







AmericasBarometer: Canada Online Survey, 2012

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Thank you for participating in this survey, which is part of an international (26-country) study covering a broad range of topics. The Canadian survey is being conducted by the non-profit Environics Institute.

The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. You must provide a response to all questions, but some offer a "decline to answer" option.

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More information about the international study is provided at the end of the survey.

1. (LS3) To begin, in general how satisfied are you with your life? Would you say that you are? (1) Very satisfied (2) Somewhat satisfied (3) Somewhat dissatisfied (4) Very dissatisfied (88) Don't know/No answer	
2. (SOCT1) How would you describe the country's economic situation? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (88) Don't know/No answer	
3. (SOCT2) Do you think that the country's current economic situation is better than, the same as or worse than it was 12 months ago ? (1) Better (2) Same (3) Worse (88) Don't know/No answer	•
 4. (IDIO1) How would you describe your overall economic situation? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (88) Don't know/No answer 	
5. (IDIO2) Do you think that your economic situation is better than, the same as, or worse than it was 12 months ago? (1) Better (2) Same (3) Worse (88) Don't know/No answer	

Now, moving on to a different subject, sometimes people and communities have problems that they cannot solve by themselves, and so in order to solve them they request help from a government official or agency.

	Yes	No	Don't know/No answer	
6. (CP4A) In order to solve your problems have you ever requested help or cooperation from a local public official or local government (for example, a mayor, municipal council, provincial official, or provincial premier)?	1	2	88	

Now let's talk about y	our local munici	pality				
7. (NP1) Have you a 12 months?	attended a town	meeting, city co	ouncil meeting	or other meet	ing in the past	
(1) Yes (2) I	No (88) Don't know	/No answer			
8. (NP2) Have you s councillor of the muni (1) Yes [Continue]	icipality within th	e past 12 mont	hs?	-		
9. (MUNI10) Did the (1) Yes	•	ssue or request (88) Don't kr		er		
10. (SGL1) Would y (1) Very good (2) (88) Don't know/No a) Good (3) I			-		

	Once a week	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a year	Never	Don't know/No answer	
11. (CP5) Now, changing the subject. In the last 12 months have you tried to help to solve a problem in your community or in your neighborhood? Please, tell us if you did it at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year or never in the last 12 months.	1	2	3	4	88	

12. For each of the following groups and organizations, please indicate if you attend their meetings at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year, or never.

	Once a week	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a year	Never	Don't know/No answer	
a. (CP6) Meetings of any religious organization?	1	2	3	4	88	
b. (CP7) Meetings of a parents' association at school?	1	2	3	4	88	
C. (CP8) Meetings of a community improvement committee or association?	1	2	3	4	88	

13. (IT1) And speaking of the people from around here, would you say that people in your community are very trustworthy, somewhat trustworthy, not very trustworthy or untrustworthy...?

(1) Very trustworthy

(2) Somewhat trustworthy

(3) Not very trustworthy

14. (AB2006M1 – M5) In a few words, what does "democ PLEASE TYPE IN YOUR RESPONSE – NO MORE THAN 10 WO (88) Decline to answer		to you?		
15. (L1) Now, to change the subjectThe following scale and "10" means RIGHT. Nowadays, when we speak of pol those on the right. In other words, some people sympathize According to the meaning that the terms "left" and "right" halleanings, where would you place yourself on this scale?	litical leanings e more with t	s, we talk on he left and	of those on the others with the	left and e right.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	8 9	10	Decline to ans (88)	swer
Left		Right		
16. (GI0) We would like to know how much information per country. About how often do you pay attention to the news, newspapers or the internet? (1) Daily (2) A few times a week (3) A few times a (88) Don't know/No answer 17. (PROT3) In the last 12 months, have you participated march?	whether on month (4	TV, the rad	io, (5) Never	
(1) Yes (2) No (88) Decline to answer				
18. (PROT6) In the last 12 months have you signed any (1) Yes (2) No (88) Decline to answer	petition?			
19. (PROT8) And in the last twelve months, have you reacthrough any social network website, such as Twitter or Face			formation	
20. (JC15A) Do you believe that when the country is facing very difficult times it is justifiable for the Prime Minister to close the Parliament, and govern without Parliament?	(1) Yes, it is justified	(2) No, it is not justified	(88) Don't know/No answer	
21. (JC16A) Do you believe that when the country is facing very difficult times it is justifiable for the Prime Minister to dissolve the Supreme Court, and govern without the Supreme Court?	(1) Yes, it is justified	(2) No, it is not justified	(88) Don't know/No answer	
22. (VIC1EXT) Now, changing the subject, have you been past 12 months? That is, have you been a victim of robberg extortion, violent threats or any other type of crime in the part (1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Skip toVIC1HO (88) Decline to answer [Skip to VIC1HOGAR]	y, burglary, a ast 12 month:	ssault, frau		
23. (VIC1EXTA) How many times have you been a crim [fill in number] (88) Decline to answer	ne victim duri	ing the last	12 months?	

