

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2

Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

**MIS\_T\_HEALTH\_3**

Some people have experienced myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) following COVID-19 vaccination

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

**MIS\_F\_HEALTH\_1**

You can get infected with avian influenza virus by eating poultry or eggs, even if it is thoroughly cooked

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

**MIS\_F\_HEALTH\_2**

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines increase the risk of developing cervical cancer

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

**MIS\_F\_HEALTH\_3**

Sunscreen causes skin cancer

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

**PREMIS\_CLI**

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements true or false?

**MIS\_F\_CLI\_1**

Climate change is a conspiracy created by governments around the world.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4

Very confident this is true 5

### **MIS\_T\_CLI\_1**

The scientific consensus is that climate change will contribute to the extinction of a large number of animal species.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

### **PREMIS\_IMM**

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements true or false?

#### **MIS\_F\_IMM\_1**

Immigrants who were not yet Canadian citizens were allowed to vote in the last federal election.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

#### **MIS\_T\_IMM\_1**

Immigration makes up almost all of Canada's population growth.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

### **QSECT3**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about trust in government and other organizations/groups. Some of these questions may be similar to each other - please answer each to the best of your ability.

In this section, the word 'government' refers to the whole institution of government, all the people who work for it, and the systems, policies, programs, services, and decisions it makes. We are not referring to specific political parties and politicians.

### **TRUST\_ROTATION**

Calculation to determine when to see TRUST\_GOV and TRUST\_OECD

See TRUST\_GOV first, and TRUST\_OECD at the end 1  
See TRUST\_OECD first, and TRUST\_GOV at the end 2

### **PREEARLY\_TRUST\_GOV**

In general, how much do you currently trust or distrust the following levels of government to make good decisions in the best interest of the public?

### **EARLY\_TRUST\_GOV\_CAN**

The federal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **EARLY\_TRUST\_GOV\_PROVTERR**

Your provincial/territorial government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **EARLY\_TRUST\_GOV\_MUNI**

Your local or municipal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **EARLY\_TRUST\_OECD**

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all and 10 is completely, how much do you trust the federal government?

Not at all 0	11
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
Completely 10	10
Don't know	98

## TRUSTINST

In general, to what extent do you trust or distrust the following groups or entities?

### TRUST\_MEDIA

Large Canadian news media organizations (e.g., CBC/SRC, CTV, National Post, La Presse)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### TRUST\_POLITICIANS

Politicians in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### TRUST\_PS

Federal public servants (e.g., non-political employees at Service Canada, statisticians working on the census etc.)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### TRUST\_RCMP

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP; Canada's national police force)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### TRUST\_POLICE

The police, in general

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

**PRETRUST\_FACET**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**TRUST\_FACET\_GC\_COMPETENT**

The federal government is competent.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**TRUST\_FACET\_GC\_PUBCONCERN**

The federal government listens to concerns raised by the public.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**TRUST\_FACET\_GC\_OPEN**

The federal government provides all relevant information to the public.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PRETRUST\_GOV\_POLS**

In general, how much do you trust or distrust the federal government's ability to implement effective policies in each of the following areas?

**TRUST\_GOV\_PUBHEALTH**

Public health

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

**TRUST\_GOV\_CLIMATE**

Climate change

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## TRUST\_GOV\_IMMIGRATION

Immigration	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## TRUST\_GOV\_HOUSING

Housing	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## TRUST\_GOV\_FIREARMS

Regulations related to firearms and other weapons	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## TRUST\_GOV\_HATE

Online harms such as cyberbullying, hate, and harassment	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## TRUST\_WHAT [1,2]

Which of the following changes would most **increase** your trust in the Government of Canada?

Note: We are not asking about trust in a specific political party, but rather the federal government in general (regardless of which party is in power at a given time).

Please select up to two.

Better and/or faster program and service delivery	1
Increased public safety measures	2
Greater diversity in leadership and people in positions of authority	3
More public involvement in deciding on key issues	4
More useful websites and government resources	5
More recognition of past mistakes by the government	6
More open communication about how government decisions are made	7
More open communication about the evidence used to inform decisions, even in periods of uncertainty	8

Enhanced measures to combat foreign interference	9
Enhanced measures to combat the spread of misinformation and disinformation online	10
Timely implementation of public health measures during public health emergencies	11
Other (Please specify in a few words)	77

**PRETRUSTACTIONS**

How likely would you be to do the following hypothetical actions?

**TRUSTACTIONS\_VAX**

In the event of another pandemic, get a new Health Canada-approved vaccine as soon as it's available and recommended for you.

Not likely at all	1
Not very likely	2
Somewhat likely	3
Very likely	4
Not applicable	9999

**TRUSTACTIONS\_EVAC**

In the event of a natural disaster (e.g., forest fire, flood), follow an evacuation order for your area announced by the relevant government authorities.

Not likely at all	1
Not very likely	2
Somewhat likely	3
Very likely	4
Not applicable	9999

**TRUSTACTIONS\_MASK**

In the event of another pandemic, wear a mask in public spaces if recommended to you by public health officials.

Not likely at all	1
Not very likely	2
Somewhat likely	3
Very likely	4
Not applicable	9999

**TRUSTACTIONS\_HEALTHDATA**

Share your anonymized health data with federal government agencies for public health purposes (e.g., to better understand the health of your community).

Not likely at all	1
Not very likely	2
Somewhat likely	3
Very likely	4
Not applicable	9999

## TRUSTACTIONS\_REPORT

If you had suspicions of hate, terrorism, or extremism, report them to government authorities.

Not likely at all	1
Not very likely	2
Somewhat likely	3
Very likely	4
Not applicable	9999

## PRESOC\_TRUST

How much do you trust or distrust each of the following groups of people:

### SOC\_TRUST\_SCHWORK

People you interact with in your neighbourhood

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### SOC\_TRUST\_IMM

People who recently immigrated to Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### SOC\_TRUST\_POLIN

People in Canada who share your political views

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### SOC\_TRUST\_POLOUT

People in Canada who have political views that are different from yours

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

**PRELATE\_TRUST\_GOV**

In general, how much do you currently trust or distrust the following levels of government to make good decisions in the best interest of the public?

**LATE\_TRUST\_GOV\_CAN**

The federal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

**LATE\_TRUST\_GOV\_PROVTERR**

Your provincial/territorial government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

**LATE\_TRUST\_GOV\_MUNI**

Your local or municipal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

**LATE\_TRUST\_OECD**

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all and 10 is completely, how much do you trust the federal government?

Not at all 0	11
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
Completely 10	10
Don't know	98

## **QSECT4**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about your views and preferences related to public health in Canada.

### **PRETRUST\_HEALTH**

How much do you trust or distrust the following kinds of health professionals when it comes to health guidance?

#### **TRUST\_HEALTH\_FAMILY**

Family doctors	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

#### **TRUST\_HEALTH\_SPECIALISTS**

Healthcare specialists (e.g., cardiologists, neurologists, endocrinologists, etc.)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

#### **TRUST\_HEALTH\_NURSES**

Nurses	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

#### **TRUST\_HEALTH\_WALKIN**

Doctors at walk-in clinics	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

#### **TRUST\_HEALTH\_PHAC**

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer	
Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## TRUST\_HEALTH\_SOCMED

Popular medical accounts on social media

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## TRUST\_HEALTH\_ALTERNATIVE

Alternative healthcare providers (e.g., naturopath, chiropractor, homeopath, acupuncturist, etc.)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## INFO\_SOURCE\_HEALTH [1,3]

Where do you most commonly get information to make health-related decisions for yourself and/or your family?

Select up to 3 sources.

My primary care provider (i.e., family doctor or nurse practitioner)	1
Walk-in clinics	2
Alternative healthcare providers (e.g., naturopath, chiropractor, homeopath, acupuncturist)	3
Large Canadian news organizations and journalists	4
Government of Canada (e.g., Public Health Agency of Canada, Health Canada) websites	5
Provincial or Territorial government websites	6
Municipal or local government websites (e.g., local public health units)	7
Medical websites (e.g., WebMD, Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins Medicine, etc.)	8
Social media or online forums	9
Podcasts	10
Family, friends, and/or colleagues	11
Online search engines (e.g., Google, Microsoft Bing, Yahoo)	12
Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbots (e.g., OpenAI's ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, Meta AI, Bing Chat)	13
Religious or community leaders	14
Other (please specify)	77
None of the above	99

## VACCINE\_COVID

Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, one dose	1
Yes, two doses	2
Yes, three doses	3
Yes, four or more doses	4
No	5

## HEALTHCARE\_RATING

Which of the following statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the health care system in your province or territory?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| The system is working well and only small changes are needed                          | 1 |
| There are good things about the health-care system but fundamental changes are needed | 2 |
| Our health-care system is so bad that we should rethink it entirely                   | 3 |

## HEALTHCARE\_ACCCONF

If you or a member of your family were to get sick and need to see a doctor, how confident are you that you would be able to get treatment from the health-care system within a reasonable period of time?

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Very confident       | 1 |
| Somewhat confident   | 2 |
| Not very confident   | 3 |
| Not at all confident | 4 |

## CHILDVAX

To the best of your knowledge, what is your child(ren)'s routine immunization status currently?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| My child(ren) is (are) up to date on all routine immunizations.   | 1 |
| My child(ren) is (are) behind on one or more of their routine immunizations, but I intend to have my children fully vaccinated. | 2 |
| I have chosen to delay vaccines from the recommended schedule.  | 3 |
| I have chosen to decline some or all vaccines from the routine schedule.  | 4 |
| I am not sure.  | 5 |

## COVID\_VAX\_RETROHOW

How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect your confidence in the safety and effectiveness of vaccines? 'Compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic, I am now...'

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Much less confident in vaccines             | 1 |
| A little less confident in vaccines         | 2 |
| Neither less nor more confident in vaccines | 3 |
| A little more confident in vaccines         | 4 |
| Much more confident in vaccines             | 5 |

## PRESUPPORT\_PHAC

To what extent do you oppose or support the Public Health Agency of Canada using your anonymized health data (meaning any information that could personally identify you is removed) for the following purposes?

### SUPPORT\_PHAC\_ACADEMIC

For academic research about public health

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Strongly oppose            | 1 |
| Somewhat oppose            | 2 |
| Neither oppose nor support | 3 |

Somewhat support	4
Strongly support	5

**SUPPORT\_PHAC\_TRACK**

To track health outcomes of the Canadian population

Strongly oppose	1
Somewhat oppose	2
Neither oppose nor support	3
Somewhat support	4
Strongly support	5

**SUPPORT\_PHAC\_INFORM**

To inform public health program decisions

Strongly oppose	1
Somewhat oppose	2
Neither oppose nor support	3
Somewhat support	4
Strongly support	5

**SUPPORT\_PHAC\_IDENTIFY**

To identify emerging public health issues or outbreaks

Strongly oppose	1
Somewhat oppose	2
Neither oppose nor support	3
Somewhat support	4
Strongly support	5

**SUPPORT\_PHAC\_UNDERSTAND**

To understand which population groups are disproportionately affected by diseases or health conditions

Strongly oppose	1
Somewhat oppose	2
Neither oppose nor support	3
Somewhat support	4
Strongly support	5

**QSECT5**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about democracy in Canada.

**DEMCAN\_INFLUENCE**

How much would you say the political system in Canada allows people like you to have an influence on politics?

Not at all	1
Very little	2
Some	3
A lot	4

**PREDEMCAN**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**DEMCAN\_ACCEPTNEXTELEC**

I will accept the outcome of the next Canadian election, regardless of who wins.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**DEMCAN\_EXPPOLI**

Individuals in Canada are free to express their personal views on political topics without fear of surveillance or punishment.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**DEMCAN\_FREEASSEMBLE**

Individuals can freely assemble in Canada (e.g., freedom to protest peacefully, engage in petitions, organize public events).

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PREPOLGOVERN**

For each of the following, would you say it is a good or bad way of governing this country?

**POLGOVERN1**

Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**POLGOVERN3**

Having a representative democracy where citizens vote to elect their representatives that make decisions on their behalf.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**PREPOLICY**

How much would you oppose or support the following policies:

**POLICY\_SM**

Requiring social media platforms to stop collecting and permanently delete all of my personal information, if I no longer want them to have it.

- Strongly oppose 1
- Somewhat oppose 2
- Neither oppose nor support 3
- Somewhat support 4
- Strongly support 5

**POLICY\_INFEC**

Investing more in infectious disease monitoring and management.

- Strongly oppose 1
- Somewhat oppose 2
- Neither oppose nor support 3
- Somewhat support 4
- Strongly support 5

**POLICY\_CARS**

Phasing out the sale of new gas and diesel-powered cars and light duty trucks by 2035.

- Strongly oppose 1
- Somewhat oppose 2
- Neither oppose nor support 3
- Somewhat support 4
- Strongly support 5

**POLICY\_PRIV\_HEALTH**

Allowing people to pay for access to additional health services privately if they choose to.

- Strongly oppose 1
- Somewhat oppose 2
- Neither oppose nor support 3
- Somewhat support 4
- Strongly support 5

**POLICY\_IMMIG**

Reduce the number of temporary residents admitted to Canada over the next few years.

- Strongly oppose 1
- Somewhat oppose 2
- Neither oppose nor support 3
- Somewhat support 4
- Strongly support 5

## PREPOLINTEREST

How much interest would you say you have in each of the following?

### INTEREST\_CANADA

Federal politics in Canada

No interest at all	1
A little bit of interest	2
A moderate amount of interest	3
A great deal of interest	4
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	98

### INTEREST\_PT

Provincial/territorial politics in Canada

No interest at all	1
A little bit of interest	2
A moderate amount of interest	3
A great deal of interest	4
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	98

### INTEREST\_MUNI

Municipal politics in Canada

No interest at all	1
A little bit of interest	2
A moderate amount of interest	3
A great deal of interest	4
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	98

### INTEREST\_US

US politics, including the next presidential election

No interest at all	1
A little bit of interest	2
A moderate amount of interest	3
A great deal of interest	4
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	98

### INTEREST\_INTERNATIONAL

International politics and elections, outside Canada and the US

No interest at all	1
A little bit of interest	2
A moderate amount of interest	3
A great deal of interest	4
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	98

### PREUSA\_INFLUENCE

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

## USA\_INFLUENCEA

In general, what happens in US politics has a big impact on Canada's economy

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	98

## USA\_INFLUENCEB

In general, what happens in US politics has a big impact on Canadian society

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	98

## GOV\_SURP

If the federal government had a budget surplus, should it be used to reduce taxes or increase spending on social programs and/or services?

Reduce taxes 1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Split evenly 5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
Increase social spending 9	9

## QSECT6

In this section, we will ask you a few questions about your feelings about other people.

## SOC\_BELONGING

How would you describe your sense of belonging to your town or local area?

Very strong	1
Somewhat strong	2
Somewhat weak	3
Very weak	4
Cannot say	98

## PRESOC\_SUPPORT

Do you have access to each of the following types of supports, services, or amenities if or when you need them?

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_TRANSIT**

Public transit	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_GROCERY**

Grocery store	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_NATURE**

Green space (e.g., parks)	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_DOCTOR**

Primary health care provider (e.g., family doctor or nurse practitioner)	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_CHILDCARE**

Childcare, or before-school or after-school care for your child(ren)	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_COUNSEL**

Mental health or counselling services	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_LIBRARY**

Public library	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOC\_SUPPORT\_GYM**

Gym, fitness centre, or recreational centre	
No	1
Yes, but it does not meet my needs	2
Yes, and it meets my needs	3
Don't know	98
Not applicable/ Not needed	9999

### **SOCO\_ONLINEFREQ**

What proportion of your socializing is in-person compared to online?

