

At a recent meeting of the provincial premiers, they all agreed that if the federal government wants to put more money into the healthcare system, they should start by bringing in a new national pharmacare program to help Canadians pay for their prescription drugs. Do you [APPROVE/DISAPPROVE] of the Premiers' position?

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Strongly approve	312 31%	34 26%	25 25%	19 28%	102 27%	104 42% ABCD	28 37%	76 26%	127 32%	106 36% G	151 31%	161 31%
Somewhat approve	429 43%	63 48%	51 52% E	29 43%	164 43% E	85 34%	37 47% E	147 50% I	167 42%	109 37%	185 38%	244 47% J
Somewhat disapprove	127 13%	23 17% E	9 9%	8 12%	57 15% E	24 10%	7 9%	45 15% H	38 10%	40 14%	67 14%	60 12%
Strongly disapprove	117 12%	11 8%	10 10%	9 13%	52 14% F	31 13%	4 5%	21 7%	56 14% G	34 12%	73 15% K	44 9%
Don't know/Refused	17 2%	2 1%	3 3%	3 4%	5 1%	3 1%	2 2%	6 2%	5 1%	5 2%	8 2%	9 2%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Approve (Top2Box)	741 74%	97 73%	75 78%	48 71%	265 70%	190 77%	65 84% D	222 76%	294 75%	216 73%	336 69%	404 78% J
Disapprove (Low2Box)	245 24%	34 25%	19 20%	17 25%	110 29% F	55 22%	11 14%	66 22%	95 24%	74 25%	140 29% K	105 20%

Now, the provincial Premiers argue that the best way to reduce waiting lists is to create a national pharmacare program, because it will reduce provincial spending on drugs, and allow them to spend this money on reducing waiting lists in a way that is appropriate for each province. Now, do you [AGREE/DISAGREE] with the Premiers' position ?

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Strongly agree	201 20%	17 13%	27 28% AD	13 18%	70 18%	55 22% A	21 27% A	50 17%	78 20%	71 24% G	116 24% K	85 16%
Somewhat agree	435 43%	64 48%	37 38%	30 44%	160 42%	115 46%	30 39%	144 49% I	174 44%	115 39%	195 40%	240 46%
Somewhat disagree	218 22%	37 28%	22 22%	14 21%	78 20%	49 20%	18 24%	78 27% I	80 20%	56 19%	95 20%	123 24%
Strongly disagree	127 13%	13 10%	9 9%	8 12%	65 17% EF	26 11%	6 7%	17 6%	57 14% G	44 15% G	70 14%	57 11%
Don't know/Refused	20 2%	2 1%	3 3%	3 4%	7 2%	3 1%	2 3%	5 2%	5 1%	9 3%	7 2%	13 2%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Agree (Top2Box)	637 64%	81 61%	63 65%	42 62%	230 60%	169 68% D	51 66%	194 66%	252 64%	185 63%	311 64%	325 63%
Disagree (Low2Box)	346 34%	50 38%	31 32%	23 34%	143 38%	75 30%	24 31%	95 32%	137 35%	100 34%	166 34%	180 35%

The federal government has responded to the Premiers by stating that it wants any increased healthcare funding to go to reducing waiting lists instead of to a new national pharmacare program. Now, do you [APPROVE/DISAPPROVE] of the federal government's position ?

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Somewhat approve	416 42%	60 45%	40 41%	30 44%	156 41%	85 34%	45 59%	141 48%	155 39%	115 39%	204 42%	212 41%
Somewhat disapprove	148 15%	22 17%	17 18%	10 14%	60 16%	27 11%	11 14%	53 18%	62 16%	31 10%	77 16%	71 14%
Strongly disapprove	96 10%	10 8%	11 12%	10 14%	25 7%	32 13%	7 9%	10 3%	36 9%	45 15%	62 13%	34 7%
Don't know/Refused	18 2%	4 3%	2 2%	1 1%	8 2%	3 1%	0 -	8 3%	6 1%	4 1%	7 1%	10 2%
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Disapprove (Low2Box)	243 24%	32 24%	28 29%	19 28%	86 23%	59 24%	18 23%	62 21%	98 25%	76 26%	138 29%	105 20%

So, overall, who do you think has the best idea for reforming our healthcare system, the provincial premiers who want a new national pharmacare program, or the federal government that wants any new healthcare funding to go to reducing waiting lists ?

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Provincial Premiers	453	55	46	35	150	128	38	125	185	136	229	224
	45%	42%	48%	52%	39%	52% D	50%	43%	47%	46%	47%	43%
Federal Government	469	69	42	22	201	103	32	151	173	133	216	253
	47%	52% C	43%	32%	53% CE	42%	41%	51%	44%	45%	45%	49%
Don't know/Refused	80	8	9	11	29	16	8	18	35	25	39	41
	8%	6%	9%	16% ADE	8%	7%	10%	6%	9%	9%	8%	8%

The federal government has also said that any new funding that it gives to the provinces to reduce waiting lists will require them to spend it according to rules established by the federal government. If a province doesn't agree to the rules, it won't receive the funding. Now, do you [APPROVE/DISAPPROVE] of the federal government's position?

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Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that if the publicly paid for Canadian healthcare system can not meet the healthcare needs of myself or my family in a timely fashion I should be allowed to pay out of my own pocket to get faster diagnosis or treatment from a private health care facility if available.

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Agree (Top2Box)	565 56%	82 62% D	51 52%	42 62%	190 50%	154 62% D	46 60%	173 59%	225 57%	159 54%	280 58%	285 55%
Disagree (Low2Box)	431 43%	51 38%	44 46%	26 38%	188 50% AE	91 37%	31 40%	120 41%	166 42%	133 45%	201 42%	230 44%