

**What do you think should be the federal government's main priority in deciding what to do with any future surplus money? Should they focus on ...**

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Reducing accumulated debt	45	55	49	39	49	40	29	42	48	44	51	39	33	49	45	48	36	43	54
Cutting taxes	29	28	30	30	24	32	38	32	27	29	28	30	30	31	30	24	32	30	26
Spending more on government programs	23	15	17	26	23	26	29	24	21	24	18	27	29	18	22	25	29	25	17
All three equally	3	2	4	4	3	2	4	1	3	3	2	3	5	2	2	3	3	3	2

**There has been some discussion recently about the size and activities of the federal government, which have been reduced as a result of fighting the deficit. Overall, considering the federal government's current size and activities, do you think it should continue to shrink, start to grow, or stay about the same as it is today**

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Continue to shrink	40	53	49	45	40	30	35	35	42	44	42	38	40	41	39	41	35	39	44
Start to grow	15	7	9	9	10	31	18	16	15	14	14	17	18	17	14	13	20	17	9
Stay about the same	44	39	42	45	48	39	47	48	42	41	44	44	40	41	46	46	44	43	46

**I'm now going to read you some statements. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you agree or disagree.  
What about...**

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<i>The federal government has caused too much pain for Canadians by cutting too deeply to reduce the deficit</i>																			
Strongly agree	30	23	21	37	26	38	44	25	29	39	25	35	45	34	31	19	43	33	17
Somewhat agree	27	22	31	23	27	30	29	32	26	24	23	31	23	27	28	28	28	28	25
Somewhat disagree	26	32	25	24	29	21	20	29	25	22	30	22	17	22	26	34	18	26	32
Strongly disagree	16	22	23	14	18	10	7	13	19	15	21	11	13	16	14	19	10	13	26
Don't know	1	1		2	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	2	1			1	1	
<i>Once the government starts spending again, it will do so more wisely than it did in the past</i>																			
Strongly agree	23	11	14	9	22	38	24	20	23	28	25	22	30	26	21	20	26	25	18
Somewhat agree	35	36	36	44	36	29	37	41	32	32	31	39	24	34	38	38	35	33	39
Somewhat disagree	21	27	22	24	21	17	20	23	21	18	22	20	19	20	20	24	19	23	20
Strongly disagree	19	24	27	21	19	13	17	15	22	19	21	17	23	19	19	16	18	17	23
Don't know	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	2	1

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*Now that the deficit has been almost eliminated, I'm afraid the Liberals may start spending excessively and get us back into a deficit situation again*

Strongly agree	25	21	28	28	21	36	17	18	27	32	28	24	36	30	20	23	29	25	24
Somewhat agree	26	26	29	36	26	24	26	31	25	22	24	28	25	28	28	22	27	27	25
Somewhat disagree	29	35	31	23	31	25	31	30	30	27	28	31	19	25	33	34	25	32	31
Strongly disagree	17	16	10	11	20	14	25	19	16	16	18	16	18	15	17	18	17	15	20
Don't know	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1

*The federal government should make education spending, such as scholarships and tax breaks for those who save for education, the TOP priority in its next budget.*

Strongly agree	42	31	29	35	45	49	52	48	38	42	39	46	54	43	41	37	53	43	35
Somewhat agree	33	34	42	41	31	30	31	34	34	31	3	31	24	34	34	35	29	32	37
Somewhat disagree	17	27	23	16	17	12	10	14	20	18	18	17	16	17	17	19	13	17	20
Strongly disagree	7	8	5	7	6	8	6	4	8	8	8	6	5	6	7	9	5	8	8
Don't know				1	1					1	1		2						

*The federal government has lost touch with the concerns of average Canadians*

Strongly agree	43	50	38	47	38	42	57	38	43	48	42	43	54	47	44	32	48	45	36
Somewhat agree	27	24	34	32	26	27	19	31	26	22	25	28	22	27	29	26	25	28	26
Somewhat disagree	22	23	23	12	24	21	17	23	24	17	22	21	11	16	21	33	16	20	28
Strongly disagree	8	3	4	8	11	9	7	7	7	12	10	7	12	9	6	9	9	6	10
Don't know	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1