100% In-person 0	11
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Evenly balanced 5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
100% Online 10	10

### **LONELINESS**

How often do you feel isolated from others?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4

### **PRESOCCAP\_BOND**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **SOCCAP\_BOND\_A**

There is someone I can turn to for advice about making very important decisions.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **SOCCAP\_BOND\_C**

If I needed an emergency loan of \$500, I know someone I could turn to.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **QSECT7**

In the next section, you will be asked questions about where and how you get news and other information.

### **PRESOCMED**

In the **past few months**, how often have you used each of the following social media platforms, apps, or websites?

#### **SOCMED\_FB**

Facebook

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

#### **SOCMED\_TWI**

Twitter/X

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

#### **SOCMED\_INS**

Instagram

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

#### **SOCMED\_TIK**

TikTok

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3

Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_RED**

Reddit	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_YOU**

YouTube	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_DIS**

Discord	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_THR**

Threads	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_SNAP**

Snapchat	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_OTHER [0,1]**

Other social media platforms not listed above (Please specify: <text box>)

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **PREINFO\_USE**

In the **past few months**, how often did you get news or current information from each of the following sources?

#### **INFO\_USE\_FRIENDFAM**

Family, friends, and/or colleagues

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

#### **INFO\_USE\_SOCMED**

Social media

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

#### **INFO\_USE\_SCI**

Scientific experts

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

#### **INFO\_USE\_RADIO-TVNEWS**

Large Canadian news organizations and journalists (e.g., CBC/SRC, CTV, National Post, La Presse)

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_USNEWS**

Large American news organizations and journalists (e.g., ABC, CNN, Fox, The Washington Post)	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_INTLNEWS**

Large international news organizations and journalists (e.g., BBC, Le Monde, Reuters, AFP)	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_LOCALNEWS**

Your local newspaper or news outlet	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_GCWEB**

Federal Government of Canada information sources (e.g., websites, social media accounts, commercials)	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_INDIE**

Independent bloggers, podcasters, commentators, influencers, or journalists	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_RELIGION**

Religious or community leaders	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

## PREQALGOLIT

To the best of your knowledge, are the following claims about social media true or false?

### QALGOLIT1

I can influence what posts get recommended to me based on which posts I like, comment on, share, or watch.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

### QALGOLIT2

When someone I follow or am friends with posts something, computer analyses of those posts will decide whether I will see it.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

### QALGOLIT3

If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will get the same set of results.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

### QALGOLIT4

Visiting websites outside of social media platforms cannot impact what I see on social media platforms.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

### QAI\_CHATBOT\_USE

How often do you use artificial intelligence chatbots? Examples of artificial intelligence chatbots include OpenAI's ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, Meta AI, and Bing Chat.

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
I don't know what these are	98

### QAI\_CHATBOT\_TRUST

When asking artificial intelligence chatbots to find or summarize information, how often do you trust the responses?

Never	1
Rarely	2

Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5
I do not use artificial intelligence chatbots for this purpose	99

### CYBERVIC

In the **past year**, has someone posted mean or hurtful messages, pictures, videos, or comments about you online?

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Multiple times during the year, but not monthly	3
Once or a few times a month	4
Once or a few times a week	5
Daily	6
Prefer not to say	9999

### CYBERVIC\_TYPE [1,14]

What aspects of you have those mean or hurtful messages, pictures, videos, or comments posted about you in the **past year** been about?

Please select all that apply

Your race	1
Your ethnicity	2
Your nationality or place of national origin	3
Your sex (e.g., male or female)	4
Your gender (e.g., man, woman, trans man, trans woman, agender, two-spirit)	5
Your sexual orientation	6
Your age	7
Your religion	8
Your disease or disability	9
Your appearance	10
Your political opinions	11
Your non-political opinions	12
Your education, job, or career	13
Other (please specify)	77
I don't know what aspect of me was the reason	98

### QSECT8

In this section, you will be asked assorted questions about your views on the world.

### PREWORRIED

How worried are you about...

### WORRIED\_FIN

...you and/or your family's current financial situation

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4

Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_RETIRE**

...your ability to retire comfortably

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_IMMIGRATION**

...immigrants changing what it means to be Canadian

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_CONFLICT**

...global conflict

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_DISAIR**

...the impacts of natural disasters on my home and/or community (e.g., flood, wildfire, hurricane, tornado, etc.)

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_HEALTHCRISIS**

...a future health crisis or pandemic

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_FOREIGNINTER**

...the impacts of foreign interference on Canadian elections	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_DATA**

...the safety of my personal data online	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_SOCIETY**

...increasing divisiveness and/or conflict in Canadian society	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **PREPROP**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following claims about the Russia-Ukraine war?

#### **PROP\_RUS1**

The West pushed Ukraine toward a conflict with Russia.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

#### **PROP\_RUS2**

Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### PROP\_RUS3

Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### OOC

Have you heard of the Order of Canada?

This is the first time I am hearing about it	1
I have heard of it, but I don't know what it is	2
I have heard of it, and have somewhat of an idea of what it is	3
I have heard of it, and know what it is	4

### OOC\_NOM

To your knowledge, who nominates candidates to the Order of Canada?

The Prime Minister	1
The Governor General of Canada	2
Parliament	3
Members of the public	4
Don't know	98

### CANFLAG

When you see the Canadian flag, do you feel that it represents you?

Not at all 0	11
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
Completely 10	10
Don't know	98

### PRECONSPOP

Here are some ideas that some people agree with, and others disagree with. In thinking about each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the statements below:

### CONSPOP\_A

Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3

Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **CONSPOP\_D**

Big events like wars, recessions, and the outcomes of elections, are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **CONSPOP\_B**

People who have studied for a long time and have many diplomas do not really know what makes the world go round.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **CONSPOP\_G**

Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PREPOVO**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **POVO1**

The next election will be free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

#### **POVO3A**

The use of force by ordinary citizens is sometimes necessary to achieve the political goals I support.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**POVO3B**

I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**POVO4**

We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**POVO3B\_CONS**

Approximately what **percentage of adults in Canada** do you think agree (i.e., they "somewhat" or "strongly" agree) with the following claim:

I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.

Note: here, we are not asking about how much YOU agree with the following claim. Instead, we are asking you to estimate how many OTHER adults in Canada would agree with this claim.

0%	1
10%	2
20%	3
30%	4
40%	5
50%	6
60%	7
70%	8
80%	9
90%	10
100%	11

**PREQAR\_INTENTIONS**

Please indicate how likely you would be to do each of the following:

**QAR\_AIS1**

I would volunteer my time working (i.e., write petitions, distribute flyers, recruit people, etc.) for an organization that fights for my political and legal rights

Very unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very likely	4
Don't know	98

Prefer not to say 9999

### QAR\_RIS1

I would continue to support an organization that fights for my political and legal rights even if the organization sometimes resorts to violence

Very unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very likely	4
Don't know	98
Prefer not to say	9999

### QSECT9

In this final section, you will be asked some follow-up questions about yourself.

### EDUCATION

What is the highest certificate, diploma, or degree that you have completed

Less than high school diploma or its equivalent	1
High school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate	2
Trades certificate or diploma	3
CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma (other than trades certificates or diplomas)	4
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level	5
Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.A. (Hons), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)	6
University certificate, diploma, or degree above the bachelor's level	7
Prefer not to say	9999

### EMPLOYMENT

Which of the following categories best describes your current employment status?

Employed (e.g., for wages, salary) full time, that is, 30 or more hours per week	1
Employed (e.g., for wages, salary) part-time, that is, less than 30 hours per week	2
On paid leave (e.g., parental leave, long-term medical leave)	3
Self-employed	4
Unemployed	5
A student attending school full-time	6
Retired	7
Full-time homemaker	8
Other	9
Prefer not to say	9999

### QFSA

What are the first 3 characters of your postal code? We only use this to understand some things about the area you live in.

Please enter characters here:	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## DEBRIEF

Some of the questions in this study **presented statements that are inaccurate**, based on current expert scientific evidence and consensus. General headlines like these have been debunked by various reputable sources.

The following are accurate versions of these statements according to the current, best available evidence:

You **cannot** get infected with avian influenza by eating cooked poultry or eggs.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines **do not** increase the risk of developing cervical cancer.

Sunscreen **cannot** cause skin cancer.

There is **no credible evidence** to suggest that climate change is a conspiracy created by governments around the world.

Immigrants who were not yet Canadian citizens **were not** allowed to vote in the last federal election; only Canadian citizens were allowed to vote.

This study dealt with topics that you might have found distressing. We want to encourage you to consider using free mental health services, if needed, including the following:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/mental-health-services/mental-health-get-help.html>

## THNK

You have now completed the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

## THNK2

### *Screened-out*

Unfortunately, based on your responses you are not eligible to participate in this survey. Thank you for your time!

## B. Wave 6 Questionnaire

### WINTRO

The Government of Canada is conducting a research study on trust and confidence in public institutions, including governments. All willing respondents **will be asked to complete updated versions of this survey two more times over the next five months**, because your continued participation allows us to track opinions and behaviours in the same group of individuals over time. We greatly appreciate your repeat participation. EKOS has been hired to administer this survey. Si vous préférez répondre au sondage en français, veuillez cliquer sur [français](#).

The survey takes about 25 minutes to complete. It is voluntary, completely anonymous, and confidential. Please complete the survey in one sitting.

Your responses will be identified by a subject number, so the researchers will not know your identity or your personal information. You can review EKOS' privacy policy [here](#).

The purpose of this study is to understand opinions and behaviours relating to public trust, Canadian democracy, and information consumption across multiple areas of Canadian life (for example, public health and climate change). Your answers will be used for research purposes.

This survey includes questions about your personal experiences and current public affairs, some of which may be sensitive. You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons if you find any of the content distressing.

Further information about this study:

- Your data will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Government of Canada Privacy Policy.
- Your participation in the study is voluntary and your responses will be kept entirely anonymous and confidential.
- <[Incentive offered]By completing this survey, you will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as our 'thank you' for your time. It will be emailed to you in a few weeks after completing the survey.[Everyone else]Should you choose to participate and complete the survey, you will be entered into a draw for 1 of 4 prizes of \$500.>
- You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact [iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca) and indicate the survey topic in the subject line.

### CONSENT

I agree to participate in the study and understand that my answers will be used to advance scientific knowledge about trust in public institutions and inform government policies.

I agree to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the information provided here.

I am aware that the data will be published in anonymous form to promote transparency in research.

I agree to participate	1
No, I don't want to participate	2

### **QINTRONOTE**

Thank you for deciding to participate in this study. Please answer all the questions in this survey to the best of your ability without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

If you are completing this survey on a mobile device, you might find it easier in landscape orientation.

### **DEMO**

First, please provide us with some information about yourself.

#### **BIRTH\_YEAR**

In what year were you born?

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

#### **QAGE**

In which of the following age categories do you belong?

Under 18	98
18 to 24	1
25 to 34	2
35 to 44	3
45 to 54	4
55 to 64	5
65 to 74	6
75 and older	7

#### **GENDER**

What is your gender? Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, a woman or a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman, for example, non-binary, agender, gender fluid, queer or Two-Spirit.

Man	1
Woman	2
Or please specify your gender:	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## PROVINCE

In which province or territory do you live?

Select one only

Alberta	2
British Columbia	1
Manitoba	4
New Brunswick	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	10
Northwest Territories	12
Nova Scotia	8
Nunavut	13
Ontario	5
Prince Edward Island	9
Quebec	6
Saskatchewan	3
Yukon	11
I live outside Canada	97

## HOUSEHOLD\_INCOME

Which of the following categories best describes your total household income for the year ending December 31, 2023? That is, the total income of all persons in your household combined, before taxes?

Under \$20,000	1
\$20,000 to just under \$40,000	2
\$40,000 to just under \$60,000	3
\$60,000 to just under \$80,000	4
\$80,000 to just under \$100,000	5
\$100,000 to just under \$150,000	6
\$150,000 to just under \$200,000	7
\$200,000 to just under \$250,000	8
\$250,000 and above	9
Prefer not to say	9999

## INDIGENOUS [1,3]

Are you First Nations, Métis, or Inuit? Note: First Nations includes Status and Non-Status Indians.

Please select all that apply.

No, not First Nations, Métis, or Inuit	1
Yes, First Nations	2
Yes, Métis	3
Yes, Inuit	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## ETHNICITY [1,12]

<[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]In addition to being an Indigenous person, you may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?[ELSE]You may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?>

Please select all that apply.

Arab	1
Black	2
Chinese	3
Filipino	4
Japanese	5
Korean	6
Latin American	7
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	8
Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Thai, Laotian, etc.)	9
West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)	10
White	11
Other group (Please specify:)	77
[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]	
No, I don't identify with any other racial or cultural group	9998
Prefer not to say	9999

## QLANGUAGE

Which language do you speak **most often** at home?

English	1
French	2
Arabic	3
Atikamekw	4
Cantonese	5
Cree	6
Dene	7
Dutch	8
German	9
Greek	10
Gujarati	11
Hindi	12
Inuktitut	13
Italian	14
Korean	15
Mandarin	16
Mi'kmaq	17
Montagnais (Innu)	18
Ojibway	19
Oji-Cree	20
Persian (Farsi)	21
Polish	22
Portuguese	23
Punjabi	24
Romanian	25
Russian	26

Spanish	27
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	28
Tamil	29
Ukrainian	30
Urdu	31
Vietnamese	32
Language not listed above (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

### **BIRTH\_PLACE**

Where were you born?

In Canada	1
Outside of Canada (please specify the country)	2
Prefer not to say	9999

### **IMMIGRATE\_YEAR**

In what year did you first come to Canada to live? If exact year is not known, enter best estimate.

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

### **RESIDENT\_STATUS**

Which of the following categories best describes your current resident status in Canada?

Canadian Citizen	1
Permanent Resident of Canada (but not a citizen)	2
Temporary Foreign Worker program	3
Other Temporary Work Permit	4
International Student	5
Refugee or Protected Person	6
Other (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

### **LGBTQ2**

Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community (Two-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, another sexual orientation, or gender identity)?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

### **PARENT**

Are you a parent?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## VOTE\_LASTELEC

Did you vote in the last Canadian federal election in September 2021?

Yes	1
No, I was eligible but did not vote	2
No, I was not eligible to vote	3
I don't remember	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## VOTE\_NEXTELEC

Do you think you will vote in the next Canadian federal election?

Yes	1
No, I will be eligible but will not vote	2
No, I will not be eligible to vote	3
I'm not sure yet	4

## VOTE\_IMPORTANCE

In your view, how important, if at all, is it that people vote in Canadian federal elections?

Not at all important	1
Not very important	2
Important	3
Very important	4
Don't know	98

## QSECT2

In the next section, you will be asked some questions about various national issues: elections, health, climate change, and immigration. Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

## PREMIS\_ELEC

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements true or false?

### MIS\_F\_ELEC\_1

Elections Canada allows people who are not Canadian citizens to vote in federal elections.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### MIS\_F\_ELEC\_2

Elections Canada lost, ignored or refused to count thousands of mail-in ballots during the 2021 federal election.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

**MIS\_F\_ELEC\_3**

Canadians who vote by mail can show up at an advance poll or election day poll to vote again.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_ELEC\_1**

Voters in federal Canadian elections must prove their identity and address when voting.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_ELEC\_2**

An independent audit must be performed for every Canadian federal general election and by-election.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_ELEC\_3**

Elections Canada has no control over when an election is called or held.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**PREMIS\_GEN**

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements true or false?

**MIS\_T\_HEALTH\_3**

Some people have experienced myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) following COVID-19 vaccination

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_F\_HEALTH\_4**

New evidence shows that mpox (monkeypox) is a side effect of the COVID-19 vaccines.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_F\_CLI\_1**

Climate change is a conspiracy created by governments around the world.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_CLI\_1**

The scientific consensus is that climate change will contribute to the extinction of a large number of animal species.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_F\_IMM\_2**

Most of Canada's immigrants come from the Middle East and North Africa.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_IMM\_2**

Immigration makes up almost all of Canada's population growth.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

### QSECT3

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about trust in government and other organizations/groups. Some of these questions may be similar to each other - please answer each to the best of your ability.

