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	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
PRIVATE PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE EXPROPRIATED FOR TREATY SETTLEMENTS					
Yes	465 58%	86 52%	379 60%	279 68% D	180 49%
No	237 30%	58 35%	179 28%	94 23%	140 38% C
(DK/NS)	98 12%	21 13%	72 11%	35 9%	49 13% C
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASES AND LICENCES SHOULD BE RESPECTED, FAIR COMPENSATION FOR UNAVOIDABLE DISRUPTION OF COMMERCIAL INTERESTS SHOULD BE ENSURED					
Yes	549 69%	97 59%	450 71% A	311 76% D	231 63%
No	155 19%	47 28% B	108 17%	64 16%	89 24% C
(DK/NS)	96 12%	22 13%	72 11%	34 8%	49 13% C
HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON CROWN LAND SHOULD BE ENSURED FOR ALL BRITISH COLUMBIANS					
Yes	581 73%	102 62%	477 76% A	326 80% D	247 67%
No	151 19%	44 26% B	107 17%	56 14%	92 25% C
(DK/NS)	69 9%	20 12%	46 7%	26 6%	31 8%

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	Total	Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF ALL BRITISH COLUMBIANS					
Yes	653 82%	108 65%	543 86% A	356 87% D	285 77%
No	81 10%	35 21% B	45 7%	29 7%	51 14% C
(DK/NS)	66 8%	22 13% B	41 7%	23 6%	34 9%
PROVINCE-WIDE STANDARDS OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY					
Yes	643 80%	114 69%	527 84% A	352 86% D	281 76%
No	89 11%	31 19% B	58 9%	33 8%	55 15% C
(DK/NS)	68 9%	20 12% B	45 7%	23 6%	34 9%
ABORIGINAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH POWERS DELEGATED FROM CANADA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA					
Yes	472 59%	92 55%	380 60%	271 66% D	196 53%
No	238 30%	52 32%	185 29%	109 27%	126 34% C
(DK/NS)	90 11%	21 13%	64 10%	29 7%	48 13% C
TREATIES SHOULD INCLUDE MECHANISMS FOR HARMONIZING LAND USE PLANNING BETWEEN ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENTS AND NEIGHBOURING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS					
Yes	569 71%	101 61%	468 74% A	318 78% D	242 66%
No	151 19%	46 28% B	105 17%	63 16%	85 23% C
(DK/NS)	81 10%	19 12%	56 9%	27 7%	42 11% C

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		Respondent		Voting Probability	
	Total	Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
THE EXISTING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE SHOULD BE PHASED OUT					
Yes	521 65%	96 58%	425 68% A	305 75% D	209 57%
No	204 25%	51 31%	153 24%	77 19%	125 34% C
(DK/NS)	76 9%	19 12%	51 8%	26 6%	36 10%

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2. Overall, how informed do you currently feel about the issues addressed in these eight questions? Would you say that you are very informed, somewhat informed, not very informed or not at all informed?

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		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Very informed	165 21%	165 100% B	0 -	101 25% D	60 16%
Somewhat informed	452 57%	0 -	452 72% A	242 59%	201 54%
Not very informed	132 16%	0 -	132 21% A	51 13%	77 21% C
Not at all informed	46 6%	0 -	46 7% A	12 3%	32 9% C
(DK/NS)	5 1%	0 -	0 -	2 1%	0 -
Summary					
Top Box - Informed	618 77%	165 100% B	452 72%	343 84% D	261 71%
Low Box - Not informed	177 22%	0 -	177 28% A	63 15%	109 29% C

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3. And, overall, do you support or oppose the provincial government's decision to hold this referendum? (Would that be strongly/moderately support/oppose?)

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	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Strongly support	207 26%	65 39% B	142 23%	176 43% D	30 8%
Moderately support	228 29%	23 14%	205 33% A	128 31%	97 26%
Moderately oppose	115 14%	6 3%	109 17% A	42 10%	71 19% C
Strongly oppose	229 29%	69 42% B	156 25%	58 14%	159 43% C
(DK/NS)	21 3%	2 1%	18 3%	4 1%	13 3% C
Summary					
Top Box - Support	435 54%	88 54%	347 55%	304 75% D	127 34%
Low Box - Oppose	344 43%	75 45%	265 42%	100 25%	229 62% C

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4. Overall, do you think that holding this referendum will have a positive or negative impact on treaty negotiations with BC's aboriginal peoples over the next few years, or do you think it will have no impact at all?

