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**CANADIANS' PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AGENDA  
- February 1988 to Late June 1997 -**

	Feb. '88	July '89	July '90	July '91	July '92	July '93	Nov. '93	July '94	July '95	Jan. '96	July '96	Nov. '96	Jan. '97	Feb. '97	Apr. '97	June '97
(Weighted Bases)	(1523) (%)	(1521) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1508) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1506) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1507) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1511) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1520) (%)	(1519) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1512) (%)
Unemployment/Jobs	18	14	8	14	24	38	58	33	34	40	44	45	46	50	46	53
Nat'l Unity/Quebec/Const.	2	4	52	38	55	6	6	17	22	39	39	35	26	21	30	40
Deficit/Debt/Spending	5	13	7	12	4	21	33	18	28	26	23	25	24	34	22	22
Health Care/Medicare	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	9	3	12	12	13	20	17	21	19	19
The Economy (general)	10	10	22	31	44	36	21	21	22	25	26	22	19	15	17	16
Education	3	2	2	2	2	3	5	2	3	5	6	11	9	13	13	10
Poverty/Homeless/Hunger	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	1	8	5	6	8	8	11	6	7
Taxes/Tax Reform/GST	4	6	14	17	5	7	5	3	5	4	4	6	8	7	6	6
Other Social Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	5	4	7	5	6	6	6	7	5	6
Crime/Justice Issues	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	5	12	4	6	6	5	4	6	6
Environment	5	31	24	17	9	4	5	3	4	2	5	4	4	3	5	6
Government/Politics	9	4	7	8	3	7	3	1	3	2	3	3	5	3	4	3
Immigration/Refugees	3	4	1	2	2	2	3	4	3	2	4	4	2	3	3	3
Defence/Military/Somalia	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	6	2	1	2
Trade Issues	37	15	4	7	8	6	16	1	1	1	3	2	4	2	1	1
Native Issues	1	1	3	6	4	2	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	1	2	1
International Issues	2	3	1	0	2	1	1	2	8	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moral Issues/Abortion	20	16	2	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Language Issues	0	4	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0
Health/Social Services*	6	9	4	4	4	8	14	7	19	17	19	26	23	28	24	25
Other**	17	18	8	5	3	5	6	11	7	5	10	10	7	9	8	8
(Unsure)	10	8	5	3	3	8	2	6	6	4	6	6	7	6	7	6

\* These two items were presented together in previous soundings. Above, mentions for each are reported separately for July 1993 onwards.

\*\* "Other" includes other specific policy issues mentioned by 1 percent or less of all respondents to the June 1997 survey.

Figures represent "Total Mentions": Up to three issues were accepted from each respondent; therefore, percents will exceed 100.



