

Apologies

1. From the time that Brian Mulroney was Prime Minister, the Canadian Government has issued formal apologies for transgressions of previous governments. These apologies included the internment of Japanese-Canadians during the Second World War, the former head tax on Chinese Canadians, the abuses of the Residential School system, and various other past actions. Some people say that the current Government of Canada and Canadians can't and shouldn't be held accountable for the mistakes of previous government, and therefore no apology is necessary. Other people say that it is about time that the Government and Canadians come to terms with its past actions, and so issuing apologies for past transgressions and mistakes is appropriate. Which statement more closely reflects your point of view?

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

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	TOTAL	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	1000	131	104	65	380	250	70	211	446	335	485	515
Weighted Base	1000	132*	102*	65*	383	244	74*	279	386	324	484	516
No apology is necessary	338 34%	34 26%	31 31%	20 31%	149 39%	79 32%	25 34%	96 34%	115 30%	120 37%	173 36%	165 32%
Issuing an apology is appropriate	627 63%	92 70%	68 66%	42 65%	222 58%	160 65%	43 58%	173 62%	259 67%	191 59%	294 61%	332 64%
Don't know/Refused	35 3%	6 5%	3 3%	3 4%	12 3%	5 2%	5 7%	10 4%	12 3%	13 4%	16 3%	18 4%

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2. The Canadian Government is expected to soon announce a formal apology and commemorative grant worth \$2.5 million dollars for the Komagata Maru incident of 1914. The Komagata Maru was a ship that left Hong Kong with 376 passengers, many of them Sikhs, most of whom were refused entry into Canada, because such were the immigration laws of the day. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the government's decision to issue a formal apology for this incident?

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Strongly agree	173 17%	37 28% DEF	19 19%	12 19%	61 16%	34 14%	10 13%	50 18%	73 19%	47 15%	81 17%	92 18%
Somewhat agree	347 35%	42 31%	39 39%	23 35%	137 36%	81 33%	26 35%	118 42% I	140 36% I	90 28%	158 33%	189 37%
Somewhat disagree	202 20%	22 17%	14 14%	13 19%	71 19%	67 27% ABD	16 22%	61 22%	76 20%	65 20%	99 20%	104 20%
Strongly disagree	219 22%	27 20%	23 22%	13 21%	91 24%	47 19%	17 23%	37 13%	75 20%	100 31% GH	115 24%	104 20%
Don't know/Refused	59 6%	5 4%	6 6%	4 6%	23 6%	14 6%	5 7%	13 5%	22 6%	22 7%	31 6%	28 5%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Aagree (Top2Box)	520 52%	78 59%	59 57%	35 54%	198 52%	116 47%	35 48%	168 60% I	212 55% I	137 42%	240 50%	280 54%
Disagree (Low2Box)	421 42%	48 37%	37 36%	26 40%	162 42%	114 47%	33 45%	98 35%	152 39%	165 51% GH	214 44%	207 40%