In this section, the word 'government' refers to the whole institution of government, all the people who work for it, and the systems, policies, programs, services, and decisions it makes. We are not referring to specific political parties and politicians.

### PRETRUST\_GOV

In general, how much do you currently trust or distrust the following levels of government to make good decisions in the best interest of the public?

#### TRUST\_GOV\_CAN

The federal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

#### TRUST\_GOV\_PROVTERR

Your provincial/territorial government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

#### TRUST\_GOV\_MUNI

Your local or municipal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### TRUSTINST

In general, to what extent do you trust or distrust the following groups or entities?

#### TRUST\_MEDIA

Large news media organizations in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3

Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_AMERICANMEDIA**

Large news media organizations in the United States

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_POLITICIANS**

Politicians in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_PS**

Federal public servants (e.g., non-political employees at Service Canada, statisticians working on the census etc.)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_POLICE**

The police in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_ELXNCAN**

Elections Canada (the non-partisan agency responsible for administering Canadian federal elections)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4

Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_ELXNPOLLS**

Workers at polling stations in Canadian federal elections

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_UN**

The United Nations

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **PRESOC\_TRUST**

How much do you trust or distrust each of the following groups of people:

#### **SOC\_TRUST\_SCHWORK**

People you interact with in your neighbourhood

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

#### **SOC\_TRUST\_IMM**

People who recently immigrated to Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

#### **SOC\_TRUST\_POLIN**

People in Canada who share your political views

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4

Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **SOC\_TRUST\_POLOUT**

People in Canada who have political views that are different from yours

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **QSECT4**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about democracy in Canada.

### **POLICYWHAT [0,3]**

Hypothetically, if the Government of Canada were to allocate more resources to the following goals, which of them would you prioritize?

Please select up to three (you do not have to select any).

Responding to climate change	1
Protecting the environment	2
Growing Canada's economy	3
Reducing the cost of living	4
Improving the health care system	5
Improving the immigration system	6
Providing assistance to Ukraine in response to Russia's invasion	7
Preventing foreign governments from interfering in Canada's affairs	8
Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples	9
Combatting the spread of misinformation and disinformation online	10
Reducing crime	11
Defending against terrorism	12

### **DEM\_SAT**

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Canada?

Very dissatisfied	1
Somewhat dissatisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Somewhat satisfied	4
Very satisfied	5
Don't know	98

### **DEMCAN\_INFLUENCE**

How much would you say the political system in Canada allows people like you to have an influence on politics?

Not at all	1
Very little	2
Some	3

A lot

4

## **PREDEMCAN**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **DEMCAN\_ACCEPTNEXTELEC**

I will accept the outcome of the next Canadian election, regardless of who wins.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **DEMCAN\_EXPPOLI**

Individuals in Canada are free to express their personal views on political topics without fear of surveillance or punishment.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **DEMCAN\_FREEASSEMBLE**

Individuals can freely assemble in Canada (e.g., freedom to protest peacefully, engage in petitions, organize public events).

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **DEMCAN\_JUSTSYS**

The Canadian justice system treats everyone equally.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PREMIDI\_IMPACT**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following claims?

#### **MIDI\_IMPACT\_CAD**

Misinformation poses a threat to Canadian democracy.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2

Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**MIDI\_IMPACT\_OVER**

The effects of misinformation are overblown.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**MIDI\_IMPACT\_DIFF\_TH**

People in Canada who have political views that are different from me are a threat to democracy.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PREPOLGOVERN**

For each of the following, would you say it is a good or bad way of governing this country?

**POLGOVERN1**

Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**POLGOVERN3**

Having a representative democracy where citizens vote to elect their representatives that make decisions on their behalf.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**PREQANTIINST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**QANTIINST1**

There is no "one right way" to live life; everybody has to create their own way.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4

Strongly agree 5

**QANTIINST2**

We cannot fix the problems in our social institutions, we need to tear them down and start over.

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

**PREPOLICY\_SOCMED**

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

**POLICY\_SOCMED\_REGULATE**

The Canadian government should regulate social media platforms more than they are regulated now.

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

**POLICY\_SOCMED\_ACCOUNTABLE**

The Canadian government should hold social media companies accountable for what appears on their platforms.

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

**GOV\_SURP**

If the Canadian federal government had a budget surplus, should it be used to reduce taxes or increase spending on social programs and/or services?

Reduce taxes 1  
2 2  
3 3  
4 4  
Split evenly 5  
6 6  
7 7  
8 8  
Increase social spending 9 9

## QSECT5

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about democracy in Canada compared to other countries.

### PERCEIVED\_POLARIZATION\_CAN

In your opinion, in Canada, are the conflicts between people who support different political parties very strong, strong, not very strong or are there no conflicts at all?

Very strong conflicts	1
Strong conflicts	2
Not very strong conflicts	3
There are no conflicts	4
Don't know	98

### CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_NEXT

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The next Canadian federal election will be free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### CAN\_ELECTION\_FREENEXT\_WHY\_NEITHER

In one sentence or less, please explain why you neither agree nor disagree that the next Canadian federal election will be free and fair.

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### CAN\_ELECTION\_FREENEXT\_WHY\_DISAGREE

In one sentence or less, please explain why you disagree that the next Canadian federal election will be free and fair.

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### CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_LAST

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The last Canadian federal election (2021) was free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PRECAN\_ELECTION**

Thinking about the next federal election in Canada, how likely or unlikely do you think the following are?

**CAN\_ELECTION\_INDEP**

The organization that manages elections (Elections Canada) will operate impartially without undue political influence

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**CAN\_ELECTION\_FRAUD**

Vote fraud and/or other irregularities will have an impact on the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**CAN\_ELECTION\_VIOLENCE**

Elections workers and volunteers will experience intimidation and/or violence

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**CAN\_ELECTION\_FOREIGN**

Foreign influence will have an impact on the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**PERCEIVED\_POLARIZATION\_US**

In your opinion, in the United States, are the conflicts between people who support different political parties very strong, strong, not very strong, or are there no conflicts at all?

Very strong conflicts	1
Strong conflicts	2
Not very strong conflicts	3
There are no conflicts	4
Don't know	98

**USA\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_NEXT**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The next presidential election in the United States (2024) will be free and fair.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**USA\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_LAST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The last Presidential election in the United States (2020) was free and fair.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**US\_ELECTION\_FREELAST\_WHY\_NEITHER**

In one sentence or less, please explain why you neither agree nor disagree that the last presidential election in the United States (2020) was free and fair?

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**US\_ELECTION\_FREELAST\_WHY\_DISAGREE**

In one sentence or less, please explain why you disagree that the last presidential election in the United States (2020) was free and fair?

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**PREUS\_ELECTION**

Thinking about the next Presidential election in the United States, how likely or unlikely do you think the following are?

**US\_ELECTION\_INDEP**

The management of the next election will operate impartially without undue political influence

- Highly unlikely 1
- Somewhat unlikely 2
- Don't know / unsure 3
- Somewhat likely 4
- Highly likely 5

**US\_ELECTION\_FRAUD**

Vote fraud and/or other irregularities will have an impact on the next election

- Highly unlikely 1
- Somewhat unlikely 2
- Don't know / unsure 3

Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### **US\_ELECTION\_VIOLENCE**

Elections workers and volunteers will experience intimidation and/or violence during the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### **US\_ELECTION\_FOREIGN**

Foreign influence will have an impact on the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### **PREPOLARIZATION\_MORALS**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_INGROUP**

Generally, people in Canada who share my political views are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

#### **POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_OUTGROUP**

Generally, people in Canada who have political views that are different from mine are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PRECAN\_US\_COMPARISONS**

When you think about Canada and the United States, which country would you say:

#### **CAN\_US\_COMPARISONS\_HEALTH**

Has a better health care system

Canada	1
The United States	2
They are equal	3

No opinion 4

### **CAN\_US\_COMPARISONS\_RIGHTS**

Is better at protecting the rights of individuals

Canada	1
The United States	2
They are equal	3
No opinion	4

### **CAN\_US\_COMPARISONS\_LIVING**

Has a higher standard of living

Canada	1
The United States	2
They are equal	3
No opinion	4

### **PRECANADA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada:

#### **CANADA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

#### **CANADA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### **PREUSA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the United States:

#### **USA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**USA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PRERUSSIA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Russia:

**RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PRECHINA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that China:

**CHINA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**CHINA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**QSECT6**

In this section, we will ask you a few questions about your feelings about other people and places.

**PREBELONGING**

How would you describe your sense of belonging to \_\_\_\_\_:

**BELONGING\_ATTACHED\_CAN**

Canada	
Very weak	1
Somewhat weak	2
Somewhat strong	3
Very strong	4
Cannot say	98

**BELONGING\_ATTACHED\_PROVTERR**

Your province/territory	
Very weak	1
Somewhat weak	2
Somewhat strong	3
Very strong	4
Cannot say	98

**BELONGING\_ATTACHED\_NEIGHB**

Your local community	
Very weak	1
Somewhat weak	2
Somewhat strong	3
Very strong	4
Cannot say	98

**LONELINESS**

How often do you feel isolated from others?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4

**PRECYBERVIC\_POL**

In the past month, how often have you seen mean or hurtful messages, pictures, videos, or comments online towards the following?

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_AGREE**

People with the same political views as me

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_DISAGREE**

People with different political views than me

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_IMM**

Immigrants to Canada

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_PERSONAL**

Myself, when I express political opinions

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**QSECT7**

In the next section, you will be asked questions about where and how you get news and other information.

**PREQATTNELXN**

In the past month, how often have you consumed news (e.g., read, listened to, watched) related to each of the following?

### **QATTNELXN\_US**

Politics in the United States

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **QATTNELXN\_CAN**

Politics in Canada

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **PRESOCMED**

In the **past few months**, how often have you used each of the following social media platforms, apps, or websites?

#### **SOCMED\_FB**

Facebook

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

#### **SOCMED\_TWI**

Twitter/X

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

#### **SOCMED\_INS**

Instagram

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_TIK**

TikTok	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_RED**

Reddit	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_YOU**

YouTube	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_DIS**

Discord	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_SNAP**

Snapchat	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_TELEGRAM**

Telegram	
Never	1

Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**SOCMED\_OTHER [0,1]**

Other social media platforms not listed above (Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**PREINFO\_USE**

In the **past month**, how often did you get news or current information from each of the following sources?

**INFO\_USE\_FRIENDFAM**

Family, friends, and/or colleagues

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_SOCMED**

Social media

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_SCI**

Scientific experts

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_POL**

Politicians

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3

Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_CANNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in Canada (e.g., CBC/SRC, CTV, National Post, La Presse)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_USNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in the United States (e.g., ABC, CNN, Fox, The Washington Post)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_INTLNEWS**

Large international news organizations and journalists (e.g., BBC, Le Monde, Reuters, AFP)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_LOCALNEWS**

Your local newspaper or news outlet

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_GCWEB**

Federal Government of Canada information sources (e.g., websites, social media accounts, commercials)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

## INFO\_USE\_INDIE

Independent bloggers, podcasters, commentators, influencers, or journalists

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

## PREQALGOLIT

To the best of your knowledge, are the following claims about social media true or false?

### QALGOLIT1

I can influence what posts get recommended to me based on which posts I like, comment on, share, or watch.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

### QALGOLIT2

When someone I follow or am friends with posts something, computer analyses of those posts decide whether I will see it.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

### QALGOLIT3

If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will get the same set of results.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

### QALGOLIT4

Visiting websites outside of social media platforms cannot impact what I see on social media platforms.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

## EXPOSURE [0,5]

In the past month, have you noticed any of the following online?

Please select all that apply (you do not have to select any).

Verifiably false news	1
Fake accounts pretending to be real people (i.e., sometimes referred to as "bots")	2
Foreign propaganda (messages or information from another country that are meant to influence or persuade people in your own country)	3

News articles or posts generated by artificial intelligence	4
Images or videos of politicians generated by artificial intelligence	5

## **QSECT8**

In this section, you will be asked assorted questions about your views on the world.

### **PREWORRIED**

How worried are you about...

#### **WORRIED\_FIN**

...you and/or your family's current financial situation

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### **WORRIED\_IMMIGRATION\_RATE**

...the increased number of immigrants in Canada

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### **WORRIED\_CONFLICT**

...increasing global conflict

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### **WORRIED\_DISAIR**

...the impacts of natural disasters on my home and/or community (e.g., flood, wildfire, hurricane, tornado, etc.)

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_HEALTHCRISIS**

...a future health crisis or pandemic

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_SOCIETY**

...increasing divisiveness and/or conflict in Canadian society

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_AI\_MIDI**

...artificial intelligence being used to generate false or misleading information

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_EXPRESSPOL**

...expressing your political opinions publicly

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_COSTECON**

...the state of the economy

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

**PREPROP**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following claims?

**PROP\_CHI1T**

China attempted to interfere with the 2021 Canadian election.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_RUS1T**

Russian state-controlled media paid social media influencers in North America to spread propaganda.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_RUS1**

The West pushed Ukraine toward a conflict with Russia.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_RUS2**

Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_RUS3**

Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_RUS4**

The United States has been developing bioweapons in biolabs throughout Ukraine.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PROP\_CHI1**

COVID-19 likely originated in an American biological lab.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PRECONSPOP**

Here are some ideas that some people agree with, and others disagree with. In thinking about each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the statements below:

**CONSPOP\_A**

Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_D**

Big events like wars, recessions, and the outcomes of elections, are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_B**

People who have studied for a long time and have many diplomas do not really know what makes the world go round.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

### CONSPOP\_G

Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### PREPOVO

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### POVO3A

The use of force by ordinary citizens is sometimes necessary to achieve the political goals I support.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### POVO3B

I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### POVO4

We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### POVO3B\_CONS

Approximately what **percentage of adults in Canada** do you think agree (i.e., they "somewhat" or "strongly" agree) with the following claim:

**I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.**

Note: here, we are not asking about how much YOU agree with the following claim. Instead, we are asking you to estimate how many OTHER adults in Canada would agree with this claim.

0%	1
10%	2

20%	3
30%	4
40%	5
50%	6
60%	7
70%	8
80%	9
90%	10
100%	11

### PREQANTIDEMNORMS

How often would you say each of the following are appropriate? When we say 'political group' think of the people, in Canada, who have similar political views.

When, if ever, is it okay for a supporter of my favoured political group to:

#### QANTIDEMNORMS\_ONLINE

...harass leaders of other political groups online?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5

#### QANTIDEMNORMS\_OFFLINE

...harass leaders of other political groups in-person?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5

### QSECT9

In this final section, you will be asked some follow-up questions about yourself.

### EDUCATION

What is the highest certificate, diploma, or degree that you have completed?

Less than high school diploma or its equivalent	1
High school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate	2
Trades certificate or diploma	3
CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma (other than trades certificates or diplomas)	4
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level	5
Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.A. (Hons), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)	6
University certificate, diploma, or degree above the bachelor's level	7
Prefer not to say	9999

## COMMUNITY\_SIZE

Which of the following best describes where you now live?

A large city	1
A suburb near a large city	2
A small city or town	3
A rural area	4
A remote area	5
Prefer not to say	9999

## VACCINE\_COVID

Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, one dose	1
Yes, two doses	2
Yes, three doses	3
Yes, four or more doses	4
No	5

## QFSA

What are the first 3 characters of your postal code? We only use this to understand some things about the area you live in.

Please enter characters here:	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## DEBRIEF

Some of the questions in this study **presented statements that are inaccurate**, based on current expert evidence and consensus. General headlines like these have been debunked by various reputable sources.

