

# THE 2000 CANADIAN ELECTION STUDY

This is the final component of the 2000 Canadian Election Study. We appreciate the assistance you have provided us in the study and hope you will complete this questionnaire as soon as possible.

All responses to this questionnaire will be kept *strictly confidential*. Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. No postage is required.

This questionnaire must be completed by the *same person* who was interviewed over the telephone.

## SECTION A

For each statement below, please indicate if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree. Please write the number that best reflects your opinion in the space at the right of each statement.

- |  | Strongly<br>agree               | Agree | Disagree | Strongly<br>disagree | Not<br>sure |
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|  | 1                               | 2     | 3        | 4                    | 8           |
- We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country .....
  - We should be more tolerant of people who choose to live according to their own standards, even if they are very different from our own .....
  - If a company has to lay off some of its employees, the first workers to be laid off should be women whose husbands have jobs .....
  - The welfare state makes people less willing to look after themselves .....
  - Discrimination makes it extremely difficult for women to get jobs equal to their abilities .....
  - Protecting the environment is more important than creating jobs .....
  - Newer lifestyles are contributing to the breakdown of our society .....
  - The world is always changing and we should adapt our view of moral behaviour to these changes .....
  - This country would have many fewer problems if there were more emphasis on traditional family values .....
  - It is more difficult for non-whites to be successful in Canadian society than it is for whites .....
  - If people really want work, they can find a job .....
  - We should look after Canadians born in this country first and others second .....
  - The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally word for word .....
  - Minority groups need special rights .....
  - The best way to protect women's interests is to have more women in Parliament .....

## SECTION B

Please circle the number that best reflects your opinion.

- The government should:
  - See to it that everyone has a decent standard of living ..... 1
  - Leave people to get ahead on their own ..... 2
  - Not sure ..... 8
- The feminist movement:
  - Just tries to get equal treatment for women ..... 1
  - Puts men down ..... 2
  - Not sure ..... 8
- Which is more important in a democratic society:
  - Letting the majority decide ..... 1
  - Protecting the needs and rights of minorities ..... 2
  - Not sure ..... 8
- Which comes closest to your own view:
  - If Aboriginal peoples tried harder, they could be as well off as other Canadians ..... 1
  - Social and economic conditions make it almost impossible for most Aboriginal peoples to overcome poverty ..... 2
  - Not sure ..... 8
- Do you think that:
  - Quite a few of the people running the government are a little crooked ..... 1
  - Not very many are crooked ..... 2
  - Hardly any of them are crooked ..... 3
  - Not sure ..... 8
- Do you think that people in the government:
  - Waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes ..... 1
  - Waste some of it ..... 2
  - Don't waste very much of it ..... 3
  - Not sure ..... 8
- The feminist movement encourages women:
  - To be independent and speak up for themselves ..... 1
  - To be selfish and think only of themselves ..... 2
  - Not sure ..... 8

## SECTION C

For each statement below, please indicate if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree. Please write the number that best reflects your opinion in the space at the right of each statement.

	Strongly agree +))))))))))0))))))))0))))))))), 1	Agree 2	Disagree 3	Strongly disagree 4	Not sure 8
1. The problem with democracy is that most people don't really know what's best for them .....					
2. Most people have enough sense to tell whether the government is doing a good job .....					
3. People who don't vote have no right to criticize the government .....					
4. The government should pay the most attention to those citizens who are well informed .....					
5. Those elected to Parliament soon lose touch with the people .....					
6. Political parties spend too much time catering to minorities .....					
7. Political parties generally try to look after the best interests of everybody and not just the interests of those who vote for them .....					
8. Political parties do more to divide the country than to unite it .....					
9. It is the duty of every citizen to vote .....					
10. Immigrants make an important contribution to this country .....					
11. Canadian unity is weakened by Canadians of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds sticking to their old ways .....					
12. People like me don't have any say about what the government does .....					
13. We have gone too far in pushing bilingualism in Canada .....					
14. We could probably solve most of our big national problems if decisions could be brought back to the people at the grass roots .....					

..... **SECTION D.** .....

Please indicate how much **confidence** you have in the following institutions. Circle the number that best reflects your opinion.