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		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Very positive	56 7%	21 13% B	35 6%	46 11% D	10 3%
Somewhat positive	144 18%	23 14%	121 19%	99 24% D	45 12%
Somewhat negative	162 20%	12 7%	150 24% A	85 21%	75 20%
Very negative	252 32%	72 43% B	179 28%	91 22%	151 41% C
No impact at all	162 20%	33 20%	129 20%	78 19%	81 22%
(DK/NS)	24 3%	5 3%	16 3%	9 2%	8 2%
Summary					
Top Box - Positive	200 25%	44 26%	156 25%	145 35% D	55 15%
Low Box - Negative	414 52%	83 50%	329 52%	176 43%	226 61% C

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5. As you may know, this referendum will be conducted by a mail-in ballot, which has been estimated to cost about 9 million dollars to implement. Some people say spending money on this referendum is a bad idea, because it's a waste of money, and there are other more important priorities for the government. Other people say spending money on this referendum is a good idea, because it establishes principles for treaty negotiations that will bring greater certainty to the process, and have positive long-term economic benefits for the province. Which one of these two views comes closest to how you feel about the government's proposed referendum.

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		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Good idea, bring certainty and long-term economic benefits	307	75	231	239	66
	38%	45% B	37%	59% D	18%
Bad idea, waste of money, other more important priorities	479	87	388	164	298
	60%	52%	62% A	40%	81% C
(DK/NS)	14	4	10	5	6
	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

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6. Based on how you feel right now, how likely is it that you will vote in the referendum by filling in the referendum ballot and mailing it in to Elections BC for the May 15th deadline? Will you definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?

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	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Definitely vote	408 51%	101 61% B	305 48%	408 100% D	0 -
Probably vote	158 20%	18 11%	140 22% A	0 -	158 43% C
Probably not vote	104 13%	11 6%	93 15% A	0 -	104 28% C
Definitely not vote	108 14%	31 19% B	77 12%	0 -	108 29% C
(DK/NS)	22 3%	4 3%	15 2%	0 -	0 -
Summary					
Top Box - Vote	566 71%	119 72%	445 71%	408 100% D	158 43%
Low Box - Not vote	212 26%	42 25%	170 27%	0 -	212 57% C

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7. What is the main reason you will not vote in the referendum?

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - A/B - C/D

* small base; ** very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing

	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: Will not vote in the referendum	215	45	170	0	215
Weighted	212	42*	170	-.**	212
Protesting against holding this referendum	41 19%	15 35% B	26 16%	0 -	41 19%
Don't feel informed enough about the issues	28 13%	0 -	28 16% A	0 -	28 13%
Don't believe it has been set up fairly (incl. poorly worded, etc.)	23 11%	5 11%	19 11%	0 -	23 11%
Don't believe in majority voting on minority rights	22 10%	10 23% B	13 7%	0 -	22 10%
It's a waste of money/ too costly	19 9%	2 6%	16 10%	0 -	19 9%
Don't like/believe in referendums	14 7%	0 -	14 8%	0 -	14 7%
It will create animosity between the Native and non-Native people	9 4%	5 11% B	5 3%	0 -	9 4%
My vote won't make a difference	8 4%	2 4%	6 4%	0 -	8 4%
Not a registered voter/ not a citizen	7 3%	0 -	7 4%	0 -	7 3%
I don't vote	7 3%	1 2%	6 4%	0 -	7 3%
Don't have an opinion	4 2%	0 -	4 3%	0 -	4 2%
Can't be bothered	4 2%	0 -	4 3%	0 -	4 2%
Didn't know about the referendum	3 1%	0 -	3 2%	0 -	3 1%
Don't have time	3 1%	0 -	3 2%	0 -	3 1%

