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## Web Extra: How politically engaged are you? Take the quiz.

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How do you rate compared to fellow Canadians when it comes to political engagement? Take Samara's survey and find out.

On average, people age 18 and older reported doing five of the following 20 activities. Among "party people" (those who've joined a party, volunteered on a campaign or made a political donation in the past five years), the average was 10. National averages are listed next to each activity.

*\*Samara's survey respondents were asked whether they had performed these activities in the last 12 months, except for the following questions: volunteering in an election, donating to a party or candidate, or being a member of a party, for which they were asked whether they'd participated in the last five years.*

### 1. ONLINE DISCUSSION

\* I circulated or reposted political information on social-networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter (17%)

\* I used email or instant messaging to discuss societal/political issues (30%)

\* I blogged about a political issue (15%)

\* I participated in an online group about a societal/political issue (25%)

58% of Canadians do none of these activities

5% of Canadians do all four

### 2. OFFLINE DISCUSSION

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\* I discussed a societal/political issue face to face or on the phone (40%)

\* I wrote a letter to the editor about a political issue (17%)

\* I made a public speech on a political issue (15%)

\* I organized a public event or meeting about politics (12%)

53% of Canadians do none of these activities

6% of Canadians do all four

### **3. ACTIVISM**

\* I signed a petition (51%)

\* I boycotted/"buycotted" a product (49%)

\* I was part of a protest (14%)

34% of Canadians do none of these activities

10% of Canadians do all three

### **4. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

\* I worked with others on an issue in my community (30%)

\* I was active in a group or organization, such as a religious group, local organization helping people, sports or recreation group, arts or hobby group, parents' group, women's group, environmental group, political action group, or community group (58%)

\* I donated to a political/societal cause (26%)

\* I did voluntary work (55%)

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27% of Canadians do none of these activities

12% of Canadians do all four

## **5. FORMAL ENGAGEMENT**

\* I contacted an elected official about an issue that concerns me (31%)

\* I attended a political meeting (20%)

\* I volunteered in an election (10%)

\* I donated to a political party or candidate (10%)

\* I am or have been a member of a political party (10%)

59% of Canadians do none of these activities

2% of Canadians do all five