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2014 Political Engagement Survey — Codebook

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Age screen

Q76 In what year were you born?

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| 1920 (1) | 1954 (35) | 1988 (69) |
| 1921 (2) | 1955 (36) | 1989 (70) |
| 1922 (3) | 1956 (37) | 1990 (71) |
| 1923 (4) | 1957 (38) | 1991 (72) |
| 1924 (5) | 1958 (39) | 1992 (73) |
| 1925 (6) | 1959 (40) | 1993 (74) |
| 1926 (7) | 1960 (41) | 1994 (75) |
| 1927 (8) | 1961 (42) | 1995 (76) |
| 1928 (9) | 1962 (43) | 1996 (77) |
| 1929 (10) | 1963 (44) | 1997 (78) |
| 1930 (11) | 1964 (45) | 1998 (79) |
| 1931 (12) | 1965 (46) | 1999 (80) |
| 1932 (13) | 1966 (47) | 2000 (81) |
| 1933 (14) | 1967 (48) | Don't know (82) |
| 1934 (15) | 1968 (49) | |
| 1935 (16) | 1969 (50) | |
| 1936 (17) | 1970 (51) | |
| 1937 (18) | 1971 (52) | |
| 1938 (19) | 1972 (53) | |
| 1939 (20) | 1973 (54) | |
| 1940 (21) | 1974 (55) | |
| 1941 (22) | 1975 (56) | |
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Political Participation

Q10 Here's a list of activities some people might do. For each, please tell us if you have done this in the past 12 months or not. In the past 12 months, have you..

- Q10_1 Signed a petition?
- Q10_2 Volunteered for a charitable cause?
- Q10_3 Boycotted or bought products for ethical, environmental or political reasons?
- Q10_4 Attended a political meeting or speech?
- Q10_5 Contacted an elected official?
- Q10_6 Worked with others to solve a problem in your community?
- Q10_7 Donated money to a charitable cause?
- Q10_8 Taken part in a protest or demonstration?
- Q10_9 Given a political speech in public?
- Q10_10 Encouraged other people to take action on a political or social issue that is important to you?
- Q10_11 Donated money to a political candidate or party?
- Q10_12 Been active in a group or organization? (e.g. local organization, arts or hobby group, environmental group, women's group)
- Q10_13 Volunteered for a political party or candidate?
- Q10_14 Circulated, (re)posted or commented on political information, news or content?

1=Never; 2=Once; 3=A few times; 4=Many times; 5=Don't know

Q12 In the last 12 months, have you belonged to a group on a social networking site that is involved in political or social issues, or that is working to advance a cause?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know (3)

Q13 In the last 12 months, have you followed any elected officials or candidates for office on a social networking site?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know (3)

Q15 How often have you done the following activities in the last 12 months?

- Q15_1 Used e-mail or instant/text messaging to discuss politics and political issues
- Q15_2 Discussed politics and political issues face-to-face or over the phone
- Q15_3 Organized a public event or meeting about politics and political issues

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Q1 In talking to people about elections, we find a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't sure how to vote, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you, did you vote in the 2011 federal election?

No, I did not vote (1)

Yes, I voted (2)

I was ineligible to vote in the 2011 federal election (3)

Don't know (4)

Q2 Have you been a member of a federal political party in the last 12 months?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Don't know (3)

Vote2015 There's an upcoming federal election in 2015. When making your decision about who to vote for, to whom will you turn MOST OFTEN for information to help you decide?

Family and friends (1)

Media outlets (2)

Candidates and elected officials (3)

Community organizations, nonprofits and charities (4)

Business leaders (5)

Teachers/educators (6)

Political parties (7)

Other (8)

I am not planning on voting in 2015 (9)

Don't Know (10)

Views on Canadian Democracy

Q16 On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not satisfied at all with the way democracy works in Canada?

- Very satisfied (1)
- Fairly satisfied (2)
- Not very satisfied (3)
- Not satisfied at all (4)
- Don't know (5)

Q19 In your day-to-day life, how often are you affected by the decisions made by elected officials?

- Every day (1)
- Once or twice a week (2)
- A few times a month (3)
- A few times a year (4)
- Never (5)
- Don't know (6)

Q26_0 Generally speaking, which federal political party do you identify with?

- Bloc Québécois (1)
- Conservative (2)
- Green (3)
- Liberal (4)
- NDP (5)
- None of the above (7)
- Other: (8) _____
- Don't know (9)

carepolitics Do you think Canadians care about politics?

