

TABLE 1A
ALBERTANS' TAKE SIDES ON BILL 11

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The Government of Alberta's intent is to have these providers operate under the jurisdiction of a regional health authority and that, under this arrangement, these private providers will be paid by the government and not by individual Albertans.

From what you know, would you say that you support or oppose the proposal put forward by the Alberta government? Is that strongly or moderately (support/oppose)?"

	REGION					
	Total	Calgary	Edmonton	Northern Alberta	Central Alberta	Southern Alberta
Base: All Respondents	(1071) %	(400) %	(400) %	(106) %	(82) %	(83) %
Strongly support	13	17	10	12	15	9
Moderately support	27	30	22	34	27	24
Moderately oppose	16	16	16	18	15	19
Strongly oppose	36	30	43	29	34	42
Don't know	8	6	9	7	10	6
Summary						
% Support	40	47	32	46	42	33
% Oppose	52	46	59	47	49	61

TABLE 1B
ALBERTANS' CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE NEGATIVE "BY-PRODUCTS" OF BILL 11

"Some people have concerns about this healthcare proposal while others do not. Assuming that the government proposal moves forward, how concerned would you personally be that..." (Very, Somewhat, Not very or Not at all concerned)

			REGION					GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL	
		Total	Calgary	Edmonton	Northern Alberta	Central Alberta	Southern Alberta	Support	Oppose
Base: All Respondents		(1071) %	(400) %	(400) %	(106) %	(82) %	(83) %	(426) %	(566) %
The government will start reducing the number of medical services covered by Alberta Health	Very concerned	65	58	68	70	65	61	43	81
	Somewhat Concerned	18	18	17	18	17	22	23	13
	Total Concerned	83	76	85	88	79	83	66	94
You personally will have to start paying fees for services you use	Very concerned	62	57	62	59	62	75	40	78
	Somewhat Concerned	19	18	19	21	19	16	22	16
	Total Concerned	81	75	81	80	81	91	62	94
People with money would be able to jump ahead of those who don't on waiting lists	Very concerned	62	54	65	66	61	70	39	79
	Somewhat Concerned	17	19	15	18	17	17	19	14
	Total Concerned	79	73	80	84	78	87	58	93
The overall quality of healthcare in Alberta will get worse	Very concerned	54	47	60	49	52	66	31	73
	Somewhat Concerned	22	22	20	29	19	21	20	21
	Total Concerned	76	69	80	78	71	87	51	94

TABLE 2
ALBERTANS' FAMILIARITY WITH GOVERNMENT'S HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL

"As you may know, recently the provincial government announced a proposal to change the way some health care services are offered here in Alberta. Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar or not at all familiar with this proposal?"

		REGION					GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL	
	Total	Calgary	Edmonton	Northern Alberta	Central Alberta	Southern Alberta	Support	Oppose
Base: All Respondents	(827) %	(264) %	(285) %	(98) %	(82) %	(98) %	(426) %	(566) %
Very familiar	17	14	21	12	21	14	12	22
Somewhat familiar	50	54	49	51	45	48	49	53
Not too familiar	21	21	20	21	26	21	24	17
Not at all familiar	11	11	9	15	8	17	15	7
Don't know	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Summary								
Top Box – Familiar	67	68	70	63	66	62	61	75
Low Box – Not Familiar	33	32	30	36	34	38	38	24

TABLE 3
TOP-OF-MIND RECOLLECTION OF NEW GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL

"What have you heard?"

	Total
Base: Familiar with proposal	(954) %
Moving towards privatization / privatizing hospitals	32
Opening private clinics / privatizing clinics	16
They will be contracting out some medical services / procedures	8
Two-tier Medicare	7
Bill 11	7
Only rich people will benefit / rich will jump the lines	5
Supposed to reduce waiting periods	4
Mentions of ad medium / where they heard about it (unspecified)	4
We will have to pay / costs will increase	4
A lot of opposition to it (from public, federal gov't, doctors, etc.)	3
Will not cost more / will be cheaper	2
Quality of Healthcare System will deteriorate	2
Don't know	19

TABLE 4A
PUBLIC RECALL OF BILL 11 HOUSEHOLDER

"In the past couple of weeks, has your household received a copy of the government's proposal in the mail? This brochure is blue and grey, has a picture of a child on the front and says in larger type "A stronger health care system for the future".

		GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL	
	Total	Support	Oppose
Base: All Respondents	(1071) %	(426) %	(566) %
Yes	61	54	67
No	37	41	32
Don't know	2	4	1

TABLE 4B
PUBLIC READERSHIP OF BILL 11 HOUSEHOLDER

"When you received your copy of the brochure, did you...?"

		GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL	
	Total	Support	Oppose
Base: All Respondents	(1071) %	(426) %	(566) %
Don't remember receiving it	39	46	33
Skim it briefly	23	22	25
Put it away to read later	19	19	17
Read it thoroughly	15	10	20
Throw it away without reading it	4	3	4

TABLE 5
PUBLIC SUPPORT/OPPOSITION FOR BILL 11 BY HOUSEHOLDER READERSHIP

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From what you know, would you say that you support or oppose the proposal put forward by the Alberta government? Is that strongly or moderately (support/oppose)?"

		GOVERNMENT BROCHURE			
	Total	Read	Skim	Put Away	Didn't Receive
Base: All Respondents	(1071) %	(172) %	(257) %	(207) %	(393) %
Strongly support	13	20	13	10	12
Moderately support	27	6	26	30	34
Moderately oppose	16	8	17	24	16
Strongly oppose	36	62	40	24	27
Don't know	8	3	4	12	10
Summary					
Top Box – Support	40	26	39	40	46
Low Box – Oppose	52	70	57	48	43

TABLE 6
ALBERTANS ASSESS GOVERNMENT HEALTHCARE BROCHURE

"Next, I'm going to read you a list of short statements that some people use when talking about the health care brochure you received, and I'd like you to tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement."

		GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL		BROCHURE			
	Total	Support	Oppose	Read	Skim	Put Away	Didn't Receive
Base: All Respondents	(1071) %	(426) %	(566) %	(172) %	(257) %	(207) %	(393) %
The brochure was a big waste of taxpayers' money	43	25	59	58	47	30	38
You can trust the information in this brochure	43	69	24	38	47	52	40
*Reading the brochure made me feel better about the health care proposal	33	76	8	33	32	-	-
*This brochure gave me a lot of information I didn't know	54	67	48	56	53	-	-

*Only asked of those who "Read" or "Skimmed" brochure (n=429)

TABLE 7
CREDIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT & OPPOSITION FORCES IN BILL 11 DEBATE

"When it comes to what they are saying about this new health care proposal, who would you say you are inclined to believe more...?"

		REGION				
	Total	Calgary	Edmonton	Northern Alberta	Central Alberta	Southern Alberta
Base: All Respondents	(1071) %	(400) %	(400) %	(106) %	(82) %	(83) %
The Provincial Progressive Conservative Government	34	39	29	44	27	35
The Provincial Liberal Opposition	34	28	42	24	31	39
Neither	22	22	19	25	23	22
Both	1	-	1	2	3	1
Don't know	9	11	9	5	16	3

TABLE 8
ATTITUDINAL ASSESSMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICE DEBATE IN CANADA

"Next I'm going to read you a few statements some people might make about health care in Alberta today, and I'd like to get your thoughts. Would you say you personally agree or disagree with the following sentiments?"

			REGION				
Statement	%	Total	Calgary	Edmonton	Northern Alberta	Central Alberta	Southern Alberta
		(1071) %	(400) %	(400) %	(106) %	(82) %	(83) %
If Alberta government wants to reduce waiting lists they should stop closing / reopening hospitals.	Agree	79	73	81	77	81	90
	Disagree	19	25	19	21	17	8
Alberta government just needs to put more money into existing system, not fund private facilities.	Agree	72	65	75	75	79	71
	Disagree	26	32	22	24	17	27
Government's proposal moving Alberta toward two-tier healthcare.	Agree	64	64	66	61	60	66
	Disagree	32	32	30	33	33	34
I personally feel well informed about what's going on with healthcare in Alberta.	Agree	58	59	59	60	60	48
	Disagree	41	40	41	39	39	51
Contracting out some medical services will reduce waiting lists.	Agree	57	66	52	58	56	47
	Disagree	39	31	45	40	35	45
I think Medicare works just fine with way it is now.	Agree	50	43	54	57	48	50
	Disagree	49	56	44	43	51	49
Using some private facilities save money – government won't pay for buildings/maintenance	Agree	45	50	39	49	49	41
	Disagree	53	47	59	49	49	57
Using some private healthcare providers will promote competition – make public sector healthcare more efficient.	Agree	42	38	40	46	33	39
	Disagree	56	49	60	54	52	61
Federal government should <u>stay out</u> of current debate about healthcare in Alberta.	Agree	39	40	37	49	41	33
	Disagree	59	57	61	51	56	65
Alberta Government proposal is the best way to keep healthcare universal and affordable.	Agree	35	37	33	38	42	27
	Disagree	59	58	62	60	49	66