The following are **accurate versions of these statements** according to the **current, best available evidence**. For claims about Canadian elections, see **Elections' Canada ElectroFacts** (<https://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=res&dir=dis&document=index&lang=e>)

- To vote in a federal election, you must be a Canadian citizen, be at least 18 years old on election day and prove your identity and address. You must also be registered to vote. When you register, you must declare or confirm your citizenship.
- For the 44th general election, held on September 20, 2021, Elections Canada counted all the mail-in ballots (special ballots) that it received by the election day statutory deadline and that were not spoiled.
- To vote in a federal election, electors have to prove their identity and address. A booking confirmation for a hotel or temporary housing would not be accepted as proof of address when voting at a polling place, at an Elections Canada office or by mail.
- There is **no credible evidence** that mpox (monkeypox) is a side effect of the COVID-19 vaccine.

- There is **no credible evidence** to suggest that climate change is a conspiracy created by governments around the world.
- Most of Canada's immigrants **do not** come from the Middle East and North Africa. In recent years, the most common birthplaces of immigrants to Canada have been India, Philippines, and China.
- If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will **usually not** get the same set of results. Search engine results are often personalized based on several factors including location, search history, language or device type. Furthermore, an element of randomness can also be included.
- Visiting websites outside of social media platforms **can impact** what I see on social media platforms though, for example, the tracking of cookies, cross-platform data sharing, or search behaviour.

- Some other questions in this study presented narratives that have been amplified by foreign actors. They were:

- - The West pushed Ukraine toward a conflict with Russia.
  - Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
  - Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.
  - The United States has been developing bioweapons in biolabs throughout Ukraine.
  - COVID-19 likely originated in an American biological lab.

## DEBRIEF2

This study dealt with topics that you might have found distressing. We want to encourage you to consider using free mental health services, if needed, including the following: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/mental-health-services/mental-health-get-help.html>

## THNK

**You have now completed the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

## THNK2

### *Screened-out*

Unfortunately, based on your responses you are not eligible to participate in this survey. Thank you for your time!

## C. Wave 7 Questionnaire

### WINTRO

The Government of Canada is conducting a research study on trust and confidence in public institutions, including governments. All willing respondents **will be asked to complete an updated version of this survey one more time over the next three months**, because your continued participation allows us to track opinions and behaviours in the same group of individuals over time. We greatly appreciate your repeat participation. EKOS has been hired to administer this survey. Si vous préférez répondre au sondage en français, veuillez cliquer sur [français](#).

The survey takes about 25 minutes to complete. It is voluntary, completely anonymous, and confidential. Please complete the survey in one sitting.

Your responses will be identified by a subject number, so the researchers will not know your identity or your personal information. You can review EKOS' privacy policy [here](#).

The purpose of this study is to understand opinions and behaviours relating to public trust, Canadian democracy, and information consumption across multiple areas of Canadian life (for example, public health and climate change). Your answers will be used for research purposes.

This survey includes questions about your personal experiences and current public affairs, some of which may be sensitive. You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons if you find any of the content distressing.

Further information about this study:

- Your data will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Government of Canada Privacy Policy.
- Your participation in the study is voluntary and your responses will be kept entirely anonymous and confidential.
- <[Target group]By completing this survey, you will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as our 'thank you' for your time. It will be emailed to you in a few weeks after completing the survey.[Everyone else]Should you choose to participate and complete the survey, you will be entered into a draw for 1 of 4 prizes of \$500.>
- You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact [iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca) and indicate the survey topic in the subject line.

## CONSENT

I agree to participate in the study and understand that my answers will be used to advance scientific knowledge about trust in public institutions and inform government policies.

I agree to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the information provided here.

I am aware that the data will be published in anonymous form to promote transparency in research.

I agree to participate	1
No, I don't want to participate	2

## QINTRONOTE

Thank you for deciding to participate in this study. Please answer all the questions in this survey to the best of your ability without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

If you are completing this survey on a mobile device, you might find it easier in landscape orientation.

## DEMO

First, please provide us with some information about yourself.

### BIRTH\_YEAR

In what year were you born?

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

### QAGE

In which of the following age categories do you belong?

Under 18	98
18 to 24	1
25 to 34	2
35 to 44	3
45 to 54	4
55 to 64	5
65 to 74	6
75 and older	7

### GENDER

What is your gender? Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, a woman or a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman, for example, non-binary, agender, gender fluid, queer or Two-Spirit.

Man	1
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Woman	2
Or please specify your gender:	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## PROVINCE

In which province or territory do you live?

Select one only

Alberta	2
British Columbia	1
Manitoba	4
New Brunswick	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	10
Northwest Territories	12
Nova Scotia	8
Nunavut	13
Ontario	5
Prince Edward Island	9
Quebec	6
Saskatchewan	3
Yukon	11
I live outside Canada	97

## HOUSEHOLD\_INCOME

Which of the following categories best describes your total household income for the year ending December 31, 2023? That is, the total income of all persons in your household combined, before taxes?

Under \$20,000	1
\$20,000 to just under \$40,000	2
\$40,000 to just under \$60,000	3
\$60,000 to just under \$80,000	4
\$80,000 to just under \$100,000	5
\$100,000 to just under \$150,000	6
\$150,000 to just under \$200,000	7
\$200,000 to just under \$250,000	8
\$250,000 and above	9
Prefer not to say	9999

## INDIGENOUS [1,3]

Are you First Nations, Métis, or Inuit? Note: First Nations includes Status and Non-Status Indians.

Please select all that apply.

No, not First Nations, Métis, or Inuit	1
Yes, First Nations	2
Yes, Métis	3
Yes, Inuit	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## ETHNICITY [1,12]

<[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]In addition to being an Indigenous person, you may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?[ELSE]You may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?>

Please select all that apply.

Arab	1
Black	2
Chinese	3
Filipino	4
Japanese	5
Korean	6
Latin American	7
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	8
Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Thai, Laotian, etc.)	9
West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)	10
White	11
Other group (Please specify:)	77
[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]	
No, I don't identify with any other racial or cultural group	9998
Prefer not to say	9999

## QLANGUAGE

Which language do you speak **most often** at home?

English	1
French	2
Arabic	3
Atikamekw	4
Cantonese	5
Cree	6
Dene	7
Dutch	8
German	9
Greek	10
Gujarati	11
Hindi	12
Inuktitut	13
Italian	14
Korean	15
Mandarin	16
Mi'kmaq	17
Montagnais (Innu)	18
Ojibway	19
Oji-Cree	20
Persian (Farsi)	21
Polish	22
Portuguese	23
Punjabi	24
Romanian	25
Russian	26
Spanish	27

Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	28
Tamil	29
Ukrainian	30
Urdu	31
Vietnamese	32
Language not listed above (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

### **BIRTH\_PLACE**

Where were you born?

In Canada	1
Outside of Canada (please specify the country)	2
Prefer not to say	9999

### **IMMIGRATE\_YEAR**

In what year did you first come to Canada to live? If exact year is not known, enter best estimate.

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

### **RESIDENT\_STATUS**

Which of the following categories best describes your current resident status in Canada?

Canadian Citizen	1
Permanent Resident of Canada (but not a citizen)	2
Temporary Foreign Worker program	3
Other Temporary Work Permit	4
International Student	5
Refugee or Protected Person	6
Other (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

### **LGBTQ2**

Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community (Two-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, another sexual orientation, or gender identity)?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

### **PARENT**

Are you a parent?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## VOTE\_NEXTELEC

Do you think you will vote in the next Canadian federal election?

Yes	1
No, I will be eligible but will not vote	2
No, I will not be eligible to vote	3
I'm not sure yet	4

## VOTE\_IMPORTANCE

In your view, how important, if at all, is it that people vote in Canadian federal elections?

Not at all important	1
Not very important	2
Important	3
Very important	4
Don't know	98

## QSECT2

In the next section, you will be asked some questions about elections in Canada and the 2024 U.S. presidential election. Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

## PREMIS\_ELEC

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements about elections in Canada true or false?

### MIS\_T\_W7ELEC\_1

All election advertising messages must contain a short statement about who has authorized the message.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### MIS\_F\_W7ELEC\_1

Automatic ballot-counting machines are used to tally votes in Canadian federal elections.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### MIS\_T\_W7ELEC\_2

Political parties and candidates are subject to campaign spending limits in Canada.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4

Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_F\_W7ELEC\_2**

Elections Canada has the power to change the electoral system in Canada.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

**PREMIS\_GEN**

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements about the 2024 U.S. presidential election true or false?

**MIS\_T\_W7USELECT\_1**

Bomb threats were made to polling places in several states on the day of the 2024 U.S. presidential election.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_W7USELECT\_2**

Ballots were destroyed or damaged in arson attacks in the U.S. states of Washington and Oregon.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_F\_W7USELECT\_1**

Election officials in Arizona were arrested after being caught changing ballot totals.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_F\_W7USELECT\_2**

Michigan had more active registered voters than eligible citizens.

Very confident this is false 1  
Somewhat confident this is false 2  
Don't know 3  
Somewhat confident this is true 4  
Very confident this is true 5

### **QSECT3**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about trust in government and other organizations/groups. Some of these questions may be similar to each other - please answer each to the best of your ability.

In this section, the word 'government' refers to the whole institution of government, all the people who work for it, and the systems, policies, programs, services, and decisions it makes. We are not referring to specific political parties and politicians.

### **PRETRUST\_GOV**

In general, how much do you currently trust or distrust the following levels of government to make good decisions in the best interest of the public?

### **TRUST\_GOV\_CAN**

The federal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **TRUST\_GOV\_PROVTERR**

Your provincial/territorial government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **TRUST\_GOV\_MUNI**

Your local or municipal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **TRUSTINST**

In general, to what extent do you trust or distrust the following groups or entities?

### **TRUST\_MEDIA**

Large news media organizations in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_AMERICANMEDIA**

Large news media organizations in the United States

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_POLITICIANS**

Politicians in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_PS**

Federal public servants (e.g., non-political employees at Service Canada, statisticians working on the census etc.)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_POLICE**

The police in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_RCMP**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP; Canada's national police force)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_INTELLIGENCE**

Canada's Security and Intelligence Agencies (e.g., Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSE))

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_CAF**

Canadian Armed Forces (e.g., Army, Navy, Air Force)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_ELXNCAN**

Elections Canada (the non-partisan agency responsible for administering Canadian federal elections)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_ELXNPOLLS**

Workers at polling stations in Canadian federal elections

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUST\_UN**

The United Nations

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **PRESOC\_TRUST**

How much do you trust or distrust each of the following groups of people:

### **SOC\_TRUST\_SCHWORK**

People you interact with in your neighbourhood

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **SOC\_TRUST\_IMM**

People who recently immigrated to Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **SOC\_TRUST\_POLIN**

People in Canada who share your political views

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **SOC\_TRUST\_POLOUT**

People in Canada who have political views that are different from yours

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **QSECT4**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about democracy in Canada.

### **POLICYWHAT [0,3]**

Hypothetically, if the Government of Canada were to allocate more resources to the following goals, which of them would you prioritize?

Please select up to three (you do not have to select any).

Responding to climate change	1
Protecting the environment	2

Growing Canada's economy	3
Reducing the cost of living	4
Improving the health care system	5
Improving the immigration system	6
Providing assistance to Ukraine in response to Russia's invasion	7
Preventing foreign governments from interfering in Canada's affairs	8
Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples	9
Combatting the spread of misinformation and disinformation online	10
Reducing crime	11
Defending against terrorism	12

## DEM\_SAT

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Canada?

Very dissatisfied	1
Somewhat dissatisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Somewhat satisfied	4
Very satisfied	5
Don't know	98

## DEMCAN\_INFLUENCE

How much would you say the political system in Canada allows people like you to have an influence on politics?

Not at all	1
Very little	2
Some	3
A lot	4

## PREDEMCAN

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### DEMCAN\_ACCEPTNEXTELEC

I will accept the outcome of the next Canadian election, regardless of who wins.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### DEMCAN\_EXPPOLI

Individuals in Canada are free to express their personal views on political topics without fear of surveillance or punishment.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**DEMCAN\_FREEASSEMBLE**

Individuals can freely assemble in Canada (e.g., freedom to protest peacefully, engage in petitions, organize public events).

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**DEMCAN\_JUSTSYS**

The Canadian justice system treats everyone equally.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PREMIDI\_IMPACT**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following claims?

**MIDI\_IMPACT\_CAD**

Misinformation poses a threat to Canadian democracy.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**MIDI\_IMPACT\_OVER**

The effects of misinformation are overblown.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**MIDI\_IMPACT\_DIFF\_TH**

People in Canada who have political views that are different from me are a threat to democracy.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**TNR\_AWARE [1,3]**

Have you heard about any intimidation, harassment, or threats from foreign governments or their agents happening to people in Canada?

Please select all that apply, or select "None of the below" if none apply.

None of the below	97
This has happened to me personally	1
I have heard of this happening to people I know personally	2
I have heard of this happening to others in Canada who I do not know personally	3
Prefer not to say	9999

**PREPOLGOVERN**

For each of the following, would you say it is a good or bad way of governing this country?

**POLGOVERN1**

Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**POLGOVERN3**

Having a representative democracy where citizens vote to elect their representatives that make decisions on their behalf.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**PREQANTIINST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**QANTIINST1**

There is no "one right way" to live life; everybody has to create their own way.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**QANTIINST2**

We cannot fix the problems in our social institutions, we need to tear them down and start over.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## PREPOLICY\_SOCMED

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

### POLICY\_SOCMED\_REGULATE

The Canadian government should regulate social media platforms more than they are regulated now.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### POLICY\_SOCMED\_ACCOUNTABLE

The Canadian government should hold social media companies accountable for what appears on their platforms.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### GOV\_SURP

If the Canadian federal government had a budget surplus, should it be used to reduce taxes or increase spending on social programs and/or services?

Reduce taxes 1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Split evenly 5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
Increase social spending 9	9

## QSECT5

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about democracy in Canada as well as other countries.

### PERCEIVED\_POLARIZATION\_CAN

In your opinion, in Canada, are the conflicts between people who support different political parties very strong, strong, not very strong or are there no conflicts at all?

Very strong conflicts	1
Strong conflicts	2
Not very strong conflicts	3
There are no conflicts	4
Don't know	98

**CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_NEXT**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The next Canadian federal election will be free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_LAST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The last Canadian federal election (2021) was free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PRECAN\_ELECTION**

Thinking about the next federal election in Canada, how likely or unlikely do you think the following are?

**CAN\_ELECTION\_INDEP**

The organization that manages elections (Elections Canada) will operate impartially without undue political influence

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**CAN\_ELECTION\_FRAUD**

Vote fraud and/or other irregularities will have an impact on the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**CAN\_ELECTION\_VIOLENCE**

Elections workers and volunteers will experience intimidation and/or violence

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### CAN\_ELECTION\_FOREIGN

Foreign influence will have an impact on the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### PERCEIVED\_POLARIZATION\_US

In your opinion, in the United States, are the conflicts between people who support different political parties very strong, strong, not very strong, or are there no conflicts at all?

Very strong conflicts	1
Strong conflicts	2
Not very strong conflicts	3
There are no conflicts	4
Don't know	98

### USA\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_LAST

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The 2020 U.S. presidential election was free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### USA\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_2024

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The 2024 U.S. presidential election was free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### USA\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_2024\_CONS

Approximately what **percentage of adults in Canada** do you think agree (i.e., they "somewhat" or "strongly" agree) with the following claim:

**The 2024 U.S. presidential election was free and fair.**

Note: here, we are not asking about how much YOU agree with the following claim. Instead, we are asking you to estimate how many OTHER adults in Canada would agree with this claim.

0%	1
10%	2
20%	3

30%	4
40%	5
50%	6
60%	7
70%	8
80%	9
90%	10
100%	11

**PREUS\_ELECTION\_2024**

Thinking about the 2024 U.S. presidential election, how confident are you that the following did or did not happen?

**US\_ELECTION\_2024\_INDEP**

The management of the 2024 U.S. Presidential election operated impartially without undue political influence.

Very confident this did not happen	1
Somewhat confident this did not happen	2
Unsure / Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this did happen	4
Very confident this did happen	5

**US\_ELECTION\_2024\_FRAUD**

Vote fraud and/or other irregularities had an impact on the recent election.