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*Once the federal budget is balanced, it would be acceptable for the government to run a small deficit as long as it promised to eliminate it quickly*

Strongly agree	20	14	16	22	19	27	16	17	19	25	18	22	29	23	20	13	24	22	14
Somewhat agree	34	31	31	33	33	36	44	42	30	30	31	38	30	37	35	32	35	34	34
Somewhat disagree	15	17	17	13	16	14	14	17	16	12	14	17	11	12	17	20	15	16	16
Strongly disagree	29	37	36	30	30	22	23	23	34	30	36	22	27	27	27	35	23	27	36
Don't know	1	1		2	1	1	2		1	2	1	1	4	2			3		

*The federal government should pass a law making it illegal for it or future governments to run a deficit*

Strongly agree	39	39	33	39	31	54	30	32	38	47	43	34	48	45	34	33	39	37	39
Somewhat agree	23	14	27	28	24	22	23	25	24	18	21	25	23	26	22	20	23	24	23
Somewhat disagree	22	25	31	19	24	14	26	25	21	19	20	24	17	14	28	25	23	24	21
Strongly disagree	15	20	7	9	18	9	19	16	15	12	15	14	8	12	14	21	14	14	16
Don't know	2	1	2	4	3		2	2	1	3	1	3	4	2	1	1	2	1	1

*The federal government is deliberately pursuing economic policies that are widening the gap between rich and poor Canadians*

Strongly agree	43	41	31	45	39	52	48	37	43	48	42	44	54	43	45	33	49	47	33
Somewhat agree	26	24	36	27	27	23	22	30	25	23	24	27	19	27	29	25	28	24	27
Somewhat disagree	20	26	25	19	22	13	18	24	19	17	22	18	13	17	18	30	13	20	26
Strongly disagree	10	6	7	7	11	11	10	7	11	10	11	9	12	11	6	11	9	8	12
Don't know	2	3	1	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2		2

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*The improved economy everybody is talking about is having a positive impact on my life*

Strongly agree	18	7	22	17	18	24	15	20	17	17	20	16	20	19	17	18	17	16	20
Somewhat agree	36	33	42	43	36	32	38	40	35	32	37	35	33	38	33	39	29	39	38
Somewhat disagree	24	29	23	18	23	26	23	24	23	26	22	26	21	24	26	24	25	22	26
Strongly disagree	20	30	12	21	21	17	23	14	23	24	19	22	23	19	22	18	26	21	15
Don't know	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	4		2	1	2	1	1

The federal government will soon be in a surplus situation. This means the government will have funds available to do a number of things. I'm going to read you some of the options that are being discussed. The options will be presented to you as pairs. For each pair, I'd like you to tell which one of the options you would most prefer to see the government spend some of the surplus money on.

	Transfer payments	Jobs for young people	Child care benefits	Health care programs	Scholarships	Reduce debt	Cut taxes	Highways	Military	Films
Transfer payments	*	28	34	36	29	39	33	18	11	4
Jobs for young people	72	*	40	46	38	35	34	28	7	3
Child care benefits	65	59	*	43	36	42	38	16	7	3
Health care programs	64	51	56	*	36	33	37	12	12	9
Scholarships	71	62	64	62	*	49	54	25	11	6
Reduce debt	61	64	56	66	51	*	41	33	11	10
Cut taxes	65	66	62	63	46	58	*	33	19	14
Highways	81	72	84	86	74	64	65	*	24	12
Military	87	92	91	86	88	89	81	75	*	49
Films	96	97	94	90	93	90	85	87	44	*

*This table demonstrates what proportion of Canadians choose one option over the other. The table can only be read downwards, that is column by column. For example, the first number in the second column represents the proportion of Canadians who choose jobs for young people over increased transfer payments. To find out what proportion of Canadians choose transfer payments over jobs for young people, you must go to the 'transfer payments' column.*