24. (VIC1HOGAR) Has any <u>other person living in your household</u> been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months? That is, has any other person living in your household been a victim of robbery, burglary, assault, fraud, blackmail, extortion, violent threats or **any other type** of crime in the past 12 months?

(1) Yes

(2) No

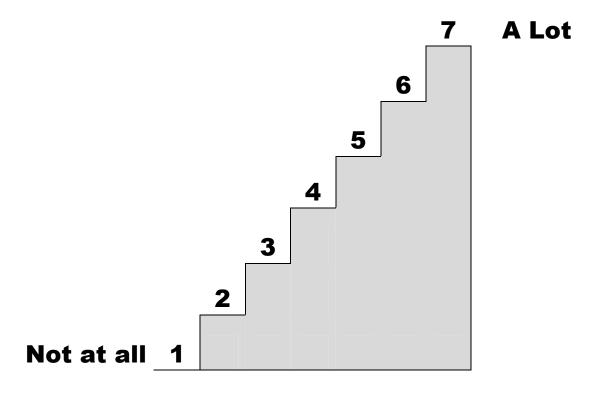
(99) No one else in household

(88) Decline to answer

25. (AOJ8) In order to catch criminals, do you believe that the authorities should always abide by the law or that occasionally they can cross the line? (1) Should always abide by the law (2) Occasionally can cross the line (88) Don't know/No answer 26. (AOJ11) Speaking of the neighborhood where you live and thinking of the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe? (1) Very safe (2) Somewhat safe (3) Somewhat unsafe (4) Very unsafe (88) Don't know/No answer 27. (AOJ12) If you were a victim of a robbery or assault how much faith do you have that the judicial system would punish the guilty? (1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) None (88) Don't know/No answer **28.** (AOJ17) To what extent do you think your neighborhood is affected by gangs? (1) A lot (2) Somewhat (3) Little (4) None (88) Don't know/No answer

- **29.** Here is a staircase with steps numbered 1 to 7, where "1" is the lowest step and means NOT AT ALL and "7" the highest and means A LOT.
- **X.** FOR EXAMPLE: If we asked you to what extent do <u>you like watching television</u>, if you don't like watching it at all, you would choose a score of 1, and if, in contrast, you like watching television a lot, you would indicate the number 7. If your opinion is between not at all and a lot, you would choose an intermediate score.

So, to what extent do you like watching television?



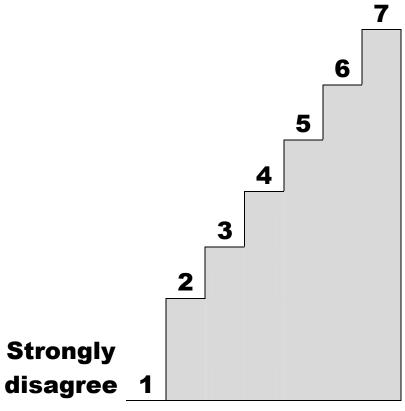
We are going to ask you a series of questions, and ask that you use the numbers provided in the staircase to answer. Remember, you can use any number.	Coded 1-7
a. (B1) To what extent do you think the courts in Canada guarantee a fair trial ? If you think the courts do not ensure justice <u>at all</u> , choose number 1; if you think the courts ensure justice a lot, choose number 7 or choose a point in between the two.	
	Coded
b. (B2) To what extent do you respect the political institutions of Canada ?	1-7
C. (B3) To what extent do you think that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system of Canada?	Coded 1-7
	Coded
d. (B4) To what extent do you feel proud of living under the political system of Canada?	1-7
e. (B6) To what extent do you think that one should support the political system of Canada?	Coded 1-7
f (D10A). To substitute de vou tract the inetice existence?	Coded 1-7
f. (B10A) To what extent do you trust the justice system?	Coded
g. (B12) To what extent do you trust the Canadian Armed Forces?	1-7
h. (B13) To what extent do you trust the Parliament?	Coded 1-7
•	Coded
i. (B18) To what extent do you trust the RCMP?	1-7
j. (B21) To what extent do you trust political parties?	Coded 1-7
k. (B21A) To what extent do you trust the Prime Minister ?	Coded 1-7
I. (B31) To what extent do you trust the Supreme Court?	Coded 1-7
n. (B32) To what extent do you trust your municipal government?	Coded 1-7
11. (B32) To what extent do you trust your municipal government:	Coded
O. (B43) To what extent are you proud of being a Canadian?	1-7
p. (B37) To what extent do you trust the mass media?	Coded 1-7
30. (M1) Speaking in general of the current government, how would you rate the job performance of Prime Minister Harper? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad	
(88) Don't know/No answer	

