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Two in Three Canadians (68%) Believe that Provinces Do Not Receive Adequate Federal Funding for Healthcare

Three in Four (73%) would support the federal government going back to increasing the Canada Health Transfer by 6% instead of 3% per year.

Toronto, ON, October 19th, 2019 — According to a new Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of Schroeder Policy Group, two-thirds (68%) of Canadians believe that provinces do not receive enough healthcare funding from the federal government and older Canadians aged 35 and over are most likely to agree (35-54 70%, 55+ 73% vs. 18-34 58%). While only a quarter (27%) of Canadians believe that provinces receive adequate funding for healthcare, residents of Ontario are more likely to agree (ON 34% vs. AB 25%, BC 23%, QC 23%, SK/MB 22%, Atlantic 22%).

Though over two thirds (63%) of Canadians are satisfied with the performance of the healthcare system in their province, only 1 in 10 (9%) are *very satisfied*. Albertans are most likely to express satisfaction while satisfaction is lowest for residents of Quebec and the Atlantic region (AB 80% vs. ON 67%, BC 63%, SK/MB 60%, QC 52%, Atlantic 48%).

8 in 10 (84%) Canadians say that overall wait times to access healthcare in their province is either a little too long (39%) or much too long (45%). Only 15% find wait times to be reasonable, and this sentiment is less likely to be shared by older Canadians (18-34 21% vs. 35-54 12%, 55+14%)

In line with the belief that there is a funding gap, three-quarters (73%) of Canadians would support the federal government increasing provincial healthcare transfer payments by 6% each year instead of the change brought by the federal government in 2017 which limited the increase to 3% a year. Four in 10 (42%) would *strongly support* this decision and residents of the Atlantic region and Saskatchewan/Manitoba show the highest levels of *strong support* (Atlantic 54%, SK/MB 53% vs. BC 43%, QC 43%, AB 41%, ON 37%)

In terms of funding the increase in healthcare transfer payment growth to 6%, Canadians' preferred sources of funding focus on large businesses. There is majority support for taxing large corporations operating in Canada (91%), cutting back on government bureaucracy (87%), reducing grants to large businesses (85%), and increasing corporate taxes (79%), all of which are more popular funding sources among older Canadians. Three quarters (76%) of Canadians also support taking funds from carbon taxes and distributing them to healthcare. Roughly 3 in 10 Canadians support an increase in federal deficit/debt (33%) or a reduction in federal services (28%) as a source of funding but this support is higher among younger Canadians. Less than a quarter (22%) of Canadians would support paying more in personal federal taxes to fund the increase in healthcare transfer payments.



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Do you support the following in order to fund the increase in healthcare transfer-payment growth to 6%?- Top 2 Box Summary				
Base: Canadians				
	Total n=2000	18-34 n=437	35-54 n=756	55+ n=807
Taxing large corporations who operate in Canada but don't currently pay tax (e.g., Netflix, Amazon)	91%	87%	90%	95%
Cutting back on government bureaucracy and administration	87%	76%	90%	92%
Reducing grants to large businesses in Canada	85%	82%	84%	88%
Increasing corporate taxes	79%	71%	81%	83%
Taking funds from carbon taxes and distributing them to health care	76%	74%	76%	76%
Increasing federal government deficits/debt	33%	41%	32%	28%
Reduction in federal government services (i.e. food and drug protection, courts/justice, armed forces, foreign aid, etc.)	28%	32%	29%	23%
Paying more in personal federal taxes	22%	26%	21%	21%



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between October 8th to 15th, 2019, on behalf of the Schroeder Policy Group. For this survey, a sample of 2000 Canadians aged 18+ was interviewed. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 2.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadians aged 18+ been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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