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Base: All respondents	1500	200	135	120	525	400	120	405	691	396	710	790
Weighted	1500	196	135	105	566	377	122	506	579	408	735	765
Strongly agree	24%	17%	20%	20%	21%	33%	27%	19%	25%	29%	24%	24%
Somewhat agree	49%	49%	43%	58%	50%	46%	53%	55%	47%	45%	45%	53%
Somewhat disagree	14%	17%	22%	13%	13%	13%	9%	17%	14%	10%	16%	13%
Strongly disagree	11%	14%	13%	7%	14%	7%	11%	7%	13%	14%	14%	9%
(DK/NS)	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Top2Box (Agree)	73%	66%	63%	78%	71%	79%	80%	74%	72%	74%	69%	77%
Low2Box (Disagree)	25%	32%	35%	21%	27%	19%	20%	24%	27%	24%	30%	21%

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Somewhat agree	49%	53%	51%	51%	44%	50%	51%	47%
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3- Increase spending on healthcare	1083	133	94	71	416	285	84	347	416	314	531	552
	72%	68%	69%	67%	73%	76%	69%	69%	72%	77%	72%	73%
4- Increase spending on education	872	108	75	60	338	218	73	314	350	203	405	467
	58%	55%	56%	57%	60%	58%	60%	62%	60%	50%	55%	61%
1- Reducing personal income taxes	821	106	76	48	272	251	67	263	338	217	406	416
	55%	54%	56%	46%	48%	67%	55%	52%	58%	53%	55%	55%
2- Reducing the Government of Canada's debt	792	106	74	57	306	182	68	280	308	201	429	363
	53%	54%	55%	54%	54%	48%	56%	55%	53%	49%	58%	48%
9- Increase support for Canadian farmers and fishermen	679	78	73	62	266	148	51	230	239	206	317	362
	45%	40%	54%	59%	47%	39%	42%	45%	41%	50%	43%	48%
5- Increase spending in areas that encourage more business and university research and development in Canada	648	86	52	43	249	167	51	235	237	175	313	335
	43%	44%	39%	41%	44%	44%	42%	46%	41%	43%	42%	44%
6- Increase spending to improve Canada's infrastructure (that is, roads and bridges)	560	76	47	47	200	147	43	166	215	177	287	273
	37%	39%	35%	45%	35%	39%	35%	33%	37%	43%	39%	36%
7- Increase spending on arts and culture in Canada	247	39	15	12	92	74	15	112	88	47	115	133
	16%	20%	11%	12%	16%	20%	13%	22%	15%	11%	15%	17%
8- Increase spending on Canada's military	234	37	26	15	108	18	30	68	95	71	128	106
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