

GREEN SHIFT PLAN

1. As you may know, Liberal Party Leader Stephan Dion has recently announced his "Green Shift" plan. Now, as part of the plan, Mr. Dion is proposing to tax certain carbon producing activities, which is hoped will change various consumer habits that will help improve the environment. Mr. Dion has indicated that the tax would not be applied to gas for automobiles. The policy will produce an increase in revenue for the government but he proposes that this money will be returned to Canadians through other tax breaks or incentives to offset the tax measures. In effect, the policy is termed a 'green shift' that penalizes those who don't switch to less or non-carbon use activities and rewards those who do make the switch. Upon hearing this, do you support or oppose this approach by Mr. Dion?

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

* small base

| | | REGION | | | | | | AGE | | | GENDER | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 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 | 1003 | 131 | 104 | 65 | 381 | 252 | 70 | 210 | 426 | 364 | 501 | 502 |
| Weighted Base | 1003 | 132* | 102* | 65* | 384 | 245 | 74* | 280 | 394 | 325 | 485 | 518 |
| Strongly support | 175 17% | 19 14% | 8 8% | 8 13% | 66 17% | 51 21% | 22 30% | 71 25% | 58 15% | 44 13% | 75 16% | 99 19% |
| Somewhat support | 281 28% | 38 29% | 26 25% | 11 17% | 122 32% | 68 28% | 16 22% | 101 36% | 114 29% | 66 20% | 130 27% | 152 29% |
| Somewhat oppose | 203 20% | 21 16% | 22 21% | 9 13% | 81 21% | 64 26% | 7 9% | 51 18% | 81 21% | 68 21% | 81 17% | 121 23% |
| Strongly oppose | 305 30% | 48 37% | 43 42% | 32 49% | 102 27% | 54 22% | 26 35% | 50 18% | 125 32% | 129 40% | 181 37% | 124 24% |
| Don't know/Refused | 39 4% | 7 5% | 3 3% | 6 9% | 13 3% | 8 3% | 3 5% | 7 2% | 14 4% | 18 6% | 18 4% | 21 4% |
| TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Support (Top2Box) | 456 45% | 57 43% | 34 33% | 19 29% | 189 49% | 119 49% | 38 52% | 172 62% | 173 44% | 110 34% | 205 42% | 251 49% |
| Oppose (Low2Box) | 507 51% | 69 52% | 65 64% | 40 62% | 182 47% | 118 48% | 33 44% | 101 36% | 207 52% | 197 61% | 262 54% | 245 47% |