

SAMARA 2015 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HECKLING SURVEY*

Language of Response	
French	17%
English	83%
<i>N</i>	29

How long have you been a Member of Parliament	
Up to 4 years	24%
4-7 years	34%
7-9 years	10%
9+ years	31%
<i>N</i>	29

Which political party do you represent?	
Bloc Québécois	0%
Conservative Party of Canada	28%
Liberal Party of Canada	14%
New Democratic Party	52%
Other	7%
<i>N</i>	29

What is your age?	
20-29	3%
30-39	14%
40-49	17%
50-59	31%
60-69	31%
70 or older	3%
<i>N</i>	29

What is your gender?	
Female	48%
Male	52%
<i>N</i>	29

Which of the following best describes how often you hear heckling in a typical sitting day in the House of Commons?			
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
Always	26%	15%	36%
Frequently	56%	62%	50%
Occasionally	15%	15%	14%
Rarely	4%	8%	0%
Never	0%	0%	0%
<i>N</i>	27	13	14

When does heckling occur? (Check all that apply)	
During routine proceedings	21%
During government orders	52%
During statements by members	45%
During oral questions (Question period)	93%
During private members' business	41%
During adjournment procedures	17%
<i>N</i>	29

If you have ever heard an MP being heckled in the House of Commons, have any of the following been referenced disparagingly in those heckles? (Check all that apply)			
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
the MP's idea, comment or question	93%	85%	100%
the MP's party	93%	85%	100%
the MP's ideology	81%	77%	86%
the MP's ethics	63%	54%	71%
the MP's province or region	7%	8%	7%
the MP's intelligence	48%	38%	57%
the MP's size / weight	19%	15%	21%
the MP's appearance	37%	15%	57%
the MP's race	11%	0%	21%
the MP's gender	44%	8%	79%
the MP's religion	4%	0%	7%
the MP's sexual orientation	7%	7%	8%
the MP's age	41%	0%	79%
the MP's language of expression or accent	33%	8%	57%
<i>N</i>	27	13	14

Is it possible to distinguish who is heckling at any given time in the House of Commons?	
Yes	89%
No	11%
<i>N</i>	27

If you can distinguish who is heckling, and you believe there are differences in who is heckling, where would you say heckling more frequently comes from in the House of Commons in each of the following sets?	
1) Government or Opposition	80%
	20%
<i>N</i>	20

2) Backbenches	75%
Frontbenches	25%
<i>N</i>	16

3) New MPs	11%
Veteran MPs	89%
<i>N</i>	19

4) Men or	90%
Women	10%
<i>N</i>	20

5) Conservative Party	68%
Liberal Party	26%
New Democratic Party	5%
Bloc Quebecois	0%
Other	0%
<i>N</i>	19

<i>How often do you hear heckles directed at you when the Speaker has recognized you to speak?</i>			
	Overall	Men	Women
Always	0%	0%	0%
Frequently	26%	15%	36%
Occasionally	56%	54%	57%
Rarely	11%	23%	0%
Never	7%	8%	7%
<i>N</i>	27	13	14

<i>Which statement best describes the extent to which the experience of heckling affects your participation in the chamber of the House of Commons (including in debates, question period, members' statements, presenting petitions, or introducing private member's business)?</i>	
I find it stimulating. It encourages me to engage in organized debate/questions more often.	0%
It keeps me sharp. It improves my speeches, statements and questions.	16%
It gets me going and encourages me to heckle.	0%
There is no effect. I always participate as best I can.	64%
There is some effect. I occasionally reduce my participation because of heckling.	12%
There is a significant effect. I often reduce my participation because of heckling.	4%
There is a very serious effect. I almost always reduce my participation because of heckling.	4%
<i>N</i>	25

<i>Did your party formally advise you on how to deal with heckling when you entered the House of Commons?</i>	
Yes	54%
No	46%

<i>N</i>	26
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<i>Did your colleagues informally advise you on how to deal with heckling when you entered the House of Commons?</i>	
Yes	60%
No	40%
<i>N</i>	25

<i>Have you ever heckled in the House of Commons?</i>	
Yes	72%
No	28%
<i>N</i>	25

<i>How would you describe the frequency of your heckling?</i>	
A few times a day	0%
Once a day	11%
A few times a week	16%
Once a week	11%
Less than once a week	63%
<i>N</i>	19

<i>"Heckling enlivens debate in the House of Commons and helps MPs make their point."</i>	
Strongly Agree	0%
Agree	21%
Neutral	17%
Disagree	25%
Strongly Disagree	38%
<i>N</i>	24

<i>"I see heckling as a problem in the House of Commons."</i>	
Strongly Agree	35% **
Agree	35%
Neutral	8%
Disagree	19%
Strongly Disagree	4%
<i>N</i>	26

**Numbers may not add up to 100 due to rounding*

***In this appendix "Strongly Agree" and "Agree" have been rounded whereas they were combined prior to rounding in the report (hence a value of 69%).*