

CANADIANS' ATTITUDES REGARDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
- April 1993, October 1995 and May 1999 -

	TEACHERS NOT ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO DO JOB REQUIRED OF THEM				HIGH SCHOOLS DO GOOD JOB OF PREPARING STUDENTS FOR TODAY'S WORKFORCE				HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TODAY HAVE SOLID READING AND WRITING SKILLS			
	Strongly Agree	Agree*	Disagree**	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
CANADA												
1993	15	48	45	14	5	26	70	38	5	23	74	45
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	33	64	34	9	32	64	35
1999	13	42	57	21	8	38	60	29	9	34	65	31
BRITISH COLUMBIA												
1993	13	40	51	14	5	27	70	32	5	23	75	37
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	28	67	41	6	29	65	39
1999	11	44	52	19	3	33	65	32	10	32	67	30
ALBERTA												
1993	9	42	53	21	4	23	74	40	5	27	69	42
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	33	63	29	8	39	57	26
1999	11	39	59	28	7	46	54	26	8	40	58	34
MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN												
1993	10	47	44	14	2	29	66	32	7	30	67	39
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	40	56	26	8	34	61	28
1999	5	38	62	22	6	37	62	32	8	32	67	32
ONTARIO												
1993	16	50	43	12	4	27	68	34	5	24	74	46
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	30	67	38	9	30	67	40
1999	13	40	59	23	8	38	62	32	8	33	66	34
QUÉBEC												
1993	19	51	41	14	8	21	73	46	5	16	80	53
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8	35	59	29	8	30	66	35
1999	15	44	54	17	11	40	58	22	11	33	66	24
ATLANTIC												
1993	9	48	49	14	6	35	65	37	5	32	63	33
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	40	58	29	15	39	56	28
1999	13	45	54	19	9	37	59	31	9	39	59	30

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CANADIANS' SATISFACTION WITH THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM
– August 1996 and May 1999 –

	REGION													
	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Man/Sask.		Ontario		Québec		Atlantic	
	'96	'99	'96	'99	'96	'99	'96	'99	'96	'99	'96	'99	'96	'99
(Weighted Bases)	(1501) (%)	(1515) (%)	(183) (%)	(198) (%)	(135) (%)	(136) (%)	(111) (%)	(106) (%)	(559) (%)	(572) (%)	(386) (%)	(380) (%)	(127) (%)	(123) (%)
Very satisfied	9	7	7	12	10	8	16	4	10	7	7	8	10	5
Somewhat satisfied	44	47	46	45	44	54	38	58	43	41	44	48	50	54
Not very satisfied	28	31	28	30	28	21	24	25	27	34	34	31	21	30
Not at all satisfied	15	14	15	11	14	15	19	12	16	16	12	12	17	10

CANADIANS' VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN THEIR OWN PROVINCES

	REGION							AGE			HAVE KIDS IN SCHOOL?	
	Canada	B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask	Ontario	Québec	Atlantic	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No
(Weighted Bases)	(1515) (%)	(198) (%)	(136) (%)	(106) (%)	(572) (%)	(380) (%)	(123) (%)	(511) (%)	(585) (%)	(413) (%)	(388) (%)	(1127) (%)
Should be increased from current levels	63	66	70	59	62	60	71	71	64	52	68	61
Should be maintained at current levels	34	30	29	38	36	36	27	27	33	44	29	36
Should be cut back from current levels	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2

CANADIANS' VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS

IN THEIR OWN PROVINCES

		REGION						AGE			ATTENDING POST- SECONDARY SCHOOL?		
	Canada	B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask	Ontario	Québec	Atlantic	18-34	35-54	55+	Children Only	Myself Only	No One
(Weighted Bases)	(1515) (%)	(198) (%)	(136) (%)	(106) (%)	(572) (%)	(380) (%)	(123) (%)	(511) (%)	(585) (%)	(413) (%)	(151) (%)	(169) (%)	(1186) (%)
Should be increased from current levels	58	49	59	62	60	57	65	61	62	50	59	70	56
Should be maintained at current levels	37	46	39	34	36	36	30	35	33	44	34	26	39
Should be cut back from current levels	4	3	2	3	3	6	4	3	3	5	4	2	4

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– MAY 1999 –

		REGION						AGE		
	Canada	B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask	Ontario	Québec	Atlantic	18-34	35-54	55+
(Weighted Bases)	(1515) (%)	(198) (%)	(136) (%)	(106) (%)	(572) (%)	(380) (%)	(123) (%)	(511) (%)	(585) (%)	(413) (%)
PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE MUCH BETTER EDUCATION THAN PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS:										
Strongly agree	27	30	23	17	29	26	27	23	25	32
Agree*	61	63	58	51	64	59	59	58	62	63
Disagree**	34	31	35	39	31	39	33	39	32	30
Strongly disagree	12	11	9	9	11	15	10	12	10	13
TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON USING COMPUTERS RATHER THAN THE BASICS:										
Strongly agree	26	27	25	32	25	27	26	19	23	39
Agree	56	55	56	59	55	57	55	50	54	66
Disagree	42	44	43	41	43	43	41	49	44	31
Strongly disagree	14	16	11	16	16	10	18	17	14	12
SCHOOL BOARDS SHOULD ACCEPT CORPORATE DONATIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR ADS IN CLASSROOMS:										
Strongly agree	20	20	18	17	18	28	15	23	19	18
Agree	53	54	47	52	49	62	52	64	51	44
Disagree	46	45	51	46	51	38	48	36	49	55
Strongly disagree	32	33	29	32	37	23	29	25	33	38

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