

Table 3

CANADIANS' PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AGENDA**– February 1988 to July 1998 –**

	Feb. '88	July '89	July '90	July '91	July '92	July '93	Nov. '93	July '94	July '95	July '96	Jan. '97	July '97	Jan. '98	Mar. '98	Apr. '98	June '98	July '98
(Weighted Bases)	(1523) (%)	(1521) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1508) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1506) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1507) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1519) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1524) (%)	(1504) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1515) (%)
Unemployment/Jobs	18	14	8	14	24	38	58	33	34	44	46	49	35	29	32	30	32
Health Care/Medicare	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	9	3	12	13	17	15	17	30	30	36	28
Nat'l Unity/Québec/Const.	2	4	52	38	55	6	6	17	22	39	26	40	33	41	35	29	26
The Economy (general)	10	10	22	31	44	36	21	21	22	26	19	17	22	14	15	20	24
Deficit/Debt/Spending	5	13	7	12	4	21	33	18	28	23	24	17	18	19	17	15	13
Canadian Dollar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	0	3	12
Education	3	2	2	2	2	3	5	2	3	6	9	8	11	19	17	17	11
Taxes/Tax Reform/GST	4	6	14	17	5	7	5	3	5	4	8	6	6	9	7	7	9
Environment	5	31	24	17	9	4	5	3	4	5	4	7	6	3	5	5	8
Poverty/Homeless/Hunger	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	1	8	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
Crime/Justice Issues	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	5	12	6	5	8	5	4	6	4	5
Natural Resources/Fisheries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	1	1	3	4
Other Social Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	5	4	7	6	6	4	5	4	4	5	3
Government/Politics	9	4	7	8	3	7	3	1	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	4	3
Defence/Military	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	6	2	2	2	2	3	3
Immigration/Refugees	3	4	1	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Native Issues	1	1	3	6	4	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	2
Trade Issues	37	15	4	7	8	6	16	1	1	3	4	2	3	2	3	2	2
Moral Issues/Abortion	20	16	2	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Language Issues	0	4	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
International Issues	2	3	1	0	2	1	1	2	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Health/Social Services*	6	9	4	4	4	8	14	7	19	19	23	19	22	34	34	41	31
Other**	17	18	8	5	3	5	6	11	7	10	7	8	16	6	8	7	10
(Unsure)	10	8	5	3	3	8	2	6	6	6	7	5	6	7	8	6	8

* 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 1998 survey.

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

"Thinking of the issues presently confronting Canada, which one do you feel should receive the greatest attention from Canada's leaders?"

What other issues do you think are important for Canada right now