

Table 1
Support for Teachers Going on Strike

As you may be aware, the teachers in Ontario recently went on strike. Based on what you have seen, read or heard, do you support or oppose the teachers going on strike?

	Total	Gender		Age			Education			Income			Children	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	<HS	Post Sec	Univ	<\$30K	\$30-60K	\$60K +	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	400	184	216	165	155	78	109	83	204	90	119	132	144	255
Weighted Base	400	191	209	154	130	114	119	83	195	96	117	127	126	274
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Strongly Support	38	30	45	39	38	35	36	31	42	38	39	36	42	36
Somewhat Support	16	17	15	19	22	7	19	17	15	16	18	16	17	16
Somewhat Oppose	13	15	10	14	12	11	10	14	14	19	10	13	15	12
Strongly Oppose	30	33	27	24	23	45	31	37	27	25	31	33	23	33
Don't Know / No Answer	3	4	3	3	4	2	4	1	3	3	2	2	3	3

Table 2
Who is Being More Fair and Reasonable in this Dispute?

And, in your view, who has been more fair and reasonable in this dispute?

	Total	Gender		Age			Education			Income			Children	
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	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
The Government	31	40	22	31	27	35	29	33	31	28	30	36	31	31
The Teachers	46	43	49	50	50	36	49	42	46	49	48	45	50	44
Both / Neither	16	12	20	13	14	23	14	18	16	17	15	13	11	19
Don't Know / No Answer	7	5	9	6	9	6	8	6	6	6	7	6	8	7

Table 3
Ordering the Teachers Back to Work

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Total	Gender		Age			Education			Income			Children	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	<HS	Post Sec	Univ	< \$30K	\$30-60K	\$60K +	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	400	184	216	165	155	78	109	83	204	90	119	132	144	255
Weighted Base	400	191	209	154	130	114	119	83	195	96	117	127	126	274
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
The government is right to use a court injunction and order the teachers back to work														
Agree	55	62	49	55	48	64	55	59	54	48	56	58	55	56
Disagree	42	36	47	45	48	32	41	39	44	52	40	40	43	42
Don't Know / No Answer	3	2	3	*	4	4	3	2	3	1	4	2	3	3
The changes made to the education system in Ontario proposed by the government will mean that the quality of education will be better for our children														
Agree	35	41	29	33	27	46	39	43	29	42	30	31	24	40
Disagree	55	47	62	62	60	39	49	50	60	47	63	59	66	50
Don't Know / No Answer	10	12	9	5	12	15	13	7	11	10	7	10	10	10
Teachers should continue to have the right to strike														
Agree	67	65	68	69	73	57	70	55	70	66	68	69	68	66
Disagree	31	34	28	29	24	41	28	41	28	31	31	31	29	32
Don't Know / No Answer	2	1	4	2	3	2	2	4	2	4	1	1	4	2
Unions just want to fight the government no matter what the government does														
Agree	39	46	34	34	38	48	46	36	37	44	45	38	41	39
Disagree	56	50	61	64	61	40	46	59	61	48	52	61	57	55
Don't Know / No Answer	5	4	5	3	2	12	8	5	3	8	3	2	2	6
The government is more concerned about making cuts to the system than they are about improving the quality of education in the province.														
Agree	62	55	68	65	69	49	58	58	66	66	66	61	67	59
Disagree	34	40	28	30	28	44	35	38	31	28	32	35	30	36
Don't Know / No Answer	5	5	4	5	3	7	7	4	3	6	2	4	3	5
While I'm uncomfortable with an illegal strike, I support the teachers for standing up to the Harris government.														
Agree	66	56	75	75	66	54	69	62	66	70	68	61	67	65
Disagree	33	43	24	25	33	43	29	36	33	29	31	39	32	33
Don't Know / No Answer	2	1	2	*	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	-	1	2
Teachers are more concerned about the cuts and quality of education in the province than they are about their own job benefits and salaries.														
Agree	53	43	62	58	58	41	58	47	53	58	56	49	56	51
Disagree	40	53	28	38	38	45	30	48	42	32	38	47	38	41
Don't Know / No Answer	7	4	10	4	4	14	12	6	5	10	6	4	5	8

Table 4**Defying the Court Order***How acceptable would you find the following actions...*

	Total	Gender		Age			Education			Income			Children	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	<HS	Post Sec	Univ	<\$30 K	\$30-60K	\$60K +	Yes	No
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Weighted Base	400	191	209	154	130	114	119	83	195	96	117	127	126	274
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Impose a major fine on the unions														
Very Acceptable	34	45	25	26	35	44	29	41	34	26	39	37	33	35
Somewhat Acceptable	21	16	27	29	17	17	22	19	22	26	17	23	20	22
Somewhat Unacceptable	14	11	16	17	13	10	15	18	11	9	14	12	10	15
Very Unacceptable	27	26	29	26	32	25	30	20	29	35	27	26	32	26
Don't Know / No Answer	3	3	4	2	4	4	4	1	3	4	3	1	5	2
Fine individual teachers who stay off the job \$1000 a day														
Very Acceptable	16	22	10	9	16	24	13	21	15	11	18	16	15	16
Somewhat Acceptable	15	14	15	18	13	12	16	12	14	15	14	17	13	15
Somewhat Unacceptable	17	17	17	19	12	19	15	22	16	19	19	15	9	20
Very Unacceptable	50	44	56	52	56	43	51	43	53	52	45	51	60	46
Don't Know / No Answer	3	3	2	2	3	3	5	2	2	4	4	1	3	2
Fire the individual teachers who stay off the job														
Very Acceptable	12	18	6	8	11	18	6	19	12	4	7	19	11	12
Somewhat Acceptable	16	19	12	17	16	13	22	13	13	19	15	13	15	16
Somewhat Unacceptable	15	15	15	17	15	14	16	12	16	11	24	12	13	16
Very Unacceptable	56	46	64	57	56	54	55	54	58	63	53	56	59	54
Don't Know / No Answer	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	1	-	2	2
Arrest the union leaders and have them put in jail														
Very Acceptable	14	19	8	8	17	17	9	17	15	11	14	17	14	13
Somewhat Acceptable	10	13	8	9	11	11	11	13	9	11	9	12	8	12
Somewhat Unacceptable	15	12	18	18	13	13	10	12	19	15	15	16	15	15
Very Unacceptable	57	52	63	64	56	51	63	53	56	63	59	48	61	56
Don't Know / No Answer	3	4	3	1	2	8	7	4	1	*	4	6	1	4