Very confident this did not happen	1
Somewhat confident this did not happen	2
Unsure / Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this did happen	4
Very confident this did happen	5

**US\_ELECTION\_2024\_VIOLENCE**

Elections workers and volunteers experienced intimidation and/or violence during the recent election.

Very confident this did not happen	1
Somewhat confident this did not happen	2
Unsure / Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this did happen	4
Very confident this did happen	5

**US\_ELECTION\_2024\_FOREIGN**

Foreign influence had an impact on the recent election.

Very confident this did not happen	1
Somewhat confident this did not happen	2
Unsure / Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this did happen	4
Very confident this did happen	5

**PREPOLARIZATION\_MORALS**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_INGROUP**

Generally, people in Canada who share my political views are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_OUTGROUP**

Generally, people in Canada who have political views that are different from mine are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PRECANADA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada:

**CANADA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**CANADA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PREUSA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the United States:

### **USA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### **USA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### **PRERUSSIA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Russia:

#### **RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

#### **RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### **PRECHINA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that China:

#### **CHINA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

Don't know / Prefer not to answer 9999

**CHINA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PREINDIA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that India:

**INDIA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**INDIA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**QSECT6**

In this section, we will ask you a few questions about your experiences with others online.

**PRECYBERVIC\_POL**

In the past month, how often have you seen mean or hurtful messages, pictures, videos, or comments online towards the following?

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_AGREE**

People with the same political views as me

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_DISAGREE**

People with different political views than me

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_IMM**

Immigrants to Canada

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**CYBERVIC\_POL\_PERSONAL**

Myself, when I express political opinions

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**QSECT7**

In the next section, you will be asked questions about where and how you get news and other information.

**PREQATTNELXN**

In the past month, how often have you consumed news (e.g., read, listened to, watched) related to each of the following?

**QATTNELXN\_US**

Politics in the United States

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

## **QATTNELXN\_CAN**

Politics in Canada

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

## **PRESOCMED**

In the **past few months**, how often have you used each of the following social media platforms, apps, or websites?

### **SOCMED\_FB**

Facebook

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_TWI**

Twitter/X

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_INS**

Instagram

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_TIK**

TikTok

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_RED**

Reddit	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_YOU**

YouTube	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_DIS**

Discord	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_SNAP**

Snapchat	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_TELEGRAM**

Telegram	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**SOCMED\_OTHER [0,1]**

Other social media platforms not listed above (Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

- Never 1
- Once or a few times a month 2
- Once or a few times a week 3
- Once a day 4
- Multiple times a day 5
- Several hours per day (or more) 6

**PREINFO\_USE**

In the **past month**, how often did you get news or current information from each of the following sources?

**INFO\_USE\_FRIENDFAM**

Family, friends, and/or colleagues

- Never 1
- Once or twice 2
- Once or a few times a week 3
- Once a day 4
- Multiple times a day 5

**INFO\_USE\_SOCMED**

Social media

- Never 1
- Once or twice 2
- Once or a few times a week 3
- Once a day 4
- Multiple times a day 5

**INFO\_USE\_SCI**

Scientific experts

- Never 1
- Once or twice 2
- Once or a few times a week 3
- Once a day 4
- Multiple times a day 5

**INFO\_USE\_POL**

Politicians

- Never 1
- Once or twice 2
- Once or a few times a week 3
- Once a day 4
- Multiple times a day 5

### **INFO\_USE\_CANNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in Canada (e.g., CBC/SRC, CTV, National Post, La Presse)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_USNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in the United States (e.g., ABC, CNN, Fox, The Washington Post)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_INTLNEWS**

Large international news organizations and journalists (e.g., BBC, Le Monde, Reuters, AFP)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_LOCALNEWS**

Your local newspaper or news outlet

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_GCWEB**

Federal Government of Canada information sources (e.g., websites, social media accounts, commercials)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_INDIE**

Independent bloggers, podcasters, commentators, influencers, or journalists

Never	1
Once or twice	2

Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**PREQALGOLIT**

To the best of your knowledge, are the following claims about social media true or false?

**QALGOLIT1**

I can influence what posts get recommended to me based on which posts I like, comment on, share, or watch.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**QALGOLIT2**

When someone I follow or am friends with posts something, computer analyses of those posts decide whether I will see it.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**QALGOLIT3**

If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will get the same set of results.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**QALGOLIT4**

Visiting websites outside of social media platforms cannot impact what I see on social media platforms.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**EXPOSURE [0,5]**

In the past month, have you noticed any of the following online?

Please select all that apply (you do not have to select any).

Verifiably false news	1
Fake accounts pretending to be real people (i.e., sometimes referred to as "bots")	2
Foreign propaganda (messages or information from another country that are meant to influence or persuade people in your own country)	3
News articles or posts generated by artificial intelligence	4
Images or videos of politicians generated by artificial intelligence	5

**PREQAWARE\_W7**

How familiar, if at all, are you with the following news stories?

**QAWARE\_W7\_PIFI**

The public hearings examining foreign interference in Canadian elections.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W7\_IMM1**

The Government of Canada reducing the number of temporary and permanent residents in 2025 and 2026.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W7\_IMM2**

President-elect Donald Trump's promise to implement the largest mass deportation plan in U.S. history.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W7\_INDIA**

Canada expelling top Indian diplomats after alleging their involvement in violent crimes in Canada.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W7\_NK**

North Korea sending thousands of troops to Russia to fight against Ukraine.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W7\_MUSK**

President-elect Donald Trump naming Elon Musk as co-lead of a new "Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)".

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

## **QSECT8**

In this section, you will be asked assorted questions about your views on the world.

### **PREWORRIED**

How worried are you about...

#### **WORRIED\_FIN**

...you and/or your family's current financial situation

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### **WORRIED\_IMMIGRATION\_RATE**

...the increased number of immigrants in Canada

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### **WORRIED\_CONFLICT**

...increasing global conflict

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### **WORRIED\_DISAIR**

...the impacts of natural disasters on my home and/or community (e.g., flood, wildfire, hurricane, tornado, etc.)

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### **WORRIED\_HEALTHCRISIS**

...a future health crisis or pandemic

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3

Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_SOCIETY**

...increasing divisiveness and/or conflict in Canadian society

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_AI\_MIDI**

...artificial intelligence being used to generate false or misleading information

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_EXPRESSPOL**

...expressing your political opinions publicly

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_COSTECON**

...the state of the economy

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **PREPROP**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following claims?

#### **PROP\_CHI1T**

China attempted to interfere with the 2021 Canadian election.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3

Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_RUS2**

Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_RUS3**

Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_CHI1**

COVID-19 likely originated in an American biological lab.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PROP\_IND1T**

The Government of India was involved in violent crimes targeting Sikh separatists living in Canada.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**PRECONSPOP**

Here are some ideas that some people agree with, and others disagree with. In thinking about each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the statements below:

**CONSPOP\_A**

Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**CONSPOP\_D**

Big events like wars, recessions, and the outcomes of elections, are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_B**

People who have studied for a long time and have many diplomas do not really know what makes the world go round.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_G**

Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PREPOVO**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**POVO3A**

The use of force by ordinary citizens is sometimes necessary to achieve the political goals I support.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**POVO3B**

I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

## POVO4

We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## PREQANTIDEMNORMS

How often would you say each of the following are appropriate? When we say 'political group' think of the people, in Canada, who have similar political views.

When, if ever, is it okay for a supporter of my favoured political group to:

### QANTIDEMNORMS\_ONLINE

...harass leaders of other political groups online?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5

### QANTIDEMNORMS\_OFFLINE

...harass leaders of other political groups in-person?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5

## QSECT9

In this final section, you will be asked some follow-up questions about yourself.

### EDUCATION

What is the highest certificate, diploma, or degree that you have completed?

Less than high school diploma or its equivalent	1
High school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate	2
Trades certificate or diploma	3
CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma (other than trades certificates or diplomas)	4
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level	5
Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.A. (Hons), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)	6
University certificate, diploma, or degree above the bachelor's level	7
Prefer not to say	9999

## COMMUNITY\_SIZE

Which of the following best describes where you now live?

A large city	1
A suburb near a large city	2
A small city or town	3
A rural area	4
A remote area	5
Prefer not to say	9999

## QFSA

What are the first 3 characters of your postal code? We only use this to understand some things about the area you live in.

Please enter characters here:	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## DEBRIEF

Some of the questions in this study **presented statements that are inaccurate**, based on current expert evidence and consensus. General headlines like these have been debunked by various reputable sources.

The following are **accurate versions of these statements** according to the **current, best available evidence**. For claims about Canadian elections, see **Elections' Canada ElectroFacts**

(<https://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=res&dir=dis&document=index&lang=e>)

- Elections Canada **does not** use automatic ballot-counting machines to count ballots or tabulate results in Canadian federal elections. While Elections Canada does not use automatic ballot-counting machines, they are safely and securely used for some elections by other levels of government in Canada.
- Any electoral reform or related changes to the structure of voting in Canadian federal elections requires changes to the Canada Elections Act, which can **only be made by Parliament**, not Elections Canada. Elections Canada is only responsible for administering elections as they are described in the Canada Elections Act.
- Arizona election officials **did not** change ballot totals in the 2024 U.S. presidential election and thus no election officials were arrested either. Ballots in Arizona are two pages, and election officials mistakenly uploaded the page total instead of the ballot total - a clerical mistake that was corrected within two hours.
- Michigan **did not** have more *active* registered voters (7.2 million) than those eligible for voting in the state (7.9 million). The total number of registered voters (8.4 million) includes both active and inactive voters, due to state and federal laws specifying that inactive voters cannot be removed from voting rolls until a specified time has passed.

- <[New respondent]If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will **usually not** get the same set of results. Search engine results are often personalize based on several factors including location, search history, language or device type. Furthermore, an element of randomness can also be included.>
- <[New respondent]Visiting websites outside of social media platforms **can impact** what you see on social media platforms though, for example, the tracking of cookies, cross-platform data sharing, or search behaviour.>

Some other questions in this study presented narratives that have been amplified by foreign actors. They were:

- Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.
- COVID-19 likely originated in an American biological lab.

## **DEBRIEF2**

This study dealt with topics that you might have found distressing. If needed, we want to encourage you to consider using free mental health services, including the following:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/mental-health-services/mental-health-get-help.html>

## **THNK**

**You have now completed the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

## **THNK2**

### ***Screened-out***

Unfortunately, based on your responses you are not eligible to participate in this survey. Thank you for your time!

## D. Wave 8 Questionnaire

### WINTRO

The Government of Canada is conducting a research study on trust and confidence in public institutions, including governments. We greatly appreciate your participation. EKOS has been hired to administer this survey. Si vous préférez répondre au sondage en français, veuillez cliquer sur [français](#).

The survey takes about 25 minutes to complete. It is voluntary, completely anonymous, and confidential. Please complete the survey in one sitting.

Your responses will be identified by a subject number, so the researchers will not know your identity or your personal information. You can review EKOS' privacy policy [here](#).

The purpose of this study is to understand opinions and behaviours relating to public trust, Canadian democracy, and information consumption across multiple areas of Canadian life (for example, public health and climate change). Your answers will be used for research purposes.

This survey includes questions about your personal experiences and current public affairs, some of which may be sensitive. You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons if you find any of the content distressing.

Further information about this study:

- Your data will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Government of Canada Privacy Policy.
- Your participation in the study is voluntary and your responses will be kept entirely anonymous and confidential.
- <[Target group]By completing this survey, you will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as our 'thank you' for your time. It will be emailed to you in a few weeks after completing the survey. [Everyone else]Should you choose to participate and complete the survey, you will be entered into a draw for 1 of 4 prizes of \$500.>

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact [iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:iuu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca) and indicate the survey topic in the subject line.

### CONSENT

I agree to participate in the study and understand that my answers will be used to advance scientific knowledge about trust in public institutions and inform government policies.

I agree to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the information provided here.

I am aware that the data will be published in anonymous form to promote transparency in research.

I agree to participate

1

No, I don't want to participate

2

### **QINTRONOTE**

Thank you for deciding to participate in this study. Please answer all the questions in this survey to the best of your ability without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

If you are completing this survey on a mobile device, you might find it easier in landscape orientation.

### **DEMO**

First, please provide us with some information about yourself.

#### **BIRTH\_YEAR**

In what year were you born?

Enter year: 7777  
Prefer not to say 9999

#### **QAGE**

In which of the following age categories do you belong?

Under 18 98  
18 to 24 1  
25 to 34 2  
35 to 44 3  
45 to 54 4  
55 to 64 5  
65 to 74 6  
75 and older 7

#### **GENDER**

What is your gender? Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, a woman or a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman, for example, non-binary, agender, gender fluid, queer or Two-Spirit.

Man 1  
Woman 2  
Or please specify your gender: 4  
Prefer not to say 9999

#### **PROVINCE**

In which province or territory do you live?

Select one only  
Alberta 2  
British Columbia 1  
Manitoba 4

New Brunswick	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	10
Northwest Territories	12
Nova Scotia	8
Nunavut	13
Ontario	5
Prince Edward Island	9
Quebec	6
Saskatchewan	3
Yukon	11
I live outside Canada	97

### HOUSEHOLD\_INCOME

Which of the following categories best describes your total household income for the year ending December 31, 2023? That is, the total income of all persons in your household combined, before taxes?

Under \$20,000	1
\$20,000 to just under \$40,000	2
\$40,000 to just under \$60,000	3
\$60,000 to just under \$80,000	4
\$80,000 to just under \$100,000	5
\$100,000 to just under \$150,000	6
\$150,000 to just under \$200,000	7
\$200,000 to just under \$250,000	8
\$250,000 and above	9
Prefer not to say	9999

### INDIGENOUS [1,3]

Are you First Nations, Métis, or Inuit? Note: First Nations includes Status and Non-Status Indians.

Please select all that apply.

No, not First Nations, Métis, or Inuit	1
Yes, First Nations	2
Yes, Métis	3
Yes, Inuit	4
Prefer not to say	9999

### ETHNICITY [1,12]

<[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]In addition to being an Indigenous person, you may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?[ELSE]You may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?>

Please select all that apply.

Arab	1
Black	2
Chinese	3
Filipino	4
Japanese	5

Korean	6
Latin American	7
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	8
Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Thai, Laotian, etc.)	9
West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)	10
White	11
Other group (Please specify:)	77
[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]	
No, I don't identify with any other racial or cultural group	9998
Prefer not to say	9999

## QLANGUAGE

Which language do you speak **most often** at home?

English	1
French	2
Arabic	3
Atikamekw	4
Cantonese	5
Cree	6
Dene	7
Dutch	8
German	9
Greek	10
Gujarati	11
Hindi	12
Inuktitut	13
Italian	14
Korean	15
Mandarin	16
Mi'kmaq	17
Montagnais (Innu)	18
Ojibway	19
Oji-Cree	20
Persian (Farsi)	21
Polish	22
Portuguese	23
Punjabi	24
Romanian	25
Russian	26
Spanish	27
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	28
Tamil	29
Ukrainian	30
Urdu	31
Vietnamese	32
Language not listed above (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## **BIRTH\_PLACE**

Where were you born?

In Canada	1
Outside of Canada (please specify the country)	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## **IMMIGRATE\_YEAR**

In what year did you first come to Canada to live? If exact year is not known, enter best estimate.

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

## **RESIDENT\_STATUS**

Which of the following categories best describes your current resident status in Canada?

Canadian Citizen	1
Permanent Resident of Canada (but not a citizen)	2
Temporary Foreign Worker program	3
Other Temporary Work Permit	4
International Student	5
Refugee or Protected Person	6
Other (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## **LGBTQ2**

Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community (Two-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, another sexual orientation, or gender identity)?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## **PARENT**

Are you a parent?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## **VOTE\_NEXTELEC**

Do you think you will vote in the next Canadian federal election?

