

***PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SELECTED POTENTIAL REFORMS TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION  
– April 1993 and May 1999 –***

				REGION										
	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Man/Sask.		Ontario		Québec		Atlantic	
	'93	'99	'93	'99	'93	'99	'93	'99	'93	'99	'93	'99	'93	'99
(Weighted Bases)	(1504) (%)	(1515) (%)	(183) (%)	(198) (%)	(135) (%)	(136) (%)	(112) (%)	(106) (%)	(560) (%)	(572) (%)	(387) (%)	(380) (%)	(128) (%)	(123) (%)
ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES TO FUND CERTAIN POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS:														
Strongly support	58	47	59	51	49	47	54	48	50	47	68	44	68	46
Support*	93	89	91	87	91	91	92	91	91	88	95	89	98	92
Oppose**	7	11	8	13	8	9	8	9	9	12	4	10	2	8
Strongly oppose	2	4	3	3	3	4	1	5	3	5	2	4	1	5
HAVING UNIVERSITIES SPECIALIZE IN CERTAIN PROGRAMS:														
Strongly support	29	26	25	25	23	16	24	25	24	26	40	27	28	34
Support	60	66	61	66	59	54	51	66	56	64	70	73	58	67
Oppose	36	33	34	33	39	45	41	32	41	34	27	26	38	33
Strongly oppose	16	13	12	8	19	15	14	15	17	17	16	8	16	11
ENCOURAGING ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED UNIVERSITIES:														
Strongly support	18	16	22	21	18	11	10	11	15	15	23	17	21	15
Support	52	53	61	65	53	45	40	50	47	51	56	55	56	53
Oppose	40	44	33	34	37	54	46	45	45	47	36	43	38	45
Strongly oppose	21	23	18	16	21	28	21	25	24	26	19	20	15	21
INCREASING TUITION FEES SO STUDENTS PAY MORE OF ACTUAL COSTS:														
Strongly support	10	5	9	5	12	5	10	2	12	5	11	5	4	7
Support	34	19	32	24	38	16	29	15	36	18	38	23	17	14
Oppose	65	80	68	75	62	83	70	85	63	82	60	77	82	86
Strongly oppose	42	55	41	46	40	56	50	60	41	62	38	44	56	71
* Percentage of respondents saying they “strongly support” or “somewhat support” that proposal.														
** Percentage of respondents saying they “strongly oppose” or “somewhat oppose” that proposal.														

**VIEWS ON WHETHER YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD ACQUIRE TRADE SKILLS OR A  
GENERAL UNIVERSITY EDUCATION  
– 1986 to 1999 –**

	Aug '86	Jan. '93	Oct. '95	May '99
<b>CANADA</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(1674)	(1508)	(1503)	(1515)
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Trade or skill	39	50	56	52
General university education	31	27	32	36
(Unsure)	30	23	12	12
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(192)	(186)	(183)	(198)
Trade or skill	47	53	62	58
General university education	16	26	25	31
(Unsure)	36	20	12	11
<b>ALBERTA</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(156)	(135)	(135)	(136)
Trade or skill	40	48	53	48
General university education	29	28	30	42
(Unsure)	31	24	17	10
<b>MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(138)	(113)	(112)	(106)
Trade or skill	49	48	60	56
General university education	20	24	29	34
(Unsure)	30	28	11	10
<b>ONTARIO</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(601)	(561)	(560)	(572)
Trade or skill	41	51	56	47
General university education	25	24	31	38
(Unsure)	33	25	13	15
<b>QUÉBEC</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(435)	(386)	(386)	(380)
Trade or skill	28	45	56	57
General university education	48	33	32	34
(Unsure)	24	21	11	10
<b>ATLANTIC</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(152)	(127)	(127)	(123)
Trade or skill	37	52	51	56
General university education	39	30	43	33
(Unsure)	24	18	6	11

**PERCEIVED QUALITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION TODAY  
COMPARED TO 25 YEARS AGO  
– 1986 to 1999 –**

	Aug '86	Jan. '93	Oct. '95	May '99
<b>CANADA</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(1674) (%)	(1507) (%)	(1503) (%)	(1515) (%)
Better	42	30	34	35
Same	22	17	20	26
Worse	36	46	40	37
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(192)	(186)	(183)	(198)
Better	46	35	27	32
Same	25	12	21	25
Worse	30	49	42	41
<b>ALBERTA</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(156)	(135)	(135)	(136)
Better	53	42	42	47
Same	25	23	20	21
Worse	22	29	32	30
<b>MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(138)	(113)	(112)	(106)
Better	57	44	45	44
Same	21	17	14	19
Worse	22	36	38	33
<b>ONTARIO</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(601)	(561)	(560)	(572)
Better	45	25	34	32
Same	24	15	18	25
Worse	32	50	42	40
<b>QUÉBEC</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(435)	(386)	(386)	(380)
Better	22	22	28	27
Same	19	21	23	36
Worse	59	51	46	36
<b>ATLANTIC</b>				
(Weighted Bases)	(152)	(127)	(127)	(123)
Better	60	53	49	56
Same	14	8	23	16
Worse	26	32	25	29