

Table 1

**CANADIANS' VIEWS AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH THE SENATE:
IGNORE, REFORM OR ABOLISH
– May 1987, February 1989, and April 1998 –**

	CANADA									REGION											
	Canada			BC			Alberta			Sask./Man.			Ontario			Québec			Atlantic		
	May '87	Feb. '89	Apr. '98	May '87	Feb. '89	Apr. '98	May '87	Feb. '89	Apr. '98	May '87	Feb. '89	Apr. '98	May '87	Feb. '89	Apr. '98	May '87	Feb. '89	Apr. '98	May '87	Feb. '89	Apr. '98
(Weighted bases)	(1677)	(1002)	(1500)	(192)	(115)	(196)	(156)	(93)	(135)	(139)	(83)	(105)	(601)	(359)	(566)	(436)	(261)	(377)	(153)	(91)	(122)
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Leave it	12	15	11	9	13	7	11	12	10	14	21	13	15	15	10	10	12	12	14	23	18
Reform it	59	49	43	64	52	50	68	64	55	57	43	45	58	53	47	56	39	31	54	48	34
Get rid of it	22	28	41	21	26	37	17	14	33	26	31	41	20	25	34	26	40	54	23	20	46
(Unsure)	7	8	5	6	9	5	4	10	2	3	5	1	7	7	8	8	9	3	9	9	4

"Canada has three broad choices in terms of what to do with the Senate. We can leave it as it is, we can reform it or we can get rid of it altogether. Which of these three broad choices would you prefer?"

Table 2

**CANADIANS' VIEWS ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THE CURRENT SENATE VACANCY
– April 1998 –**

	REGION						
	CANADA	BC	Alberta	Sask./Man.	Ontario	Québec	Atlantic
	(1500)	(196)	(135)	(105)	(566)	(377)	(122)
(Weighted Bases)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Have the citizens of Ontario elect a new Senator	40	49	60	38	43	23	45
Leave the seat empty for the time being	39	33	23	40	37	54	36
Appoint a new Senator as usual	14	12	12	18	14	14	13

"As you may have heard, a Senator from Ontario has recently resigned. This means there is an empty seat in the Senate, which would normally be filled by the Prime Minister appointing a new Senator. What would you like to see Prime Minister Chrétien do about this vacancy? Would you like to see Mr. Chrétien..."