

During the coming year - that is 2003, do you think the Canadian economy will: Grow strongly, slow down, but continue to have some growth, or enter into a recession?

	TOTAL
Base: All Respondents	
Unweighted Base	314
Weighted Base	314
Grow strongly	18%
Slow down, but continue to have some growth	77%
Enter into a recession	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: I think there will be a major economic downturn in the next two years?

	TOTAL
Base: All Respondents	
Unweighted Base	314
Weighted Base	314
Strongly agree	5%
Somewhat agree	11%
Somewhat disagree	50%
Strongly disagree	31%
Don't know/Refused	3%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
Agree (Top2Box)	16%
Disagree (Low2Box)	81%

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The federal government has created a business environment conducive to economic growth and development?

	TOTAL
Base: All Respondents	
Unweighted Base	314
Weighted Base	314
Strongly agree	3%
Somewhat agree	44%
Somewhat disagree	36%
Strongly disagree	17%
Don't know/Refused	2%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
Agree (Top2Box)	46%
Disagree (Low2Box)	52%

What about inflation: Do you think the rate of inflation in Canada will increase, decrease or stay about the same during 2003?

	TOTAL
Base: All Respondents	
Unweighted Base	314
Weighted Base	314
Increase	25%
Stay about the same	68%
Decrease	7%
Don't know/Refused	0

And who would you say has benefited most from the most recent economic conditions?

	TOTAL
Base: All Respondents	
Unweighted Base	314
Weighted Base	314
Management	28%
Shareholders	4%
Employees	18%
All of the above	24%
None	7%
Don't know/Refused	19%

What do you think are the most serious issues facing Canadian businesses?

	TOTAL
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Base: All Respondents	
Unweighted Base	314
Weighted Base	314
Globalization/ international competitiveness	23%
Taxation/ corporate taxation	22%
Productivity	17%
Educated/ skilled workforce	13%
International economy/ global market conditions	13%
Government regulations/ red tape/ government intervention	12%
Fluctuation in the value of currency	10%
Corporate/ public governance/ public trust concerns	9%
Government/ politics	9%
Lack of capital	8%
NAFTA	7%
Kyoto Accord	6%
The economy	5%
Lack of innovation/ creativity	4%
Lack of good management/ leadership	3%
Government spending	3%
Environmental issues	2%
Public attitude toward growth	2%
Interest rates	1%
Government debt	1%
Resource and development	1%
Small country/ small population/ demographics	1%
Brain drain/ skilled workers leaving to U.S.	1%
Energy costs	1%
Shift in market demand	0
Deflation	0
Aboriginal issues	0
Other	12%
Nothing	1%
Don't know/Refused	3%