- Yes, a great deal (1)
- Yes, a fair amount (2)
- No, not very much (3)
- No, not at all (4)
- Don't Know (5)

Views on MPs and Political Parties

Q38 In general, how satisfied are you with the way MPs in Canada are doing their jobs?

- Very satisfied (1)
- Fairly satisfied (2)
- Not very satisfied (3)
- Not satisfied at all (4)
- Don't know (5)

satisparties Generally, how satisfied are you with the way political parties in Canada are doing their jobs?

- Very satisfied (1)
- Fairly satisfied (2)
- Not very satisfied (3)
- Not satisfied at all (4)
- Don't know (5)

Q31 Suppose MPs were debating an issue or a law that you considered unjust or harmful. If such a case arose, how likely is it that you, acting alone or together with others, would try to do something about it?

- Very likely (1)
- Fairly likely (2)
- Not very likely (3)
- Not at all likely (4)
- Don't know (5)

Q32 If you took action against the issue or law, how likely is it that some MPs would seriously listen to your demands?

- Very likely (1)
- Fairly likely (2)
- Not very likely (3)
- Not at all likely (4)
- Don't know (5)

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Q43 Now please rate the performance of Members of Parliament on each of the following:

- Q43_1 Explaining decisions being made in Parliament
- Q43_2 Representing the views of their political party
- Q43_3 Helping people in their ridings
- Q43_4 Debating and voting on issues in the House of Commons
- Q43_5 Holding the government to account and watching how the government spends money
- Q43_6 Representing the views of people in their riding

1=Extremely low, 2—9, 10=Extremely high

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Q44 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- Q44_1 Candidates and political parties are interested only in people's votes, not their opinions.
- Q44_2n The work and decisions of individual MPs influence the direction of our country.
- Q44_3n Political parties are essential to our democracy.
- Q44_4n Political parties are effective organizations for changing the lives of people for the better.

5=Strongly agree; 4=Agree; 3=Neither agree nor disagree; 2=Disagree; 1=Strongly disagree; 6=Don't know

Q95 In the last 12 months, have you _____ by/from a federal political party, a candidate, or a Member of Parliament?

- Q95_1 Received an email
- Q95_2 Received a phone call
- Q95_3 Received correspondence in the mail
- Q95_4 Been contacted in person
- Q95_5 Been contacted on a social media site

1=Yes; 2=No; 3=Don't know

Q54 Please rate the performance of Canadian political parties on each of the following:

- Q54_1 Coming up with new policy ideas and solutions
- Q54_2 Reaching out to Canadians so their views can be represented
- Q54_3 Encouraging people to vote
- Q54_4 Explaining what the party stands for
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Demographics

Q77 Are you...

Q77_1 Male

Q77_2 Female

Q80 What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

Some high school (1)

High school diploma (2)

College or technical degree (3)

Some university (4)

Bachelor's degree (5)

Master's degree (6)

Professional degree (7)

Doctorate (8)

Don't know (9)

Q83 Were you born in Canada?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Don't know (3)

If Q83#1:

Q84 In what year did you come to live in Canada?

1920 (1)

1921 (2)

1922 (3)

1923 (4)

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Q86 To which ethnic group(s) do you belong? Please select all that apply.

- Q86_26 White
- Q86_27 Aboriginal/First Nations
- Q86_28 Arab
- Q86_29 East and Southeast Asian
- Q86_30 South Asian
- Q86_31 Black
- Q86_32 Hispanic/Latino
- Q86_33 Other (please indicate)

Q89 What language do you speak most often at home?

- English (1)
- French (2)
- Chinese (3)
- German (4)
- Greek (5)
- Italian (6)
- Indian, Hindi, Gujarati (7)
- Japanese (8)
- Korean (9)
- Polish (10)
- Portuguese (11)
- Russian (12)
- Spanish (13)
- Vietnamese (14)
- Other (please indicate): (15)
- Don't know (16)

Q90 What is your postal code? (A1A 1A1)

Q91 What is your total household income?

- Less than \$20,000 (1)
- \$20,000 to \$39,000 (2)
- \$40,000 to \$59,000 (3)
- \$60,000 to \$79,000 (4)
- \$80,000 to \$99,000 (5)
- \$100,000 to \$119,000 (6)
- More than \$120,000 (7)
- Don't know (8)

PROVINCE

- Alberta (1)
- BC (2)
- Manitoba (3)
- New Brunswick (4)
- NFLD (5)
- Nova Scotia (6)
- Ontario (7)
- PEI (8)
- Quebec (9)
- Saskatchewan (10)