Yes	1
No, I will be eligible but will not vote	2
No, I will not be eligible to vote	3
I'm not sure yet	4

## VOTE\_IMPORTANCE

In your view, how important, if at all, is it that people vote in Canadian federal elections?

Not at all important	1
Not very important	2
Important	3
Very important	4
Don't know	98

## QSECT2

In the next section, you will be asked some questions about various national issues: elections, health, and international affairs. Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

## PREMIS\_ELEC

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements about elections in Canada true or false?

### MIS\_T\_W8ELEC\_1

Provinces and territories can run their elections differently from Canadian federal elections.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### MIS\_T\_W8ELEC\_2

Votes in federal elections are always counted by multiple election workers.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### MIS\_F\_W8ELEC\_3

The Chief Electoral Officer, who runs Canada's federal elections, is appointed by the Prime Minister.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

**MIS\_F\_W8ELEC\_4**

If Canadians receive a voter card for a family member who is deceased, they can cast a vote using it.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**PREMIS\_GEN**

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements true or false?

**MIS\_F\_W8HEALTH\_1**

The concentrations of fluoride added to drinking water in Canada are linked to lower IQ scores in children.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_W8HEALTH\_2**

In late 2024, the first confirmed human case of H5N1 avian flu in Canada was identified in a BC teen.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_T\_W8INTL\_1**

In 2023-2024, the U.S. border patrol reported a record number of encounters with migrants at the Canadian border who were inadmissible or crossed irregularly.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**MIS\_F\_W8INTL\_2**

The United States subsidizes Canada with more than \$100 billion a year.

- Very confident this is false 1
- Somewhat confident this is false 2
- Don't know 3
- Somewhat confident this is true 4
- Very confident this is true 5

**QSECT3**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about trust in government and other organizations/groups. Some of these questions may be similar to each other - please read carefully and answer each to the best of your ability.

In this survey, the word 'government' refers to the whole institution of government, all the people who work for it, and the systems, policies, programs, services, and decisions it makes. We are not referring to specific political parties and politicians.

**PRETRUST\_GOV**

In general, how much do you currently trust or distrust the following levels of government to make good decisions in the best interest of the public?

**TRUST\_GOV\_CAN**

The federal government

- Strongly distrust 1
- Somewhat distrust 2
- Neither trust nor distrust 3
- Somewhat trust 4
- Strongly trust 5

**TRUST\_GOV\_PROVTERR**

Your provincial/territorial government

- Strongly distrust 1
- Somewhat distrust 2
- Neither trust nor distrust 3
- Somewhat trust 4
- Strongly trust 5

**TRUST\_GOV\_MUNI**

Your local or municipal government

- Strongly distrust 1
- Somewhat distrust 2
- Neither trust nor distrust 3
- Somewhat trust 4
- Strongly trust 5

**TRUSTINST**

In general, to what extent do you trust or distrust the following groups or entities?

**TRUST\_MEDIA**

Large news media organizations in Canada

- Strongly distrust 1
- Somewhat distrust 2
- Neither trust nor distrust 3

Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_AMERICANMEDIA**

Large news media organizations in the United States

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_POLITICIANS**

Politicians in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_PS**

Federal public servants (e.g., non-political employees at Service Canada, statisticians working on the census etc.)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_POLICE**

The police in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_RCMP**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP; Canada's national police force)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

Don't know 98

### **TRUST\_INTELLIGENCE**

Canada's Security and Intelligence Agencies (e.g., Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSE))

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_CAF**

Canadian Armed Forces (e.g., Army, Navy, Air Force)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_ELXNCAN**

Elections Canada (the non-partisan agency responsible for administering Canadian federal elections)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_ELXNPOLLS**

Workers at polling stations in Canadian federal elections

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_UN**

The United Nations

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## PRESOC\_TRUST

How much do you trust or distrust each of the following groups of people:

### SOC\_TRUST\_SCHWORK

People you interact with in your neighbourhood

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### SOC\_TRUST\_IMM

People who recently immigrated to Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### SOC\_TRUST\_POLIN

People in Canada who share your political views

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### SOC\_TRUST\_POLOUT

People in Canada who have political views that are different from yours

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### TRUST\_WHAT2 [0,3]

Over the next few years, which of the following changes would most **increase** your trust in the Government of Canada?

Note: We are not asking about trust in a specific political party, but rather the federal government in general (regardless of which party is in power).

Please select up to three (you do not have to select any).

Better program and service delivery.	1
Greater diversity in leadership in the federal government.	2

More public involvement in deciding on key issues.	3
More useful government resources (e.g., websites).	4
More recognition of past mistakes or wrongdoings by the federal government.	5
More open communication about how federal government decisions are made.	6
Reducing "red tape" (i.e., administrative burden for accessing government programs/services).	7
Delivering on major promises and policy commitments.	8
Implementing measures to prevent government corruption.	9
Other (Please specify in a few words:)	77

#### **QSECT4**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about democracy in Canada.

#### **POLICYWHAT [0,3]**

Hypothetically, if the Government of Canada were to allocate more resources to the following goals, which of them would you prioritize?

Please select up to three (you do not have to select any).

Responding to climate change	1
Protecting the environment	2
Growing Canada's economy	3
Reducing the cost of living	4
Improving the health care system	5
Improving the immigration system	6
Providing assistance to Ukraine in response to Russia's invasion	7
Preventing foreign governments from interfering in Canada's affairs	8
Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples	9
Combatting the spread of misinformation and disinformation online	10
Reducing crime	11
Defending against terrorism	12

#### **PREPROSPECT**

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### **PROSPECT\_POLARIZATION**

As people living in Canada, we need to put aside our differences and come together to fight the challenges facing the nation.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

#### **PROSPECT\_PROUD**

I am proud to live in Canada.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3

Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PROSPECT\_HOPE**

Canada will be in a better place ten years from now.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PROSPECT\_BETTER**

My family and I will be better off in ten years.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **DEM\_SAT**

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Canada?

Very dissatisfied	1
Somewhat dissatisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Somewhat satisfied	4
Very satisfied	5
Don't know	98

### **DEMCAN\_INFLUENCE**

How much would you say the political system in Canada allows people like you to have an influence on politics?

Not at all	1
Very little	2
Some	3
A lot	4

### **PREDEMCAN**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **DEMCAN\_ACCEPTNEXTELEC**

I will accept the outcome of the next Canadian election, regardless of who wins.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**DEMCAN\_EXPPOLI**

Individuals in Canada are free to express their personal views on political topics without fear of surveillance or punishment.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**DEMCAN\_FREEASSEMBLE**

Individuals can freely assemble in Canada (e.g., freedom to protest peacefully, engage in petitions, organize public events).

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**DEMCAN\_JUSTSYS**

The Canadian justice system treats everyone equally.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PREMIDI\_IMPACT**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following claims?

**MIDI\_IMPACT\_CAD**

Misinformation poses a threat to Canadian democracy.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**MIDI\_IMPACT\_OVER**

The effects of misinformation are overblown.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

### **MIDI\_IMPACT\_DIFF\_TH**

People in Canada who have political views that are different from me are a threat to democracy.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PREPOLGOVERN**

For each of the following, would you say it is a good or bad way of governing this country?

#### **POLGOVERN1**

Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

#### **POLGOVERN3**

Having a representative democracy where citizens vote to elect their representatives that make decisions on their behalf.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

### **PREQANTIINST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **QANTIINST1**

There is no "one right way" to live life; everybody has to create their own way.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

#### **QANTIINST2**

We cannot fix the problems in our social institutions, we need to tear them down and start over.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## PREPOLICY\_SOCMED

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

### POLICY\_SOCMED\_REGULATE

The Canadian government should regulate social media platforms more than they are regulated now.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### POLICY\_SOCMED\_ACCOUNTABLE

The Canadian government should hold social media companies accountable for what appears on their platforms.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### GOV\_SURP

If the Canadian federal government had a budget surplus, should it be used to reduce taxes or increase spending on social programs and/or services?

Reduce taxes 1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Split evenly 5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
Increase social spending 9	9

### FEDERALISM\_ROLES

Which of the following statements is closest to your own view of how governments should work in Canada?

The government of my province/territory should take charge of many of the things federal government does right now	1
The federal government should take charge of many of the things the government of my province/territory does right now	2
Things should be left pretty much as they are	3
I do not know enough to say	98
I do not have an opinion on this	99

## QSECT5

In the next section, you will be asked a few more questions about democracy in Canada as well as other countries.

### PERCEIVED\_POLARIZATION\_CAN

In your opinion, in Canada, are the conflicts between people who support different political parties very strong, strong, not very strong or are there no conflicts at all?

Very strong conflicts	1
Strong conflicts	2
Not very strong conflicts	3
There are no conflicts	4
Don't know	98

### CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_NEXT

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The next Canadian federal election will be free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_LAST

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The last Canadian federal election (2021) was free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### PRECAN\_ELECTION

Thinking about the next federal election in Canada, how likely or unlikely do you think the following are?

### CAN\_ELECTION\_INDEP

The organization that manages elections (Elections Canada) will operate impartially without undue political influence

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### **CAN\_ELECTION\_FRAUD**

Vote fraud and/or other irregularities will have an impact on the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### **CAN\_ELECTION\_VIOLENCE**

Elections workers and volunteers will experience intimidation and/or violence

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### **CAN\_ELECTION\_FOREIGN**

Foreign influence will have an impact on the next election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

### **PERCEIVED\_POLARIZATION\_US**

In your opinion, in the United States, are the conflicts between people who support different political parties very strong, strong, not very strong, or are there no conflicts at all?

Very strong conflicts	1
Strong conflicts	2
Not very strong conflicts	3
There are no conflicts	4
Don't know	98

### **USA\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_LAST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The 2020 U.S. presidential election was free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## **USA\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR\_2024**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The 2024 U.S. presidential election was free and fair.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## **PREPOLARIZATION\_MORALS**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_INGROUP**

Generally, people in Canada who share my political views are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_OUTGROUP**

Generally, people in Canada who have political views that are different from mine are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## **PRECAN\_US\_COMPARISONS**

When you think about Canada and the United States, which country would you say:

### **CAN\_US\_COMPARISONS\_HEALTH**

Has a better health care system

Canada	1
The United States	2
They are equal	3
No opinion	4

### **CAN\_US\_COMPARISONS\_RIGHTS**

Is better at protecting the rights of individuals

Canada	1
The United States	2
They are equal	3
No opinion	4

## **CAN\_US\_COMPARISONS\_LIVING**

Has a higher standard of living

Canada	1
The United States	2
They are equal	3
No opinion	4

## **PREINFLUENCE**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

### **USA\_INFLUENCEA**

In general, what happens in U.S. politics has a big impact on Canada's economy.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **USA\_INFLUENCEB**

In general, what happens in U.S. politics has a big impact on Canadian society.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **CAN\_INFLUENCEA**

In general, what happens in Canadian politics has a big impact on the U.S. economy.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **CAN\_INFLUENCEB**

In general, what happens in Canadian politics has a big impact on American society.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## **PRECANADA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada:

**CANADA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**CANADA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PREUSA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the United States:

**USA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**USA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PRERUSSIA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Russia:

**RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

Don't know / Prefer not to answer 9999

### **RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### **PRECHINA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that China:

#### **CHINA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

#### **CHINA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### **PREINDIA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that India:

#### **INDIA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

#### **INDIA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2

Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

## QSECT6

In the next section, you will be asked questions about your experiences with others online, in addition to where and how you get news and other information.

## PRECYBERVIC\_POL

In the past month, how often have you seen mean or hurtful messages, pictures, videos, or comments online towards the following?

### CYBERVIC\_POL\_AGREE

People with the same political views as me

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

### CYBERVIC\_POL\_DISAGREE

People with different political views than me

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

### CYBERVIC\_POL\_IMM

Immigrants to Canada

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

### CYBERVIC\_POL\_PERSONAL

Myself, when I express political opinions

Never	1
Rarely	2

Sometimes	3
Often	4
Very often	5
Prefer not to say	9999
Not applicable	98

**PREQATTNELXN**

In the past month, how often have you consumed news (e.g., read, listened to, watched) related to each of the following?

**QATTNELXN\_US**

Politics in the United States

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**QATTNELXN\_CAN**

Politics in Canada

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**PRESOCMED**

In the **past few months**, how often have you used each of the following social media platforms, apps, or websites?

**SOCMED\_FB**

Facebook

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**SOCMED\_TWI**

Twitter/X

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_INS**

Instagram	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_TIK**

TikTok	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_RED**

Reddit	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_YOU**

YouTube	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_DIS**

Discord	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### **SOCMED\_SNAP**

Snapchat	
Never	1

Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**SOCMED\_TELEGRAM**

Telegram	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**SOCMED\_OTHER [0,1]**

Other social media platforms not listed above (Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**PREINFO\_USE**

In the **past month**, how often did you get news or current information from each of the following sources?

**INFO\_USE\_FRIENDFAM**

Family, friends, and/or colleagues

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_SOCMED**

Social media

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_SCI**

Scientific experts

Never	1
Once or twice	2

Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_POL**

Politicians	
Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_CANNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in Canada (e.g., CBC/SRC, CTV, National Post, La Presse)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_USNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in the United States (e.g., ABC, CNN, Fox, The Washington Post)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_INTLNEWS**

Large international news organizations and journalists (e.g., BBC, Le Monde, Reuters, AFP)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_LOCALNEWS**

Your local newspaper or news outlet

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_GCWEB**

Federal Government of Canada information sources (e.g., websites, social media accounts, commercials)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_INDIE**

Independent bloggers, podcasters, commentators, influencers, or journalists

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **PREQALGOLIT**

To the best of your knowledge, are the following claims about social media true or false?

#### **QALGOLIT1**

I can influence what posts get recommended to me based on which posts I like, comment on, share, or watch.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

#### **QALGOLIT2**

When someone I follow or am friends with posts something, computer analyses of those posts decide whether I will see it.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

#### **QALGOLIT3**

If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will get the same set of results.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

#### **QALGOLIT4**

Visiting websites outside of social media platforms cannot impact what I see on social media platforms.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**EXPOSURE [0,5]**

In the past month, have you noticed any of the following online?

Please select all that apply (you do not have to select any).

- Verifiably false news 1
- Fake accounts pretending to be real people (i.e., sometimes referred to as "bots") 2
- Foreign propaganda (messages or information from another country that are meant to influence or persuade people in your own country) 3
- News articles or posts generated by artificial intelligence 4
- Images or videos of politicians generated by artificial intelligence 5

**PREQAWARE\_W8**

How familiar, if at all, are you with the following news stories?

**QAWARE\_W8\_TARIFF**

The President of the United States has considered imposing tariffs on all products entering the United States from Canada.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W8\_FBFACTCHECK**

Meta, the parent company of Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Threads, announced that it was ending fact-checking on its platforms in the United States.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W8\_ECONFORCE**

Before his inauguration, the current President of the United States said he would be willing to use economic force to take over Canada.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W8\_PARDONS**

The President of the United States granted pardons for almost all people (more than 1500) charged with crimes in connection with the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

**QAWARE\_W7\_PIFI**

The public hearings examining foreign interference in Canadian elections.

- This is the first time I am hearing about it 1
- Somewhat familiar 2
- Very familiar 3

## QSECT7

In this section, you will be asked assorted questions about your views on the world.

### PREWORRIED

How worried are you about...

#### WORRIED\_FIN

...you and/or your family's current financial situation

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### WORRIED\_IMMIGRATION\_RATE

...the increased number of immigrants in Canada

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### WORRIED\_CONFLICT

...increasing global conflict

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### WORRIED\_DISAIR

...the impacts of natural disasters on my home and/or community (e.g., flood, wildfire, hurricane, tornado, etc.)