	A great deal +))))))))0))))))))0))))))))), 1	Quite a lot 2	Not very much 3	None at all 4
Organized religion .....	1	2	3	4
The armed forces .....	1	2	3	4
Public schools .....	1	2	3	4
The Supreme Court .....	1	2	3	4
The civil service .....	1	2	3	4
Unions .....	1	2	3	4
The police .....	1	2	3	4
The federal government .....	1	2	3	4
Your provincial or territorial government .....	1	2	3	4
Big business .....	1	2	3	4
The media .....	1	2	3	4

## SECTION E

For each statement below, please indicate if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree. Please write the number that best reflects your opinion in the space at the right of each statement.

	Strongly agree +))))))))0))))))))0))))))))), 1	Agree 2	Disagree 3	Strongly disagree 4	Not sure 8
1. Canada should participate in peacekeeping operations abroad even if it means putting the lives of Canadian soldiers at risk .....					
2. International trade creates more jobs in Canada than it destroys .....					
3. Too many recent immigrants just don't want to fit into Canadian society .....					
4. Only people who are legally married should be having children .....					
5. We must crack down on crime, even if that means that criminals lose their rights .....					
6. Anglophones in Quebec are better treated than francophones in the rest of Canada .....					
7. Federal government services should be provided in only one language, French in Quebec and English in the rest of Canada .....					

- |  | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Not sure |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------|
|  | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 8        |
8. It is important to vote, even if my party or candidate has no chance of winning ..... \_
9. We would have better laws if Members of Parliament were allowed to vote for what they thought was best rather than having to vote the same way as their party ..... \_
10. So many people vote that my vote hardly counts for anything ..... \_
11. If I did not vote, I would feel guilty ..... \_
12. Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on ..... \_

#### SECTION F

1. Do you happen to know which level of government has the PRIMARY responsibility for health, education and social welfare?
- The provincial government ..... 1
- The federal government ..... 2
- Not sure ..... 8
2. Which level of government do you think SHOULD have the PRIMARY responsibility for health, education and social welfare?
- The provincial government ..... 1
- The federal government ..... 2
- Not sure ..... 8
3. How good a job does your provincial government do with respect to health, education and social welfare?
- A very good job ..... 1
- Quite a good job ..... 2
- Not a very good job ..... 3
- Not a good job at all ..... 4
- Not sure ..... 8
4. How good a job does the federal government do with respect to health, education and social welfare?
- A very good job ..... 1
- Quite a good job ..... 2
- Not a very good job ..... 3
- Not a good job at all ..... 4
- Not sure ..... 8

5. When there is a conflict between the federal government and your provincial government, who do you think is usually to blame?
- The federal government ..... 1
- The provincial government ..... 2
- Both about equally ..... 3
- Not sure ..... 8
6. When your Premier takes part in meetings with the Prime Minister and other provincial premiers, whose interests should the Premier put first?
- The interests of your province ..... 1
- The interests of Canada as a whole ..... 2
- Not sure ..... 8
7. Who should be allowed to contribute to political parties and candidates?
- Only individuals ..... 1
- Both individuals and groups such as corporations, trade unions and associations ..... 2
- Not sure ..... 8
8. Do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing to limit the amount of money that individuals and groups (other than candidates and parties) can spend to advertise their support for a party or a policy during an election campaign?
- A good thing ..... 1
- A bad thing ..... 2
- Not sure ..... 8
9. Do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing to require individuals and groups who advertise during an election campaign to make public how much they have spent?
- A good thing ..... 1
- A bad thing ..... 2
- Not sure ..... 8

#### SECTION G

1. Please circle any voluntary association(s) in which you have been active during the past five years:
- Community service group ..... 1
- Business association ..... 1
- Professional association ..... 1
- Environmental group ..... 1
- Women's group ..... 1
- Labour union ..... 1
- Ethnic association ..... 1
- Sports association ..... 1
- Religious organization ..... 1
- Other (please specify) ..... 1

2. Here is a list of political actions that people can take. For each action, please put a circle in the appropriate column to indicate if you have actually done it, if you might do it, or if you would never do it under any circumstances.

