

Table 1

<b>PUBLIC OPINION ON SELECTED APPROACHES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE IN LIGHT OF BEING AHEAD OF ITS DEFICIT REDUCTION TARGET</b>										
	REGION							INCOME		
	Canada	B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask.	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	<\$30K	\$30-59K	\$60K+
(Weighted Bases)	(1502) (%)	(183) (%)	(135) (%)	(112) (%)	(560) (%)	(386) (%)	(127) (%)	(412) (%)	(520) (%)	(419) (%)
<b>MEET DEFICIT TARGET/PUT EXTRA MONEY TOWARDS HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION:</b>										
Support	85	79	85	85	86	83	92	90	87	76
Oppose	14	20	13	15	13	15	7	8	12	23
(Unsure)	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
<b>MEET DEFICIT TARGET/PUT EXTRA MONEY TOWARDS JOB CREATION:</b>										
Support	82	75	76	77	80	89	90	89	85	72
Oppose	17	23	23	21	19	9	8	9	14	27
(Unsure)	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1
<b>STAY AHEAD OF DEFICIT TARGET/PUT EXTRA MONEY TOWARDS DEFICIT:</b>										
Support	75	77	78	73	77	75	61	72	74	78
Oppose	23	19	19	25	21	22	35	23	25	21
(Unsure)	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	5	2	1
<b>MEET DEFICIT TARGET/PUT EXTRA MONEY TOWARDS TAX CUT:</b>										
Support	60	58	59	69	48	75	66	64	66	50
Oppose	38	40	38	30	50	24	31	33	33	49
(Unsure)	2	2	3	1	2	1	3	3	1	1
<b>OVERALL PREFERRED APPROACH:</b>										
Meet deficit target/Put extra money towards health care and education	36	29	45	42	41	25	46	42	36	31
Meet deficit target/Put extra money towards job creation	32	24	18	30	25	49	33	35	32	26
Stay ahead of deficit target/Put extra money towards deficit	23	34	24	16	26	16	16	14	20	33
Meet deficit target/Put extra money towards tax cut	9	11	11	13	7	9	5	6	11	10
(Unsure)	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	1

"As you may know, the federal government is ahead of its original targets for reducing the deficit. Given this situation, there are a number of options the government could take. I'm going to read you a few of these options and, for each one, I'd like you to tell me if you yourself would support or oppose the government doing that. What about...? Would you support or oppose that?"

"And, of the above, which would you most like the government to do?"

Table 2

<b>VIEWS ON WHETHER "EXTRA MONEY" SHOULD MEAN INCREASED SPENDING OR TAX CUTS</b>										
		REGION						INCOME		
	Canada	B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask.	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	<\$30K	\$30-59K	\$60K+
(Weighted Bases)	(1502) (%)	(183) (%)	(135) (%)	(112) (%)	(560) (%)	(386) (%)	(127) (%)	(412) (%)	(520) (%)	(419) (%)
Any extra money should be spent for job creation or social programs like health care and education	75	64	70	68	80	75	83	82	75	70
Any extra money should be put back into the pockets of Canadians through a tax cut	23	32	30	29	19	23	14	16	25	29
(Neither/Unsure)	2	3	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	1

"Suppose the federal government meets its deficit targets and decides it will not put any extra money towards reducing the deficit beyond those targets. If that's the case, which of these two broad options would you prefer: Any extra money should be spent for job creation or social programs like health care and education; Any extra money should be put back into the pockets of Canadians through a tax cut?"