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Canadians want Bargaining Between Governments and Unions to be Transparent (74%), Not Confidential (26%)

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Toronto, ON, February 3, 2020 — Canadians want bargaining between governments and unions to be transparent rather than confidential, according to a new Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of Global News.

Some argue that bargaining between governments and unions which represent government employees should happen transparently so that the public can follow what is being demanded or conceded by both parties. Others have argued that bargaining should happen behind closed doors so that the parties can speak frankly to each other and with confidentiality being protected.

Weighing these options, three quarters (74%) of Canadians would come down on the side of transparency, while one quarter (26%) would lean towards preserving confidentiality.

Interestingly, attitudes do not differ significantly by age, gender, or political stripe. However, in Ontario, where the government and teachers' unions are presently in negotiations and where job action has already taken place, Ontarians lean even more heavily towards transparency (78%) than towards confidentiality (22%).





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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between January 24th and 27th, 2020, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1000 Canadians aged 18+ was interviewed online. Quotas and weighting were employed to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the Canadian population according to census parameters. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 3.5 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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