	Have done	Might do	Would never	Not sure
Sign a petition .....	1	2	3	8
Join in a boycott .....	1	2	3	8
Attend a lawful demonstration	1	2	3	8
Join an illegal strike .....	1	2	3	8
Occupy a building or factory ..	1	2	3	8

## SECTION H

1. Do you happen to remember the names of any candidates who ran in your riding in the last election?

*Please write in their names below:*

Candidate 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't remember ..... 8

2. Here is a list of activities that Members of Parliament often perform. Please rank these factors from 1 (most important) to 4 (least important) according to how important you think they should be:

Helping their constituents deal with government red tape ..... \_\_\_\_

Taking an active role in shaping public policy ..... \_\_\_\_

Looking after the interests of their riding ..... \_\_\_\_

Informing their constituents about government policy ..... \_\_\_\_

3. Here is a list of factors that the Prime Minister may consider when choosing Cabinet Ministers. Please rank these factors from 1 (most important) to 4 (least important) according to how important you think they should be:

Their expertise in a particular policy area ..... \_\_\_\_

How long they have been in Parliament ..... \_\_\_\_

The region they represent ..... \_\_\_\_

Their social background characteristics such as gender, language and ethnicity ..... \_\_\_\_

4. There are several different possible methods of voting. Please indicate how much **confidence** you have in each of the following methods (*circle the number that best reflects your opinion*).

**A lot    Some    A little    None**

Voting at a polling station ..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4

Voting by mail ..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4

Voting by internet from home .. 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4

Voting by telephone from home ..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4

5. Please circle the method you would MOST LIKE to use and then the method you would LEAST LIKE to use.

**Most  
like    Least  
like**

Voting at a polling station ..... 1 ..... 1

Voting by mail ..... 2 ..... 2

Voting by internet from home ..... 3 ..... 3

Voting by telephone from home ..... 4 ..... 4

## SECTION I

In this section, please circle the number that best reflects your opinion.

1. In some countries, people believe their elections are conducted fairly. In other countries, people believe that their elections are conducted unfairly. Thinking of the last election in Canada, where would you place it on the scale below?

Last election was conducted fairly			Last election was conducted unfairly		
+	)	)	)	)	)
1	2	3	4	5	

2. Some people say that political parties in Canada care what ordinary people think. Others say that political parties in Canada don't care what ordinary people think. Using the scale below, where would you place your own view?

Political parties in Canada care what ordinary people think			Political parties in Canada don't care what ordinary people think		
+	)	)	)	)	)
1	2	3	4	5	

3. Some people say that political parties are necessary to make our political system work in Canada. Others think that political parties are not needed in Canada. Using the scale below, where would you place your own view?

Political parties are necessary to make our political system work			Political parties are not needed in Canada		
+	)	)	)	)	)
1	2	3	4	5	

## SECTION J

1. The federal government and all the provinces except Quebec signed an agreement on social programmes in 1999, called the Social Union Framework. How much have you heard about this agreement:

A great deal ..... 1  
 Some ..... 2  
 Not much ..... 3  
 Nothing at all ..... (Go to Section K) ..... 4  
 Not sure ..... (Go to Section K) ..... 8

2. How much do you think the social union agreement has done to improve social programmes?

A great deal ..... 1  
 Some ..... 2  
 Not much ..... 3  
 Nothing at all ..... 4  
 Not sure ..... 8

3. How serious a problem do you think it is that Quebec did not sign the agreement:

Very serious ..... 1  
 Somewhat serious ..... 2  
 Not very serious ..... 3  
 Not at all serious ..... 4  
 Not sure ..... 8

## SECTION K

1. In what year were you born? 19 \_\_ \_\_

2. What is your gender?

Male ..... 1  
 Female ..... 2

3. Here is a list of occupations. Please put a circle in the appropriate column if you know any men (column 1) or women (column 2) in each of these occupations:

**Men    Women**

Lawyer ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Social worker ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Carpenter ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Tailor, dressmaker or furrier ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Computer programmer ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Security guard ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Cashier ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Sales or marketing manager ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Sewing machine operator ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Delivery driver ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Human resources manager ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Janitor or caretaker ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Pharmacist ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Server (waiter or waitress) ..... 1 ..... 2  
 Farmer ..... 1 ..... 2

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