

Some people have said in the media that the next federal budget could contain a change that would allow married couples to do what's called 'income splitting' which allows couples to pay taxes on their combined incomes instead of individually. This can result in substantial tax savings for couples when one partner has a much higher income than the other. An estimate prepared by the Library of Parliament indicates that up to \$5 billion could be taken out of the government's revenues and put in the hands of many Canadian couples if income splitting is allowed. Now some people argue that income splitting is a bad idea because it could reduce the amount of government funds available to support public programs in a wide variety of areas -including healthcare and other social initiatives. Other people argue that income splitting is a good idea because it's about time that Canadian couples got a solid tax break. Which is closer to your own point of view?

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - A/B/C/D/E/F - G/H/I - J/K

* small base

		REGION						HOUSEHOLD INCOME			HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION	
	Total	BC	AB	SK/MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	<\$30K	\$30K - <\$60K	\$60K+	Kids	No Kids
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Base: All respondents	1026	128	81	64	373	306	74	250	335	441	296	730
Weighted	1000	135	86*	57*	359	294*	69*	249	337	414	280	720
Income splitting is a good thing	770 77%	103 76%	73 85%	43 74%	274 76%	225 77%	51 75%	180 72%	254 75%	336 81%	223 80%	547 76%
Income splitting is a bad thing	230 23%	32 24%	13 15%	15 26%	85 24%	68 23%	18 25%	69 28%	83 25%	78 19%	57 20%	173 24%

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		GENDER		AGE			EDUCATION			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	<HS	HS	Post Sec	Univ Grad
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Base: All respondents	1026	480	546	254	425	347	109	298	502	117
Weighted	1000	484	516	285	389	326	97*	296	488	119*
Income splitting is a good thing	770 77%	384 79%	385 75%	198 70%	307 79%	264 81%	77 80%	228 77%	371 76%	94 79%
Income splitting is a bad thing	230 23%	100 21%	130 25%	86 30% DE	82 21%	62 19%	19 20%	68 23%	117 24%	26 21%