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

#### WORRIED\_HEALTHCRISIS

...a future health crisis or pandemic

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2

Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_SOCIETY**

...increasing divisiveness and/or conflict in Canadian society

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_AI\_MIDI**

...artificial intelligence being used to generate false or misleading information

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_EXPRESSPOL**

...expressing your political opinions publicly

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_COSTECON**

...the state of the economy

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_US**

...Canada-U.S. relations

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

**PREPROP**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following claims?

**PROP\_CHI1T**

China attempted to interfere with the 2021 Canadian election.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PROP\_RUS2**

Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PROP\_RUS3**

Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PROP\_CHI1**

COVID-19 likely originated in an American biological lab.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PROP\_IND1T**

The Government of India was involved in violent crimes targeting Sikh separatists living in Canada.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PRECONSPOP**

Here are some ideas that some people agree with, and others disagree with. In thinking about each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the statements below:

**CONSPOP\_A**

Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_D**

Big events like wars, recessions, and the outcomes of elections, are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_B**

People who have studied for a long time and have many diplomas do not really know what makes the world go round.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_G**

Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PREPOVO**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**POVO3A**

The use of force by ordinary citizens is sometimes necessary to achieve the political goals I support.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4

Strongly agree 5

### **POVO3B**

I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

### **POVO4**

We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country.

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

### **PREQANTIDEMNORMS**

How often would you say each of the following are appropriate? When we say 'political group' think of the people, in Canada, who have similar political views.

When, if ever, is it okay for a supporter of my favoured political group to:

#### **QANTIDEMNORMS\_ONLINE**

...harass leaders of other political groups online?

Never 1  
Rarely 2  
Sometimes 3  
Often 4  
Always 5

#### **QANTIDEMNORMS\_OFFLINE**

...harass leaders of other political groups in-person?

Never 1  
Rarely 2  
Sometimes 3  
Often 4  
Always 5

### **USMERGE\_SUPPORT**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada should become part of the United States (e.g., through a new political and economic union, as a new State or new States, etc.)?

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

## USMERGE\_SUPPORT\_CONSENSUS

Approximately what **percentage of adults in Canada** do you think agree (i.e., they "somewhat" or "strongly" agree) with the following claim:

**Canada should become part of the United States (e.g., through a new political and economic union, as a new State or new States, etc.)?**

Note: here, we are not asking about how much YOU agree with this claim. Instead, we are asking you to estimate how many OTHER adults in Canada would agree.

% 1 <

## PRECAN\_US\_INDINT

When it comes to relations between Canada and the United States, do you think...

### CAN\_US\_ECONOMY

Canada's **economy** should be:

More independent from the U.S.	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Same as now	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
More integrated with the U.S.	9

### CAN\_US\_MILITARY

Canada's **military** should be:

More independent from the U.S.	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Same as now	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
More integrated with the U.S.	9

### CAN\_US\_CONSTITUTION

Canada's **laws and regulations** should be:

More independent from the U.S.	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Same as now	5
5	6

7	7
8	8
More integrated with the U.S.	9

## QSECT8

In this final section, you will be asked some follow-up questions about yourself.

## EDUCATION

What is the highest certificate, diploma, or degree that you have completed?

Less than high school diploma or its equivalent	1
High school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate	2
Trades certificate or diploma	3
CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma (other than trades certificates or diplomas)	4
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level	5
Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.A. (Hons), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)	6
University certificate, diploma, or degree above the bachelor's level	7
Prefer not to say	9999

## COMMUNITY\_SIZE

Which of the following best describes where you now live?

A large city	1
A suburb near a large city	2
A small city or town	3
A rural area	4
A remote area	5
Prefer not to say	9999

## QFSA

What are the first 3 characters of your postal code? We only use this to understand some things about the area you live in.

Please enter characters here:	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## DEBRIEF

Some of the questions in this study **presented statements that are inaccurate**, based on current expert evidence and consensus. General headlines like these have been debunked by various reputable sources.

The following are **accurate versions of these statements** according to the **current, best available evidence**. For claims about Canadian elections, see **Elections' Canada ElectroFacts**

(<https://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=res&dir=dis&document=index&lang=e>)

- The Chief Electoral Officer, who runs Canada's federal elections is **not** appointed by the Prime Minister, and is instead appointed to a 10-year, non-renewable term by a resolution in the House of Commons. Thus, all parties represented in the House of Commons participate in the process of selecting the Chief Electoral Officer.
- Canadians **can not** cast a vote using the voter card for a family member who is deceased as that is both an offence, and would be caught through voters being required to show another piece of accepted ID to prove their identity before voting.
- There is **no current evidence** that suggests adding fluoride to community water supplies at Canadian recommended levels is linked to lower IQ in children in those communities. These misperceptions are based on studies that had methodological flaws such as not properly controlling for other pollutants in community water or selected narrow examples of community water supplies that had more than twice the allowed, safe concentrations of fluoride in water in countries such as Canada and the U.S..
- The U.S. **does not** subsidize Canada with \$100 billion annually, nor subsidize Canada at all. While the U.S. has provided foreign assistance, since 2001, the U.S. has never spent more than \$35.1 million in a year in foreign assistance to Canada. Furthermore, the U.S. has a trade deficit with Canada (about \$80.2 billion in 2022), meaning that the U.S. buys more goods from Canada than Canada buys from the U.S. However, a trade deficit is not a subsidy.
- <[New respondent]If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will **usually not** get the same set of results. Search engine results are often personalize based on several factors including location, search history, language or device type. Furthermore, an element of randomness can also be included.>
- <[New respondent]Visiting websites outside of social media platforms **can impact** what you see on social media platforms through, for example, the tracking of cookies, cross-platform data sharing, or search behaviour.>

Some other questions in this study presented narratives that have been amplified by foreign actors. They were:

- Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.
- COVID-19 likely originated in an American biological lab.

## DEBRIEF2

This study dealt with topics that you might have found distressing. If needed, we want to encourage you to consider using free mental health services, including the following:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/mental-health-services/mental-health-get-help.html>

**THNK**

**You have now completed the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

**THNK2**

***Screened-out***

Unfortunately, based on your responses you are not eligible to participate in this survey. Thank you for your time!

# E. Wave 9 Questionnaire

## WINTRO

The Government of Canada is conducting a research study on trust and confidence in public institutions, including governments. EKOS has been hired to administer this survey. Si vous préférez répondre au sondage en français, veuillez cliquer sur [français](#).

The survey takes about 25 minutes to complete. It is voluntary, completely anonymous, and confidential. Please complete the survey in one sitting.

Your responses will be identified by a subject number, so the researchers will not know your identity or your personal information. You can review EKOS' privacy policy [here](#).

The purpose of this study is to understand opinions and behaviours relating to public trust, Canadian democracy, and information consumption across multiple areas of Canadian life. Your answers will be used for research purposes.

This survey includes questions about your personal experiences and current public affairs, some of which may be sensitive. You may stop the survey at any time and without giving reasons if you find any of the content distressing.

Further information about this study:

- Your data will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Government of Canada Privacy Policy.
- Your participation in the study is voluntary and your responses will be kept entirely anonymous and confidential.
- <[Incentive offered]By completing this survey, you will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as our 'thank you' for your time. It will be emailed to you in a few weeks after completing the survey.[Everyone else]Should you choose to participate and complete the survey, you will be entered into a draw for 1 of 4 prizes of \$500.>

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact [iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:iiu-iii@pco-bcp.gc.ca) and indicate the survey topic in the subject line.

## CONSENT

I agree to participate in the study and understand that my answers will be used to advance scientific knowledge about trust in public institutions and inform government policies.

I agree to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the information provided here.

I am aware that the data will be published in anonymous form to promote transparency in research.

I agree to participate	1
No, I don't want to participate	2

## **QINTRONOTE**

Thank you for deciding to participate in this study. Please answer all the questions in this survey to the best of your ability without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

## **DEMO**

First, please provide us with some information about yourself.

### **BIRTH\_YEAR**

In what year were you born?

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

### **QAGE**

In which of the following age categories do you belong?

Under 18	98
18 to 24	1
25 to 34	2
35 to 44	3
45 to 54	4
55 to 64	5
65 to 74	6
75 and older	7

### **GENDER**

What is your gender? Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, a woman or a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman, for example, non-binary, agender, gender fluid, queer or Two-Spirit.

Man	1
Woman	2
Or please specify your gender:	4
Prefer not to say	9999

### **REGION**

In which province or territory do you live?

Select one only

Alberta	2
British Columbia	1
Manitoba	4
New Brunswick	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	10
Northwest Territories	12
Nova Scotia	8
Nunavut	13
Ontario	5

Prince Edward Island	9
Quebec	6
Saskatchewan	3
Yukon	11
I live outside Canada	97

## HOUSEHOLD\_INCOME

Which of the following categories best describes your total household income for the year ending December 31, 2024? That is, the total income of all persons in your household combined, before taxes?

Under \$20,000	1
\$20,000 to just under \$40,000	2
\$40,000 to just under \$60,000	3
\$60,000 to just under \$80,000	4
\$80,000 to just under \$100,000	5
\$100,000 to just under \$150,000	6
\$150,000 to just under \$200,000	7
\$200,000 to just under \$250,000	8
\$250,000 and above	9
Prefer not to say	9999

## INDIGENOUS [1,3]

Are you First Nations, Métis, or Inuit? Note: First Nations includes Status and Non-Status Indians.

Please select all that apply.

No, not First Nations, Métis, or Inuit	1
Yes, First Nations	2
Yes, Métis	3
Yes, Inuit	4
Prefer not to say	9999

## ETHNICITY [1,12]

<[INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]In addition to being an Indigenous person, you may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?[ELSE]You may belong to one or more racial or cultural groups on the following list. Are you...?>

Please select all that apply.

Arab	1
Black	2
Chinese	3
Filipino	4
Japanese	5
Korean	6
Latin American	7
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	8
Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Thai, Laotian, etc.)	9
West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)	10
White	11

Other group (Please specify: [INDIGENOUS = 2,3,4]	77
No, I don't identify with any other racial or cultural group	9998
Prefer not to say	9999

## QLANGUAGE

Which language do you speak **most often** at home?

English	1
French	2
Arabic	3
Atikamekw	4
Cantonese	5
Cree	6
Dene	7
Dutch	8
German	9
Greek	10
Gujarati	11
Hindi	12
Inuktitut	13
Italian	14
Korean	15
Mandarin	16
Mi'kmaq	17
Montagnais (Innu)	18
Ojibway	19
Oji-Cree	20
Persian (Farsi)	21
Polish	22
Portuguese	23
Punjabi	24
Romanian	25
Russian	26
Spanish	27
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	28
Tamil	29
Ukrainian	30
Urdu	31
Vietnamese	32
Language not listed above (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## BIRTH\_PLACE

Where were you born?

In Canada	1
Outside of Canada (please specify the country)	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## IMMIGRATE\_YEAR

In what year did you first come to Canada to live? If exact year is not known, enter best estimate.

Enter year:	7777
Prefer not to say	9999

## RESIDENT\_STATUS

Which of the following categories best describes your current resident status in Canada?

Canadian Citizen	1
Permanent Resident of Canada (but not a citizen)	2
Temporary Foreign Worker program	3
Other Temporary Work Permit	4
International Student	5
Refugee or Protected Person	6
Other (please specify)	77
Prefer not to say	9999

## LGBTQ2

Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community (Two-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, another sexual orientation, or gender identity)?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## PARENT

Are you a parent?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	9999

## QSECT2

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about trust in government and other organizations/groups. Some of these questions may be similar to each other - please read carefully and answer each to the best of your ability.

In this survey, the word 'government' refers to the whole institution of government, all the people who work for it, and the systems, policies, programs, services, and decisions it makes. We are not referring to specific political parties and politicians.

## ROTTRUSTPS

Rotation variable

See TRUST_PS	1
See TRUST_PS2	2

## **PRETRUST\_GOV**

In general, how much do you currently trust or distrust the following levels of government to make good decisions in the best interest of the public?

### **TRUST\_GOV\_CAN**

The federal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **TRUST\_GOV\_PROVTERR**

Your provincial/territorial government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

### **TRUST\_GOV\_MUNI**

Your local or municipal government

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

## **PRETRUST\_GOV\_POLS**

In general, how much do you trust or distrust the federal government's ability to implement effective policies in each of the following areas?

### **TRUST\_GOV\_CYBER**

Cyber security

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_GOV\_DEFENCE**

National defence

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5

Don't know 98

### **TRUST\_GOV\_TRADE**

International trade  
Strongly distrust 1  
Somewhat distrust 2  
Neither trust nor distrust 3  
Somewhat trust 4  
Strongly trust 5  
Don't know 98

### **TRUST\_GOV\_FIREARMS**

Regulations related to firearms and other weapons  
Strongly distrust 1  
Somewhat distrust 2  
Neither trust nor distrust 3  
Somewhat trust 4  
Strongly trust 5  
Don't know 98

### **TRUST\_GOV\_IMM**

Immigration  
Strongly distrust 1  
Somewhat distrust 2  
Neither trust nor distrust 3  
Somewhat trust 4  
Strongly trust 5  
Don't know 98

### **TRUST\_GOV\_HOUSING**

Housing  
Strongly distrust 1  
Somewhat distrust 2  
Neither trust nor distrust 3  
Somewhat trust 4  
Strongly trust 5  
Don't know 98

### **TRUST\_GOV\_ECON**

The economy  
Strongly distrust 1  
Somewhat distrust 2  
Neither trust nor distrust 3  
Somewhat trust 4  
Strongly trust 5  
Don't know 98

## **TRUST\_GOV\_AI**

Artificial intelligence

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

## **TRUSTINST**

In general, to what extent do you trust or distrust the following groups or entities?

### **TRUST\_MEDIA**

Large news media organizations in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_POLITICIANS**

Politicians in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_PS2**

Federal public servants (non-political government employees)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_POLICE**

The police in Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_INTELLIGENCE**

Canada's Security and Intelligence Agencies (e.g., Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSE))

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_CAF**

Canadian Armed Forces (e.g., Army, Navy, Air Force)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **TRUST\_PS**

Federal public servants (e.g., non-political employees at Service Canada, statisticians working on the census etc.)

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### **QSECT3**

In the next section, you will be asked some questions about immigration and citizenship in Canada. Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge without consulting any outside information or leaving this survey window.

### **PREMIS**

To the best of your knowledge, are the claims in each of the following statements about immigration and citizenship in the Canadian context true or false?

#### **MIS\_F\_IMM\_4**

Refugees in Canada receive more money from the government per month than the average pensioner.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Unsure / Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### **MIS\_T\_IMM\_6**

Refugee claimants must pass a security background and criminal check before receiving permanent resident status.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Unsure / Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### **MIS\_F\_IMM\_5**

Across Canadian cities, more immigration is associated with higher crime rates.

Very confident this is false	1
Somewhat confident this is false	2
Unsure / Don't know	3
Somewhat confident this is true	4
Very confident this is true	5

### **QSECT4**

In the next section, you will be asked a few questions about democracy in Canada.

### **DEM\_SAT**

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Canada?

Very dissatisfied	1
Somewhat dissatisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Somewhat satisfied	4
Very satisfied	5
Don't know	98

### **DEMCAN\_INFLUENCE**

How much would you say the political system in Canada allows people like you to have an influence on politics?

Not at all	1
Very little	2
Some	3
A lot	4

### **PREDEMCAN**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **DEMCAN\_ACCEPTNEXTELEC**

I will accept the outcome of the next Canadian election, regardless of who wins.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**DEMCAN\_EXPPOLI**

Individuals in Canada are free to express their personal views on political topics without fear of surveillance or punishment.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**DEMCAN\_FREEASSEMBLE**

Individuals can freely assemble in Canada (e.g., freedom to protest peacefully, engage in petitions, organize public events).

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**DEMCAN\_JUSTSYS**

The Canadian justice system treats everyone equally.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR2025**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The last Canadian federal election (April 2025) was free and fair.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR2025\_WHY**

In a few words, please explain why you <[CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR2025 = 1]strongly disagree[CAN\_ELEC\_FREEFAIR2025 = 2]somewhat disagree> that the last Canadian federal election (April 2025) was free and fair.

