

## CANWEST - MEDIA - RESP

1. In the House of Commons, the Opposition Parties have championed a bill that would allow RESP, Registered Education Savings Plans, contributions up to \$5,000 a year to be tax-deductible, a move that could cost the government about \$900-million a year. The government has argued that this bill might cause them to run a deficit, and so the government is saying that it will squash the bill as part of its upcoming budget legislation. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this RESP tax-break legislation?

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

\* small base

	TOTAL	REGION						AGE			GENDER	
		BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Base: All Respondents												
Unweighted Base	1001	132	104	65	380	250	70	227	436	333	463	538
Weighted Base	1001	132	102*	65*	383	244	74*	279	392	324	484	517
Strongly support	226 23%	39 30%	18 18%	19 30%	96 25%	42 17%	12 16%	58 21%	86 22%	81 25%	132 27%	94 18%
Somewhat support	329 33%	51 38%	37 37%	17 26%	104 27%	99 41%	21 28%	91 33%	142 36%	94 29%	134 28%	196 38%
Somewhat oppose	176 18%	13 10%	21 21%	9 15%	70 18%	49 20%	13 18%	53 19%	75 19%	48 15%	81 17%	95 18%
Strongly oppose	153 15%	14 11%	17 17%	12 19%	57 15%	30 12%	22 30%	44 16%	52 13%	56 17%	84 17%	69 13%
Don't know/Refused	117 12%	15 12%	8 8%	7 11%	56 15%	25 10%	6 9%	33 12%	37 9%	45 14%	54 11%	63 12%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Support (Top2Box)	556 55%	90 68%	56 55%	36 56%	200 52%	141 58%	33 44%	149 54%	228 58%	175 54%	265 55%	290 56%
Oppose (Low2Box)	328 33%	27 20%	38 38%	22 34%	127 33%	79 32%	35 47%	97 35%	127 32%	104 32%	165 34%	164 32%

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2. The government has told the opposition parties that they will have to defeat the government's budget legislation if they wish to continue supporting the RESP tax break bill, meaning that an election would be called as a result. Do you think that the parties should fight an election over this issue, or should the parties find some way to work it out to avoid an election?

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		BC A	ALB B	SK/MN C	ONT D	QUE E	ATL F	18-34 G	35-54 H	55+ I	Male J	Female K
Base: All Respondents												
Unweighted Base	1001	132	104	65	380	250	70	227	436	333	463	538
Weighted Base	1001	132	102*	65*	383	244	74*	279	392	324	484	517
Fight an election over this issue	140 14%	20 15%	9 9%	11 17%	57 15%	28 11%	15 20%	48 17%	53 13%	37 12%	72 15%	68 13%
Find a way to work it out to avoid an election	811 81%	103 78%	91 89% ADF	53 81%	301 78%	209 86% DF	54 72%	216 77%	321 82%	271 83%	397 82%	414 80%
Don't know/Refused	50 5%	9 7%	2 1%	1 2%	26 7%	7 3%	6 8%	15 5%	18 5%	16 5%	16 3%	35 7% J

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3. Prime Minister Harper and Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty have said that Ontario is becoming a poor place for companies to invest because Dalton McGuinty's provincial government hasn't worked hard enough to reduce corporate taxes. Do you agree or disagree with the federal government's point of view?

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

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		BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Base: Ontario Respondents Only												
Unweighted Base	380	0	0	0	380	0	0	86	158	134	184	196
Weighted Base	383	-**	-**	-**	383	-**	-**	106*	137	138	194	190
Strongly agree	80 21%	0 -	0 -	0 -	80 21%	0 -	0 -	20 19%	28 21%	32 23%	48 25%	32 17%
Somewhat agree	76 20%	0 -	0 -	0 -	76 20%	0 -	0 -	25 24%	27 20%	24 18%	39 20%	38 20%
Somewhat disagree	87 23%	0 -	0 -	0 -	87 23%	0 -	0 -	30 28%	31 23%	25 18%	38 20%	49 26%
Strongly disagree	82 21%	0 -	0 -	0 -	82 21%	0 -	0 -	15 14%	31 23%	35 26%	49 25%	33 17%
Don't know/Refused	58 15%	0 -	0 -	0 -	58 15%	0 -	0 -	16 15%	19 14%	21 15%	20 10%	37 20% J
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Agree (Top2Box)	157 41%	0 -	0 -	0 -	157 41%	0 -	0 -	45 42%	55 40%	56 41%	87 45%	70 37%
Disagree (Low2Box)	169 44%	0 -	0 -	0 -	169 44%	0 -	0 -	45 43%	63 46%	60 44%	87 45%	82 43%