31. Now we will use a similar staircase, but this time "1" means STRONGLY DISAGREE and "7" means STRONGLY AGREE. A number in between 1 and 7 represents an intermediate score.

(88) Don't know/No answer

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Taking into account the current situation of this country, and using the staircase, we would like you to tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Coded 1-7
a. (POP101) It is necessary for the progress of this country that our prime ministers limit the voice and vote of opposition parties.	
b. (POP107) The people should govern directly rather than through elected representatives.	Coded 1-7
c. (POP113) Those who disagree with the majority represent a threat to the country.	Coded 1-7

d. (EFF1) Those who govern this country are interested in what people like you think.	Coded 1-7
	Coded
e. (EFF2) You feel that you understand the most important political issues of this country.	1-7

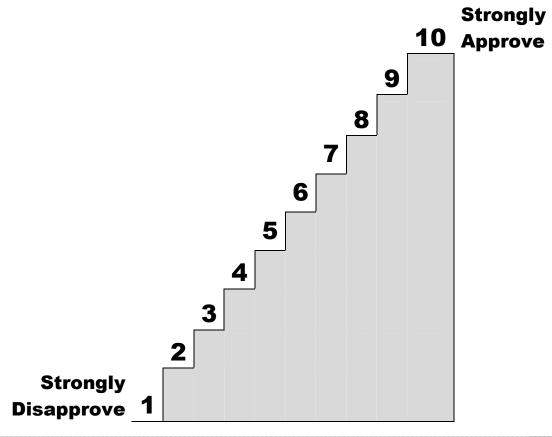
f. (ING4) Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government.	Coded 1-7
g. (CANAB2008) Despite our differences, we Canadians have many things that unite us as a country.	Coded 1-7

32 . Now we are going to show some items about the role of the federal government. Please tell what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. We will continue using the same staircase from 1 to 7.	
(88) Don't know/No answer	
a. (ROS1) The Canadian government, instead of the private sector, should own the most important enterprises and industries of the country.	Coded 1-7
b. (ROS2) The Canadian government, more than individuals, should be primarily responsible for ensuring the well-being of the people.	Coded 1-7
c. (ROS3) The Canadian government, more than the private sector, should be primarily responsible for creating jobs.	Coded 1-7
d. (ROS4) The Canadian government should implement strong policies to reduce income inequality between the rich and the poor.	Coded 1-7
e. (CCT3) Changing the topicSome people say that people who get help from government social assistance programs are lazy.	Coded 1-7
f. (GEN1) Changing the subject again, some say that when there is not enough work, men should have a greater right to jobs than women.	Coded 1-7
g. (GEN6) The Canadian government should require that political parties reserve some space on their lists of candidates for women, even if they have to exclude some men.	Coded 1-7
h. (RAC2A) Universities ought to set aside openings for students who are racial or ethnic minorities, even if that means excluding other students.	Coded 1-7
33. (PN4) And now, changing the subject, in general, would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the way democracy works in Canada? (1) Very satisfied (2) Satisfied (3) Dissatisfied (4) Very dissatisfied	

34. Now here is a 10-point staircase, which goes from 1 to 10, where "1" means that you STRONGLY DISAPPROVE and "10" means that you STRONGLY APPROVE.

Below is a list of some actions that people can take to achieve their political goals and objectives. Please tell us how strongly you would approve or disapprove of people taking the following actions.