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**PRECAN\_ELECTION2025**

Thinking about the last federal election in Canada, held in April 2025, how likely or unlikely do you think it is that the following happened?

**CAN\_ELECTION2025\_FRAUD**

Vote fraud and/or other irregularities had an impact on the election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / Unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**CAN\_ELECTION2025\_FOREIGN**

Foreign influence impacted the election

Highly unlikely	1
Somewhat unlikely	2
Don't know / Unsure	3
Somewhat likely	4
Highly likely	5

**PREPOLGOVERN**

For each of the following, would you say it is a good or bad way of governing this country?

**POLGOVERN1**

Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**POLGOVERN4**

Having a representative democracy where citizens vote to elect their representatives that make decisions on their behalf.

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

**PREPOVO**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**POVO3A**

The use of force by ordinary citizens is sometimes necessary to achieve the political goals I support.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**POVO3B**

I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**POVO4**

We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**POVO3B\_CONS**

Approximately what **percentage of adults in Canada** do you think agree (i.e., they "somewhat" or "strongly" agree) with the following claim:

**I would personally use force to achieve the political goals I support.**

Note: here, we are not asking about how much YOU agree with this claim. Instead, we are asking you to estimate how many OTHER adults in Canada would agree with this claim.

0%	1
10%	2
20%	3
30%	4
40%	5
50%	6
60%	7
70%	8
80%	9
90%	10
100%	11

**POVO\_OPEN**

What does "the use of force by ordinary citizens to achieve political goals" mean to you?

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**PREQANTIDEMNORMS**

How often would you say each of the following are appropriate? When we say 'political group' think of the people, in Canada, who have similar political views.

When, if ever, is it okay for a supporter of my favoured political group to:

**QANTIDEMNORMS\_ONLINE**

...harass leaders of other political groups online?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5

**QANTIDEMNORMS\_OFFLINE**

...harass leaders of other political groups in-person?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5

**QSECT5**

In the next section, you will be asked a few more questions about democracy in Canada as well as other countries.

**PRECANADA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada:

**CANADA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**CANADA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PREUSA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the United States:

**USA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**USA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PRERUSSIA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Russia:

**RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS**

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**RUSSIA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE**

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

**PRECHINA\_INT\_INST**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that China:

### CHINA\_INT\_INST\_RIGHTS

Has a political system that works for the benefit of all its people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### CHINA\_INT\_INST\_PEACE

Contributes to peace and stability around the world

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know / Prefer not to answer	9999

### QSECT6

In this section, you will be asked a few questions about your social connections and your views on Canadian society.

### PRESOC\_TRUST

How much do you trust or distrust each of the following groups of people:

#### SOC\_TRUST\_IMM

People who recently immigrated to Canada

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

#### SOC\_TRUST\_POLIN

People in Canada who share your political views

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2
Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

#### SOC\_TRUST\_POLOUT

People in Canada who have political views that are different from yours

Strongly distrust	1
Somewhat distrust	2

Neither trust nor distrust	3
Somewhat trust	4
Strongly trust	5
Don't know	98

### PREPOLARIZATION\_MORALS

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_INGROUP

Generally, people in Canada who share my political views are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### POLARIZATION\_MORALS\_OUTGROUP

Generally, people in Canada who have political views that are different from mine are good people

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### MIDI\_IMPACT\_DIFF\_TH

People in Canada who have political views that are different from mine are a threat to democracy

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### CANVALUES\_OPEN

In your view, what are the values that best represent Canada or Canadians? Please respond in a few words.

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### LONELINESS

How often do you feel isolated from others?

Never	1
Rarely	2
Sometimes	3
Often	4
Always	5

## PREBELONG

How would you describe your sense of belonging to...

### BELONG\_CAN

Canada	
Very weak	1
Somewhat weak	2
Somewhat strong	3
Very strong	4
No opinion	98

### BELONG\_PROV

<[REGION = 1]British Columbia[REGION = 2]Alberta[REGION = 3]Saskatchewan[REGION = 4]Manitoba[REGION = 5]Ontario[REGION = 6]Quebec[REGION = 7]New Brunswick[REGION = 8]Nova Scotia[REGION = 9]Prince Edward Island[REGION = 10]Newfoundland and Labrador[REGION = 11]Yukon[REGION = 12]Northwest Territories[REGION = 13]Nunavut>

Very weak	1
Somewhat weak	2
Somewhat strong	3
Very strong	4
No opinion	98

### BELONG\_LOCAL

Your local community

Very weak	1
Somewhat weak	2
Somewhat strong	3
Very strong	4
No opinion	98

### BELONG\_ONLINE

Online communities where you spend time

Very weak	1
Somewhat weak	2
Somewhat strong	3
Very strong	4
No opinion	98

## PREQTRUE

For each of the following, please indicate how important you think it is for a person to have this trait to be a "true Canadian":

### QTRUE\_CIV1

To respect Canada's laws and political institutions

Not at all important	1
Not very important	2
Somewhat important	3
Very important	4

Not sure	98
No opinion	9999

### **QTRUE\_CIV3**

To be able to speak English or French	
Not at all important	1
Not very important	2
Somewhat important	3
Very important	4
Not sure	98
No opinion	9999

### **QTRUE\_ETH1**

To have been born in Canada	
Not at all important	1
Not very important	2
Somewhat important	3
Very important	4
Not sure	98
No opinion	9999

### **QTRUE\_ETH2**

To have ancestors who have lived in Canada for several generations	
Not at all important	1
Not very important	2
Somewhat important	3
Very important	4
Not sure	98
No opinion	9999

### **USMERGE\_SUPPORT**

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada should become part of the United States (e.g., through a new political and economic union, as a new State or new States, etc.)?

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PREPROSPECT**

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### **PROSPECT\_HOPE**

Canada will be in a better place ten years from now.	
Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4

Strongly agree 5

### **PROSPECT\_BETTER**

My family and I will be better off in ten years.

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

### **SOCIAL\_MOBIL**

People like me have a fair chance to succeed in Canada.

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

### **PREIMMWVS**

There are many potential impacts of immigration on Canadian society. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree that immigration...

#### **IMMWVS\_JOBS**

Fills important job vacancies

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

#### **IMMWVS\_CULTURE**

Strengthens culture

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

#### **IMMWVS\_UNEMPLOYMENT**

Increases unemployment for Canadians

Strongly disagree 1  
Somewhat disagree 2  
Neither agree nor disagree 3  
Somewhat agree 4  
Strongly agree 5

## IMMWVS\_HOUSING

Reduces housing supply

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## REPLACEMENT

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: There is a group of people in this country who are trying to replace the native-born population with immigrants.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5
Don't know	98

## QSECT7

In the next section, you will be asked questions about your experiences with others online, in addition to where and how you get news and other information.

## PRESOCMED

In the **past few months**, how often have you used each of the following social media platforms, apps, or websites?

### SOCMED\_FB

Facebook

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

### SOCMED\_TWI

Twitter/X

Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_INS**

Instagram	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_TIK**

TikTok	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_RED**

Reddit	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_YOU**

YouTube	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

## **SOCMED\_TELEGRAM**

Telegram	
Never	1
Once or a few times a month	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5
Several hours per day (or more)	6

**PREINFO\_USE**

In the **past month**, how often did you get news or current information from each of the following sources?

**INFO\_USE\_FRIENDFAM**

Family, friends, and/or colleagues

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_SOCMED**

Social media

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_SCI**

Scientific experts

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_POL**

Politicians

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**INFO\_USE\_CANNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in Canada (e.g., CBC/SRC, CTV, National Post, La Presse)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_USNEWS**

Large news organizations and journalists in the United States (e.g., ABC, CNN, Fox, The Washington Post)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_INTLNEWS**

Large international news organizations and journalists (e.g., BBC, Le Monde, Reuters, AFP)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_LOCALNEWS**

Your local newspaper or news outlet

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_GCWEB**

Federal Government of Canada information sources (e.g., websites, social media accounts, commercials)

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_INDIE**

Independent bloggers, podcasters, commentators, influencers, or journalists

Never	1
Once or twice	2
Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

### **INFO\_USE\_AI**

Artificial intelligence chatbots (e.g., ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, Meta AI, and Bing Chat)

Never	1
Once or twice	2

Once or a few times a week	3
Once a day	4
Multiple times a day	5

**PREQALGOLIT**

To the best of your knowledge, are the following claims about social media true or false?

**QALGOLIT2**

When someone I follow or am friends with posts something, computer analyses of those posts decide whether I will see it.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**QALGOLIT3**

If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will get the same set of results.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**QALGOLIT4**

Visiting websites outside of social media platforms cannot impact what I see on social media platforms.

True	1
False	2
Don't know	98

**CYBERCRIME\_EXPERIENCE [1,6]**

Have you ever personally experienced any of the following types of cybercrimes or incidents?

Please select all that apply.

Identity theft (e.g., use of your personal information without permission to steal money or commit fraud)	1
Online fraud or scams, even if not successful (e.g., phishing [impersonating trusted companies to steal personal information like passwords or credit card numbers], fake websites, investment scams)	2
Unauthorized access to your accounts or devices (e.g., hacking)	3
A breach of your personal information or passwords (e.g., your data was exposed in a company data breach)	5
Other, please specify	6
None of the above	7
Prefer not to say	9999

## CYBERCRIME\_FOLLOWUP [1,7]

How did you respond to the cybercrime(s) you experienced?

Please select all that apply.

I reported it to the police	1
I reported it to a government authority	8
I contacted my bank or financial institution	2
I changed my passwords or security settings	3
I installed or updated antivirus software	4
I sought help from a friend, family member, or tech support	5
Other, please specify	6
I did not take any action	7

## EXPOSURE [0,6]

In the past month, have you noticed any of the following online?

Please select all that apply (you do not have to select any).

Verifiably false news	1
Fake accounts pretending to be real people (i.e., sometimes referred to as "bots")	2
Foreign propaganda (messages or information from another country that are meant to influence or persuade people in your own country)	3
Images or videos of politicians generated by artificial intelligence	5

## QSPECT8

In this section, you will be asked about your views on a variety of policy issues.

## ROTPOLICYWHAT

Rotation variable	
See POLICYWHAT	1
See POLICYWHAT2	2

## POLICYWHAT [0,3]

Hypothetically, if the Government of Canada were to allocate more resources to the following goals, which of them would you prioritize?

Please select up to three (you do not have to select any).

Responding to climate change	1
Protecting the environment	2
Growing Canada's economy	3
Reducing the cost of living	4
Improving the health care system	5
Improving the immigration system	6
Providing assistance to Ukraine in response to Russia's invasion	7
Preventing foreign governments from interfering in Canada's affairs	8
Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples	9
Combatting the spread of misinformation and disinformation online	10
Reducing crime	11
Defending against terrorism	12

## **POLICYWHAT2 [0,3]**

Which of the following goals should the Government of Canada prioritize?

Please select up to three (you do not have to select any).

Responding to climate change	1
Growing Canada's economy	3
Improving the health care system	5
Preventing foreign governments from interfering in Canada's affairs	8
Combatting the spread of misinformation and disinformation online	10
Reducing crime	11
Reducing everyday costs	13
Making housing more affordable	14
Reducing the federal deficit	15
Implementing measures to prevent government corruption	16
Building a more united Canada	17
Strengthening Canada's national defence capabilities	18

## **PREWORRIED**

How worried are you about...

### **WORRIED\_FIN**

You and/or your family's current financial situation

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_CONFLICT**

Increasing global conflict

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

### **WORRIED\_SOCIETY**

Increasing divisiveness and/or conflict in Canadian society

Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

**WORRIED\_AI\_MIDI**

Artificial intelligence being used to generate false or misleading information	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

**WORRIED\_EXPRESSPOL**

Expressing your political opinions publicly	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

**WORRIED\_COSTECON**

The state of the economy	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

**WORRIED\_US**

Canada-U.S. relations	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

**WORRIED\_JOB**

The impacts of tariffs on you and/or your family's financial situation	
Not at all worried	1
Slightly worried	2
Moderately worried	3
Very worried	4
Extremely worried	5
Not applicable	98

## **FINANCIAL\_STRAIN**

In the past 12 months, how easy or difficult was it for your household to meet its financial needs in terms of housing, food, transportation, clothing and other necessary expenses?

Very easy	1
Easy	2
Neither easy nor difficult	3
Difficult	4
Very difficult	5

## **QSECT9**

In this section, you will be asked assorted questions about your views on the world.

## **PREPROP**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following claims?

### **PROP\_RUS1**

The West pushed Ukraine toward a conflict with Russia.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PROP\_RUS2**

Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

### **PROP\_RUS3**

Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

## **NAR\_TAIWAN**

Most people in Taiwan want Taiwan to unify with China.

Strongly disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat agree	4
Strongly agree	5

**NAR\_2025ELEC**

China attempted to interfere with the 2025 Canadian election.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**PRECONSPOP**

Here are some ideas that some people agree with, and others disagree with. In thinking about each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the statements below:

**CONSPOP\_A**

Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_G**

Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**CONSPOP\_GOODEVIL**

Politics is a battle between good and evil.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

**QANTIINST2**

We cannot fix the problems in our social institutions, we need to tear them down and start over.

- Strongly disagree 1
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Somewhat agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

## POVO\_CAN

How big of a problem, if at all, do you think political violence is in Canada today?

Not a problem	1
Not very much of a problem	2
Somewhat of a problem	4
A very big problem	5
Not sure	3

## QSECT10

In this final section, you will be asked some follow-up questions about yourself.

## EDUCATION

What is the highest certificate, diploma, or degree that you have completed?

Less than high school diploma or its equivalent	1
High school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate	2
Trades certificate or diploma	3
CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma (other than trades certificates or diplomas)	4
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level	5
Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.A. (Hons), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)	6
University certificate, diploma, or degree above the bachelor's level	7
Prefer not to say	9999

## COMMUNITY\_SIZE

Which of the following best describes where you now live?

A large city	1
A suburb near a large city	2
A small city or town	3
A rural area	4
A remote area	5
Prefer not to say	9999

## IIU\_EMPLOYMENT

Which of the following categories best describes your current employment status?

Employed (e.g., for wages, salary) full time, that is, 30 or more hours per week	1
Employed (e.g., for wages, salary) part-time, that is, less than 30 hours per week	2
On paid or unpaid employment leave (e.g., parental leave, long-term medical leave)	3
Self-employed	4
Employed without wages (e.g., unpaid internships, volunteer work, room-and-board)	5
Unemployed	6
A student attending school full-time	7
Retired	8
Full-time homemaker	9
Other, please specify	10
Prefer not to say	9999

## DEBRIEF

Some of the questions in this study **presented statements that are inaccurate**, based on current expert evidence and consensus.

The following are **accurate versions of these statements** according to the **current, best available evidence**.

- On average, refugees **do not** get more money per month from the government than Canadian pensioners.
- Immigration rates **are not** linked to higher crime rates in Canada.
- If two people search the same thing on Google (or another search engine), they will **usually not** get the same set of results. Search engine results are often personalized based on several factors including location, search history, language or device type. Furthermore, an element of randomness can also be included.
- Visiting websites outside of social media platforms **can impact** what you see on social media platforms through, for example, the tracking of cookies, cross-platform data sharing, or search behaviour.

**Some other questions in this study presented narratives that have been amplified by foreign actors. They were:**

- The West pushed Ukraine toward a conflict with Russia.
- Ukrainian government officials are the aggressor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- Russia is going to win eventually, so sending aid to Ukraine is only delaying the inevitable.
- Most people in Taiwan want Taiwan to unify with China.
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## DEBRIEF2

This study dealt with topics that you might have found distressing. If needed, we want to encourage you to consider using free mental health services, including the following:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/mental-health-services/mental-health-get-help.html>

## THNK

**You have now completed the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

## THNK2

### *Screened-out*

Unfortunately, based on your responses you are not eligible to participate in this survey. Thank you for your time!