

	Region			Sex		Age		
	Total	LM	R of BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Sample size (unweighted)	600	369	231	306	294	102	294	204
Sample size (weighted)	600	343	257	291	309	172	248	180
As you may know, BC's public school teachers have been involved in a contract dispute with the province's public school boards and the provincial government. Which side do you tend to support more in this contract dispute? Is it the teachers as represented by the BC Teachers' Federation or is it the public school boards and the provincial government?								
Strongly teachers/BC Teachers Federation	45%	46%	43%	41%	48%	58%	40%	38%
Somewhat teachers/BC Teachers Federation	12%	13%	11%	11%	14%	10%	15%	11%
Somewhat school boards and the provincial government	12%	11%	13%	12%	12%	10%	13%	13%
Strongly school boards and the provincial government	22%	22%	22%	28%	15%	18%	19%	29%
Both equally	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	1%	6%	5%
Neither	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	6%	3%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	
Total Teachers/BCTF	57%	60%	54%	52%	62%	68%	55%	50%
Total Boards/Government	34%	33%	35%	40%	27%	28%	32%	42%
As you may know, teachers have gone on strike to promote their contract demands. Which of the following best reflects your opinion of this strike action?								
I approve of the strike action taken so far and think teachers should continue to strike to promote their demands	47%	48%	46%	45%	49%	62%	42%	39%
I approve of the strike action taken so far, but think it's time for teachers to end the strike and go back to work	14%	15%	12%	10%	17%	6%	18%	15%
I disapprove of the strike action taken by teachers	37%	35%	40%	44%	31%	28%	39%	43%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	1%	2%
As you may know, the provincial government legislated an end to the contract dispute by extending the current collective agreement to June of next year. Do you approve or disapprove of the provincial government legislating an end to this contract dispute?								
Approve strongly	19%	21%	17%	26%	13%	13%	19%	26%
Approve somewhat	16%	14%	20%	15%	18%	13%	19%	17%
Disapprove somewhat	12%	13%	11%	10%	14%	14%	12%	10%
Disapprove strongly	51%	52%	51%	49%	54%	59%	49%	47%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Total Approve	36%	34%	38%	41%	31%	26%	37%	43%
Total Disapprove	63%	65%	62%	59%	68%	73%	62%	57%
As you may know, the BC Supreme Court has ruled that the teachers strike is illegal. As punishment, the Court has temporarily frozen the assets of the BC Teachers' Federation, preventing it from using its funds for any strike activity, including strike pay for teachers. Do you approve or disapprove of the Courts decision to freeze the assets of the BC Teachers' Federation?								
Approve strongly	36%	35%	37%	42%	31%	33%	35%	41%
Approve somewhat	18%	17%	19%	19%	17%	15%	19%	19%
Disapprove somewhat	13%	14%	11%	13%	13%	21%	10%	9%
Disapprove strongly	30%	29%	31%	24%	36%	28%	34%	27%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Total Approve	54%	53%	56%	61%	48%	48%	53%	61%
Total Disapprove	43%	44%	42%	37%	49%	49%	44%	36%
In your opinion, are BC's public school teachers currently overpaid, underpaid or paid about the right amount for the work they do?								
Overpaid	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%	3%	7%	6%
Underpaid	46%	50%	41%	42%	50%	58%	45%	37%
Paid about the right amount	39%	37%	42%	44%	34%	28%	40%	48%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	9%	10%	8%	10%	11%	8%	10%

Survey fielded October 14 to 16, 2005.

Margin of error $\pm 4.0\%$, 19 times out of 20.