(88) Don't know/No answer



a. (E5). Of people participating in legal demonstrations, how much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10
b. (E8) Of people participating in an organization or group to try to solve community problems.	Coded 1-10
c. (E11) Of people working for campaigns for a political party or candidate.	Coded 1-10
d. (E15) Of people participating in the blocking of roads to protest.	Coded 1-10
e. (E14) Of people seizing private property or land in order to protest.	Coded 1-10
f. (E3) Of people participating in a group working to violently overthrow an elected government.	Coded 1-10
g. (E16) Of people taking the law into their own hands when the government does not punish criminals.	Coded 1-10

35. The following questions are to find out about the different ideas of the people who live in Canada. Please continue using the 10 point staircase, with "1" meaning STRONGLY DISAPPROVE, and "10" meaning "STRONGLY APPROVE."

a. (D1) There are people who only say bad things about the Canadian form of government, not just the incumbent government but the system of government. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people's right to vote ?	Coded 1-10
b. (D2) How strongly do you approve or disapprove that such people be allowed to conduct peaceful demonstrations in order to express their views?	Coded 1-10
C. (D3) Still thinking of those who only say bad things about the Canadian form of government, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office ?	Coded 1-10
d. (D4) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people appearing on television to make speeches?	Coded 1-10
e. (D5) And now on a different topic, thinking about homosexuals, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office ?	Coded 1-10
f. (D6) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of same-sex couples having the right to marry?	Coded 1-10
g. (D7) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of people who are physically handicapped being permitted to run for public office?	Coded 1-10

36. (DEM2)	Now chang	ging the	subject,	which o	of the f	ollowing	statements	do you	agree with
the m	ost:									

- (1) For people like me it doesn't matter whether a government is democratic or non-democratic
- (2) Democracy is preferable to any other form of government
- (3) Under some circumstances an authoritarian government may be preferable to a democratic one.
- (88) Don't know/No answer

	No	Yes	Decline to answer	
Now we want to talk about your personal experience with things that happen in everyday life				
37. (EXC2) Has a police officer asked you for a bribe in the last 12 months?	0	1	88	
38. (EXC6) Did any government employee ask you for a bribe in the last 12 months?	0	1	88	

39. (EXC7) Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption among **public officials** is...
(1) Very common (2) Common (3) Uncommon (4) Very uncommon? (88) Don't know/No answer

40. (VB1) Are you eligible to vote in Canadian elections?	
(1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Skip to VB10]	
(88) Don't know/No answer [Skip to VB10]	

41. (VB2) Did you vote in the last federal election, held in May 2011? (1) Voted [Continue] (2) Did not vote [Go to VB10]	
(88) Decline to answer [Go to VB10]	
42. (VB3) Which party did you vote for in the last federal election of 2011? (4101) The Conservative Party (4102) The Liberal Party (4103) The New Democratic Party (4104) The Green Party (4105) The Bloc Quebecois (00) None (77) Other (88) Decline to answer	
43. (VB10) Do you currently identify with a federal political party?(1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Go to POL1](88) Don't know/No answer [Go to POL1]	
44. (VB11) Which Federal political party do you identify with? (4101) The Conservative Party (4102) The Liberal Party (4103) The New Democratic Party (4104) The Green Party (4105) The Bloc Quebecois (4106) Other (88) Decline to answer	
45. (POL1) How much interest do you have in politics: a lot, some, little or none? (1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) None (88) Don't know/No answer	
46. (PP1) During election times, some people try to convince others to vote for a party or candidate. How often have you tried to persuade others to vote for a party or candidate? (1) Frequently (2) Occasionally (3) Rarely, or (4) Never (88) Don't know/No answer	
47. (PP2) There are people who work for parties or candidates during electoral campaigns.Did you work for any candidate or party in the last federal elections of 2011?(1) Yes, worked(2) Did not work(88) Don't know/No answer	
48. (CANVB1) People have different views about voting. For some, voting is a DUTY. They feel that they should vote in every election. For others, voting is a CHOICE. They only vote when they feel strongly about that election. For you personally, is voting FIRST AND FOREMOST a Duty or a Choice? (1) A duty (2) A choice (88) Don't know/No answer	
40 (CANIVED) In some countries including Canada when no single newty wine a majority of	
49. (CANVB2) In some countries, including Canada, when no single party wins a majority of seats in an election, several parties come together to form a coalition government. Do you think this is an option that the Canadian parties should consider if none wins a majority in an election? (1) Yes, parties should consider coalitions (2) No, parties should not consider coalitions	