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	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Other	15 7%	4 8%	11 7%	0 -	15 7%
No reason	1 0	0 -	1 1%	0 -	1 0
(DK/NS)	5 2%	0 -	5 3%	0 -	5 2%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Region: Gender:

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - A/B - C/D

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		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All Respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
REGION					
Vancouver/Burnaby	194 24%	33 20%	161 26%	82 20%	107 29%
Rest of Lower Mainland	252 31%	58 35%	193 31%	131 32%	119 32%
Vancouver Island	145 18%	24 15%	116 18%	85 21%	54 15%
Rest of BC	209 26%	49 30%	159 25%	111 27%	90 24%
GENDER					
Male	387 48%	88 53%	298 47%	206 51%	169 46%
Female	413 52%	78 47%	331 53%	202 49%	201 54%

DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Age:

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - A/B - C/D

	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
AGE					
18 to 24	106 13%	12 7%	95 15% A	45 11%	62 17% C
25 to 34	163 20%	27 16%	136 22%	81 20%	79 21%
35 to 44	156 20%	34 21%	122 19%	89 22%	67 18%
45 to 54	156 20%	41 25%	116 18%	81 20%	72 20%
55 to 64	118 15%	30 18%	86 14%	60 15%	53 14%
65 or more	86 11%	19 11%	65 10%	45 11%	32 9%
(DK/NS)	15 2%	5 3%	9 1%	7 2%	5 1%
Summary					
Mean	43.6	46.6 B	42.7	44.2	42.1
Median	42.2	47.1 B	40.6	42.7	39.8

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2. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

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	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed	Not Informed	High	Low
		A	B	C	D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Grade school or some high school	64 8%	9 5%	55 9%	32 8%	29 8%
Complete high school	159 20%	21 13%	136 22%	79 19%	76 20%
Technical, vocational post-secondary	197 25%	45 27%	152 24%	108 26%	85 23%
Some university	124 16%	28 17%	97 15%	68 17%	53 14%
Complete university degree (Bachelors)	153 19%	33 20%	119 19%	72 18%	80 22%
Post-graduate degree (Masters/PhD/etc.)	94 12%	29 18%	65 10%	43 11%	45 12%
(DK/NS)	8 1%	1 1%	6 1%	6 1%	1 0

DEMOGRAPHICS

4a/4b. Do you or does any member of your household currently belong to a labour union? If yes, private-sector or a public-sector union?

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	Total	Respondent		Voting Probability	
		Informed A	Not Informed B	High C	Low D
Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Private sector (private company)	111 14%	25 15%	85 14%	54 13%	55 15%
Public sector (government/ government agency/ crown corp.)	153 19%	36 22%	117 19%	79 19%	73 20%
Non-Union	521 65%	101 61%	416 66%	268 66%	235 64%
(DK/NS)	15 2%	2 1%	12 2%	7 2%	6 2%

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6d. What is your present employment status?

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Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Employed less than 30 hours per week	106 13%	25 15%	80 13%	58 14%	48 13%
Employed 30 hours per week or more	419 52%	91 55%	328 52%	218 53%	193 52%
A student	49 6%	5 3%	44 7%	22 5%	28 8%
A homemaker	47 6%	7 4%	40 6%	21 5%	25 7%
Retired	125 16%	26 16%	97 15%	65 16%	52 14%
Not employed	50 6%	10 6%	39 6%	23 6%	24 6%
(DK/NS)	4 0	1 1%	2 0	2 1%	1 0

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7. And finally, which of the following broad categories best describes your family income? That is the combined total income before taxes of all persons in your household?

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Base: All respondents	800	171	626	407	373
Weighted	800	165	630	408	370
Under \$30,000	165 21%	24 14%	141 22% A	70 17%	90 24% C
\$30,000 to \$59,999	251 31%	44 26%	207 33%	128 31%	121 33%
\$60,000 to \$99,999	189 24%	47 29%	142 23%	106 26%	81 22%
\$100,000 or more	111 14%	32 19% B	79 13%	63 15%	45 12%
(DK/NS)	84 11%	19 11%	60 10%	43 10%	32 9%