Table Part 1

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	Feb. '88	July '89	July '90	July '91	July '92
(Weighted Bases)	(1523) (%)	(1521) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1508) (%)	(1500) (%)
Unemployment/Jobs	18	14	8	14	24
Nat'l Unity/Quebec/Const.	2	4	52	38	55
The Economy (general)	10	10	22	31	44
Deficit/Debt/Spending	5	13	7	12	4
Health Care/Medicare	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crime/Justice Issues	2	2	2	1	2
Education	3	2	2	2	2
Poverty/Homeless/Hunger	3	4	4	4	4
Environment	5	31	24	17	9
Fishing Dispute/Natural Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes/Tax Reform/GST	4	6	14	17	5
Other Social Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Government/Politics	9	4	7	8	3
Immigration/Refugees	3	4	1	2	2
Defence/Military/Somalia	4	4	1	1	1
Trade Issues	37	15	4	7	8
Native Issues	1	1	3	6	4
International Issues	2	3	1	0	2
Moral Issues/Abortion	20	16	2	1	2
Language Issues	0	4	5	3	2
Health/Social Services*	6	9	4	4	4
Other**	17	18	8	5	3
(Unsure)	10	8	5	3	3

Table Part 2

CANADIANS' PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AGENDA - February 1988 to July 1997 -

	July '93	Nov. '93	July '94	July '95	July '96
(Weighted Bases)	(1506) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1507) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1516) (%)
Unemployment/Jobs	38	58	33	34	44
Nat'l Unity/Quebec/Const.	6	6	17	22	39
The Economy (general)	36	21	21	22	26
Deficit/Debt/Spending	21	33	18	28	23
Health Care/Medicare	5	9	3	12	13
Crime/Justice Issues	3	2	5	12	6
Education	3	5	2	3	6
Poverty/Homeless/Hunger	2	3	1	8	6
Environment	4	5	3	4	5
Fishing Dispute/Natural Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes/Tax Reform/GST	7	5	3	5	4
Other Social Services	3	5	4	7	6
Government/Politics	7	3	1	3	3
Immigration/Refugees	2	3	4	3	4
Defence/Military/Somalia	1	1	0	2	1
Trade Issues	6	16	1	1	3
Native Issues	2	1	1	3	3
International Issues	1	1	2	8	1
Moral Issues/Abortion	1	1	0	2	1
Language Issues	1	1	0	0	1
Health/Social Services*	8	14	7	19	19
Other**	5	6	11	7	10
(Unsure)	8	2	6	6	6

Table Part 3

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	Nov. '96	Jan. '97	Feb. '97	Apr. '97	June '97	July '97
(Weighted Bases)	(1520) (%)	(1519) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1512) (%)	(1516) (%)
Unemployment/Jobs	45	46	50	46	53	49
Nat'l Unity/Quebec/Const.	35	26	21	30	40	40
The Economy (general)	22	19	15	17	16	17
Deficit/Debt/Spending	25	24	34	22	22	17
Health Care/Medicare	20	17	21	19	19	15
Crime/Justice Issues	6	5	4	6	6	8
Education	11	9	13	13	10	8
Poverty/Homeless/Hunger	8	8	11	6	7	7
Environment	4	4	3	5	6	7
Fishing Dispute/Natural Resources	-	-	-	-	3	6
Taxes/Tax Reform/GST	6	8	7	6	6	6
Other Social Services	6	6	7	5	6	4
Government/Politics	3	5	3	4	3	4
Immigration/Refugees	4	2	3	3	3	3
Defence/Military/Somalia	2	6	2	1	2	2
Trade Issues	2	4	2	1	1	2
Native Issues	3	1	1	2	1	2
International Issues	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moral Issues/Abortion	1	1	1	1	1	1
Language Issues	2	1	1	1	0	0
Health/Social Services*	26	23	28	24	25	19
Other**	10	7	9	8	5	8
(Unsure)	6	7	6	7	6	5

^{*} 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 July 1997 survey. Figures represent "Total Mentions": Up to three issues were accepted from each respondent; therefore, percents will exceed 100.