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Samara Canada – Heckling Survey 2017

Introduction

Thank you for completing this anonymous survey that is a part of a longitudinal study by Samara Canada in partnership with the Parliamentary Internship Programme. Like your colleagues before you, you will be contributing to research that will advance our work strengthening Canada's democracy. Completing this survey should take no more than 10 minutes. Your responses will be anonymous.

Please note that, for the purposes of this survey, the definition of 'heckle' is: to call out in the chamber of the House of Commons without having the Speaker's recognition to speak.

Section A – General Information

1. How long have you been a Member of Parliament?

- 0-2 years 2-4 years 4-7 years 7-9 years 9+ years

2. Which political party do you represent?

- Bloc Québécois Conservative Party of Canada Liberal Party of Canada
 New Democratic Party Other

3. What is your age?

- 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

4. What is your gender?

- Male Female Other (please specify): _____

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Section B – Attitudes Among Members

5. Check the following statements that you agree with:

- Heckling forces MPs to diverge from their talking points
- MPs heckle because it gives them an opportunity to correct a false statement
- MPs heckle because they are overcome by passion
- MPs heckle because they are bored
- MPs heckle because everyone else is doing it
- MPs heckle to respond to perceived untruths
- MPs heckle to point out partisan rhetoric
- MPs heckle to get their opposition on record in Hansard or in the media
- MPs heckle to support their "team"
- Heckling causes me to reduce my participation in the House of Commons.
- I see heckling as a problem in the House of Commons
- I see heckling as beneficial to the House of Commons
- Heckling is a form of harassment
- Heckling enlivens debate in the House of Commons
- Heckling makes MPs feel unwelcome
- Heckling increases accountability in the House of Commons.
- I would like to see heckling abolished

6. What do you think the Speaker (or other presiding officers) should do to encourage or discourage heckling?

7. In your opinion, how does the public generally perceive heckling and MPs who heckle?

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Section C – Experiences of Heckling

8. Which of the following best describes how often you hear heckling in a typical sitting day in the House of Commons?

- Continuously Frequently Occasionally Rarely Never

9. If you have ever heard an MP being heckled in the House of Commons (yourself included), have any of the following been referenced disparagingly in those heckles? **(Check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's idea/comment/question | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's sexual orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery of the idea/comment/question | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's intelligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's party | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's weight/size |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's ideology | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's age |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's language/accent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's province/region | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's social/economic class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's race/ethnicity | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's impairment/disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's gender | <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's appearance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

10. What percentage of MPs would you estimate heckle at least once a day when the House of Commons is sitting? ____%

11. Is it possible to distinguish who is heckling at any given time in the House of Commons?

- Yes No

12. How often do you hear heckles directed **at you** when the Speaker has recognized you to speak?

- Always Frequently Occasionally Rarely Never

13. How, if at all, is the heckling in the House of Commons different from what you expected before you were first elected?

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14. a) Did your party formally advise you on how to deal with heckling when you entered the House of Commons?

Yes No

b) If yes, what advice did they provide?

15. a) Did your colleagues informally advise you on how to deal with heckling when you entered the House of Commons?

Yes No

b) If yes, what advice did they provide?

16. Can you share an instance of heckling that you find particularly significant?

Section D - Participation in heckling

17. Have you ever heckled in the House of Commons?

Yes No

18. How would you describe the frequency of your heckling?

A few times a day Once a day A few times a week
 Once a week Less than once a week

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19. Has anyone ever asked you to heckle, or to stop heckling? If so, who (i.e. party official, House of Commons official, other), what did that person say, and how did it affect your heckling?

Section E - Additional comments

20. Do you have anything to add about heckling in the House of Commons?

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