

MAXIME BERNIER

1. As you may know, federal Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier has recently resigned over a security breach whereby he left secret documents at the apartment of Julie Couillard, a former girlfriend who reportedly had ties to criminal biker gangs. Before Maxime Bernier's resignation, the government declined to answer questions about Bernier's relationship with Couillard, citing that the personal lives of his Ministers were private and off-bounds for discussion. Some people say that the Prime Minister was right not to answer questions regarding the private relationship of one of his Ministers and girlfriend, and that the details of who his ministers are dating are nobody's business. Other people say that since Couillard had ties to a biker gang, national security was at risk and therefore questions about their relationship were legitimate. Which is closer to your point of view?

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

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		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Base: All Respondents												
Unweighted Base	1001	131	104	65	381	250	70	212	399	383	481	520
Weighted Base	1001	128	98	64*	382	254	75*	284	383	328	480	521
Prime Minister was right not to answer questions regarding the private relationship of one of his Ministers	507	53	59	26	189	140	41	154	196	153	241	266
	51%	41%	60% AC	40%	49%	55% AC	54%	54%	51%	47%	50%	51%
National security was at a risk and questions about their relationship were legitimate	441	66	31	37	174	102	31	111	167	161	212	229
	44%	52% BE	31%	57% BE	45% B	40%	42%	39%	44%	49% G	44%	44%
Don't know/Refused	53	9	8	2	19	12	3	18	20	14	28	26
	5%	7%	8%	3%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	6%	5%

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2. Politicians and the media have raised questions about the extent of the security breach, and there are also questions being raised about whether Ms. Couillard's house had been bugged with a recording microphone. Do you think there should be an RCMP investigation into the security breach and the details of Mr. Bernier' and Ms. Couillard's relationship, or did Mr. Bernier simply make an honest mistake by leaving the files behind and no investigation is necessary.

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There should be an RCMP investigation	555 55%	79 62% F	63 64% F	38 59%	208 54%	134 53%	33 44%	167 59%	207 54%	177 54%	263 55%	291 56%
No investigation is necessary	392 39%	42 33%	29 30%	24 37%	147 38%	110 43% B	39 52% ABD	98 35%	154 40%	137 42%	197 41%	195 37%
Don't know/Refused	55 5%	6 5%	6 7%	3 4%	27 7%	9 4%	3 4%	18 6%	22 6%	14 4%	20 4%	34 7%