 50. (CANPOL2) If a federal election results in the second and third place parties together having a majority of seats in the new Parliament, do you believe they should be allowed to form a coalition government? Or do you believe that only the party with the most seats should be allowed to form a government? (1) Second and third place party should be allowed to form a government (2) Only the party with the most seats should be allowed to form a government (88) Don't know/No answer 	
51. (CANPOL3) Do you approve or disapprove of advocacy organizations publishing information during a federal election to help voters determine which party in their riding has the best chance of defeating another party they don't want to see elected? (1) Approve (2) Disapprove (88) Don't know/No answer	
52. (CANVB3) Do you think it is better to have a majority government, a minority government or does it make no difference? (1) A majority government (2) A minority government (3) No difference (88) Don't know/No answer	
53. (VB50) Some say that in general, men are better political leaders than women. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree? (1) Strongly agree (2) Agree (3) Disagree (4) Strongly disagree (88) Don't know/No answer	
54. (AB1) Changing the subject, which one of the following characteristics would you say is most important for a child to have?: (1) Independence (2) Respect for adults (3) Both equally (88) Don't know/No answer	
And now on another topic	
55. (SOC9) Would you be willing to pay more taxes than you do currently so that the government can spend more on public health services?(1) Yes(2) No(88) Don't know/No answer	
56. (SOC10) In your opinion, what should the government do to reduce poverty and	
inequality in Canada? (Please check only one)	
(1) Create jobs/improve the economy (3) Improve public education services (5) Increase taxes on the rich (2) Promote agrarian reform (4) Offer public assistance to the poor (6) Improve infrastructure (highways, water,	
sewage) (97) Other (SPECIFY) (98) All of the above/Everything (99) None/Nothing (88) Don't know/No answer	
57. (SOC11) Would you be willing to pay more taxes than you do currently so that the	
government can spend more on direct income transfers to the poor ? (1) Yes (2) No (88) Don't know/No answer	
(1) 160 (2) 140 (00) DOLL KILOW/140 BILOWEI	
58. (SOC12A) On this scale from 1 to10 where 1 means defending the rich and 10 means defending the poor, where are Canada politicians located today?	Coded 1-10
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Defends Defends the rich the poor	
the rich the poor (88) Don't know/No answer	
59. (SOC12B) And using the same scale, where 1 means defending the rich and 10 means	Coded
defending the poor, where would you like Canada politicians to be located?	1-10
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Defends Defends	
the rich the poor	
(88) Don't know/No answer	

And now a few questions about yourself for classification purposes . .

- **60.** (Q3C) What is your religion, if any?
- (1) Catholic
- (4114) Greek Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox
- (2) Protestant, Mainline Protestant or Protestant non-Evangelical (Anglican; Calvinist; Lutheran; Methodist; Presbyterian; Episcopalian)
- (5) Evangelical and Pentecostal (Evangelical; Pentecostals; Church of God; Assemblies of God; Universal Church of the Kingdom of God; Gospel; Christ Pentecostal Church; Christian Congregation; Mennonite; Brethren; Christian Reformed Church; Charismatic non-Catholic)
- (6) Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) (Mormon)
- (12) Jehovah's Witness.
- (4113) Muslim
- (10) Jewish (Orthodox; Conservative; Reform, Reconstructionist, Renewal)
- (3) Other Non-Christian Eastern Religions (Buddhist; Hinduism; Taoist; Confucianism; Baha'i)
- (7) Traditional or Aboriginal Religions
- (4) None (Believe in a Supreme Entity but do not belong to any religion)
- (11) Agnostic, atheist (Do not believe in God).
- (15) Other
- (88) Decline to answer
- **61.** (Q5B) How important is religion in your life?
- (1) Very important (2) Rather important (3) Not very important (4) Not at all important
- (88) Don't know/No answer
- **62.** (Q10NEW) Which of the following best describes the <u>total annual income before taxes</u> of all members in your household for 2011?
- (01) Less than \$10,000
- (02) \$10,000 to \$19,999
- (03) \$20,000 to \$29,999
- (04) \$30,000 to \$39,999
- (05) \$40,000 to \$49,999
- (06) \$50,000 to \$59,999
- (07) \$60,000 to \$69,999
- (08) \$70,000 to \$79,999
- (09) \$80,000 to \$99,999
- (10) \$100,000 to \$119,999
- (11) \$120,000 to \$139,999
- (12) \$140,000 to \$159,999
- (13) \$160,000 to \$189,999
- (14) \$190,000 to \$219,999
- (15) \$220,000 to \$249,999
- (16) More than \$250,000
- (88) Decline to answer

