

PARTIES AND ISSUES

q31. Once the election is over, what do you think should be the new BC government's main priority when it comes to developing its first budget? [TAX CUTS vs GOVERNMENT SERVICES]

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Cutting taxes	244 31%	62 32%	85 34%	36 25%	61 29%	141 36% F	103 25%	35 24%	83 30%	121 36% G	31 27%	43 25%	173 33%	87 32%	93 29%	62 30%
Reducing the overall accumulated provincial debt	209 26%	53 27%	57 22%	41 28%	60 29%	115 30% F	94 23%	33 22%	71 26%	92 27%	33 28%	44 25%	135 26%	50 19%	100 31% M	57 28% M
Spending more on government programs, such as healthcare and education	334 42%	76 39%	106 42%	65 45%	85 41%	123 32%	211 51% E	77 53% I	118 42%	122 36%	52 44%	86 49%	205 39%	128 48% N	120 38%	81 40%
(DK/NS)	13 2%	3 2%	3 1%	3 2%	4 2%	8 2%	6 1%	2 1%	7 2%	4 1%	0 -	3 2%	10 2%	4 1%	5 1%	4 2%

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q32. Some people say that government should cut personal taxes by a significant amount. They say this would help generate economic activity in BC, which would in turn provide government the tax revenue it needs to pay for services such as healthcare and education. Other people say that government should not cut personal taxes by a significant amount. They say cutting taxes would mean the government would not have enough money to pay for services such as healthcare and education, and would therefore have to cut back on these services. Which one of these two statements is closest to how you feel about cutting personal taxes. [TAX CUTS vs GOVERNMENT SERVICES]

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Government should cut personal taxes	513 64%	125 64%	171 68% C	82 57%	134 64%	274 71% F	239 58%	83 57%	190 68% G	218 64%	78 68%	110 62%	336 64%	162 60%	217 69%	128 63%
Government should not cut personal taxes	279 35%	68 35%	79 32%	60 42%	71 34%	109 28%	170 41% E	62 43% H	84 30%	121 36%	38 32%	67 38%	179 34%	106 39%	98 31%	72 35%
(DK/NS)	8 1%	1 0	1 0	3 2%	4 2%	4 1%	4 1%	1 0	5 2%	1 0	0 -	0 -	7 1%	1 0	2 1%	4 2%

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q33. *There has been a lot of debate recently about the need to reform our health care system in order to control costs and provide British Columbians greater and more timely access to health care services. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'I think it would be OK if BC developed two levels of healthcare services: a basic one that the government funded for everyone, and another one, where those who could afford it paid the full amount and received whatever kind of services they wanted. [HEALTH CARE]*

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Strongly agree	107 13%	32 17%	34 14%	18 12%	22 11%	64 17%	43 10%	22 15%	28 10%	51 15%	16 14%	23 13%	71 14%	23 8%	43 13%	42 20%
Moderately agree	186 23%	39 20%	59 23%	38 26%	50 24%	104 27%	82 20%	27 19%	67 24%	80 24%	33 28%	25 14%	132 25%	61 23%	82 26%	41 20%
Moderately disagree	119 15%	26 13%	39 16%	24 16%	30 14%	44 11%	75 18%	23 15%	40 14%	52 15%	13 11%	29 17%	76 15%	47 17%	45 14%	26 13%
Strongly disagree	379 47%	95 49%	116 46%	64 44%	104 50%	169 44%	209 51%	69 47%	141 51%	154 45%	55 47%	100 56%	234 45%	135 50%	146 46%	90 44%
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Summary																
Agree (Strongly/Moderately)	292 37%	72 37%	93 37%	56 38%	72 35%	168 43%	125 30%	50 34%	94 34%	131 39%	48 42%	48 27%	203 39%	84 31%	125 39%	82 40%
Disagree (Strongly/Moderately)	497 62%	121 62%	155 62%	87 60%	134 64%	213 55%	284 69%	92 63%	181 65%	206 61%	68 58%	129 73%	310 59%	182 68%	191 60%	116 57%

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q34. A suggestion has been made that the BC government put on hold the current process of negotiating treaties with BC's aboriginal peoples in order to hold a referendum to decide what kinds of things should and should not be in the treaties. Which of these two statements is closest to how you feel about this issue? [ABORIGINAL ISSUES]

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Good idea to hold a referendum	498 62%	102 53%	166 66%	89 61%	142 68%	240 62%	258 63%	94 64%	167 60%	211 62%	72 62%	103 59%	330 63%	166 62%	199 63%	126 62%
Bad idea to hold a referendum	289 36%	91 47%	80 32%	55 38%	62 30%	139 36%	150 36%	50 34%	108 39%	124 36%	39 34%	70 39%	187 36%	100 37%	113 36%	73 36%
(DK/NS)	13 2%	1 0	5 2%	1 1%	5 3%	9 2%	5 1%	2 2%	3 1%	4 1%	4 4%	4 2%	5 1%	3 1%	5 2%	4 2%