(1) Is good enough for you and you can sa (2) Is just enough for you, so that you do n (3) Is not enough for you and you are stret (4) Is not enough for you and you are having	nve from it not have major problems ched	
(88) Decline to answer		
64. (Q11) What is your marital status? (1) Single [Go to Q12C] (3) Domestic partnership (living with an un (4) Divorced [Go to Q12C]	·	
(5) Separated [Go to Q12C]	(6) Widowed [Go to Q12C]	
(88) Decline to answer [Go to Q12C]		
which of the following phrases best describ (1) You don't earn anything and your spou (2) You earn less than your spouse; (3) You earn more or less the same as you	se earns it all;	
(4) You earn more than your spouse;		
(5) You earn all of the income and your sp(6) No salary income	ouse earns nothing.	
(88) Decline to answer		
66. (Q12C) How many people in total live (88) Decline to answer	e in your household at this time?	
67. (Q12) How many children, if any, do (00 = none → Skip to CANETID)		
	e under 13 years of age and live in your household?	
(00 = none) (88) Decline to an	swer	

69. (CANETID) In addition to being Canadian, what is your primary ethnic or cultural					
background?					
(If more than one, please indicate your <u>primary</u> background)					
(1) English/Scottish/Irish Welsh					
(2) French/Quebecois					
(3) Italian					
(4) Portuguese(5) Other European (Russian, German, Dutch, Scandinavian, Polish, Spanish, Hungarian)					
(6) Aboriginal (First Nations, Metis, Inuit)					
(7) African					
(8) Greek					
(9) Jewish (10) West Indian (Caribbean, Jamaican, Guyanese)					
(11) South Asian (East Indian, Sri Lankan, Pakistan)					
(12) Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Filipino)					
(13) Chinese					
(14) Other East Asian (Japanese, Korean)					
(15) West Asian/Middle Eastern/Arab (16) American					
(17) Canadian					
(18) Latin American (Mexican, Central/South American)					
(20) Acadian					
(21) Mixed Race (97) Other (SPECIFY)					
(97) Other (SPEOIFT)					
(88) Decline to answer					
70. (CANNC4) Were you born in Canada?					
(1) Yes (2) No (88) Decline to answer					
71. (CANNC5) Was your mother born in Canada?					
(1) Yes (2) No (88) Decline to answer 72. (CANNC6) Was your father born in Canada?					
(1) Yes (2) No (88) Decline to answer					
(-) 135 (-) 156					
73. (Q2Y) In what year were you born?					
(8888) Decline to answer					
74. (Q1) Please indicate your gender.					
(1) Male					
(2) Female					
(88) Decline to answer					
75. (ED) What is the highest level of education that you have reached?					
(01) Some elementary (02) Completed elementary					
(03) Some high school					
(04) Completed high school					
(04) Completed high school (05) Community college/ vocational/ trade school/ commercial/ CEGEP					
(04) Completed high school (05) Community college/ vocational/ trade school/ commercial/ CEGEP (06) Some university					
(04) Completed high school (05) Community college/ vocational/ trade school/ commercial/ CEGEP (06) Some university (07) Completed university					
(04) Completed high school (05) Community college/ vocational/ trade school/ commercial/ CEGEP (06) Some university					

76. (PROV) In which province do you currently live?	
(01) Alberta (02) British Columbia (03) Manitoba	
(04) New Brunswick	
(05) Newfoundland	
(06) Nova Scotia	
(07) Ontario	
(08) Prince Edward Island	
(09) Quebec	
(10) Saskatchewan	
77 (CANPOS) Please indicate your postal code: (Do not include any spaces)	
(888888) Decline to answer	

This completes the survey. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

This survey is part of an international study called the "AmericasBarometer" and is being conducted in 26 countries in North, Central and South America. The results for the Canadian survey (and international comparisons) will be published by the Environics Institute later this year.

For more information about the Americas Barometer, visit: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/about-americasbarometer.php