Special Theme: Democracy Survey Questions

DEM13. In a few words, what does democracy mean to you?

RECORD VERBATIM

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88 - DK/NA

Now I am going to read a list of groups and organizations. Please tell me if you attend their meetings at least once a week; once or twice a month, once or twice a year, or never? [READ IN ORDER SHOWN] do you attend them…?

CP6. First of all, meetings of any religious organization

1 – Once a week
2 – Once or twice a month
3 – Once or twice a year
4 – Never
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA

CP7. What about meetings of a parents association at school

1 – Once a week
2 – Once or twice a month
3 – Once or twice a year
4 – Never
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA

CP8. What about meetings of a committee or community association

1 – Once a week
2 – Once or twice a month
3 – Once or twice a year
4 – Never
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA

CP9. What about meetings of an association of professionals, business people, or farmers

1 – Once a week
2 – Once or twice a month
3 – Once or twice a year
4 – Never
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA

CP13. And finally, what about meetings of a political party or political movement

1 – Once a week
2 – Once or twice a month
3 – Once or twice a year
4 – Never
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA
PROT1. In your lifetime, have you participated in protest demonstrations sometimes, almost never, or never?

DO NOT READ
1 – Sometimes
2 – Almost never
3 – Never
8 – DK/NA

IT1. Now, speaking of the people from around where you live, would you say that the people from your community are generally…?

READ IN ORDER
1 – Very trustworthy
2 – Somewhat trustworthy
3 – Not very trustworthy, or
4 – Untrustworthy
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA

EXC7. Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, would you say that corruption among government employees is…?

[READ IN ORDER]
1 – Very common
2 – Common
3 – Uncommon, or
4 – Very uncommon
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA

VIC1. Have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months?

DO NOT READ
1 – Yes
2 – No
8 – DK/NA

AOJ11. Again, speaking of the place or neighborhood where you live, and thinking of the possibility of becoming victimized by an assault or a robbery, do you feel…

READ IN ORDER
1 – Very safe
2 – Somewhat safe
3 – Somewhat unsafe, or
4 – Very unsafe
VOLUNTEERED
8 – DK/NA

Now I’ll ask questions with a scale that goes from 1, meaning “not at all” to 7, meaning “a great deal”.

B1. First of all, on a scale of 1 to 7, how much do you think the courts in Canada guarantee a fair trial? If you think the courts do not guarantee a fair trial at all, choose the number 1. If you think the courts guarantee a fair trial a lot choose the number 7. Or you can choose a number in between 1 and 7.

DO NOT READ
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA
B2. How much do you respect the political institutions of Canada?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B3. How much do you think that citizens’ basic rights are well protected by the political system of Canada?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B4. How proud do you feel of living under the political system of Canada?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B6. How much do you think that people should support the political system of Canada?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B10A. How much do you trust the justice system?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA
B12. How much do you trust the Canadian Forces?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B13. How much do you trust the Parliament of Canada?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B21. How much do you trust political parties?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B31. How much do you trust the Supreme Court?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

B43. How proud are you of being a Canadian?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA
ING4. How much do you agree with the following statement? “Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government.”

DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY

[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

PN2. And to what extent do you agree with this statement? “Despite our differences, we Canadians have many things that unite us as a country.”

DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY

[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “not at all” and 7 means “a great deal”]
1 – Not at all
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – A great deal
8 – DK/NA

Now we will use a similar 1 to 7 scale, but this time 1 means “strongly disagree” and 7 means “strongly agree”. A number between 1 and 7 represents an intermediate score.

Taking into account the current situation of this country, I would like you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY

[Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means “strongly disagree” and 7 means “strongly agree”]

POP102. When the Parliament hinders the work of our government, our prime minister should govern without the Parliament.

1 – Strongly disagree
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – Strongly agree
8 – DK/NA

POP103. When the Supreme Court hinders the work of our government, it should be ignored by our prime minister.

1 – Strongly disagree
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – Strongly agree
8 – DK/NA
**POP107.** The people should govern directly and not through elected representatives.

1 – Strongly disagree
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – Strongly agree
8 – DK/NA

**POP113.** Those who disagree with the majority represent a threat to the interests of the country.

1 – Strongly disagree
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – Strongly agree
8 – DK/NA

**ROS2.** The federal government, more than individuals, should be more responsible for ensuring the well-being of the people.

1 – Strongly disagree
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – Strongly agree
8 – DK/NA

**ROS3.** The federal government, more than the private sector, should be primarily responsible for creating jobs.

1 – Strongly disagree
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – Strongly agree
8 – DK/NA

**ROS4.** The federal government should implement strong policies to reduce inequality between the rich and the poor.

1 – Strongly disagree
2 –
3 –
4 –
5 –
6 –
7 – Strongly agree
8 – DK/NA
Okay, now we’re no longer using the 1 to 7 scale.

**PN4.** In general, would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the way democracy functions in Canada?

DO NOT READ

1 – Very satisfied
2 – Satisfied
3 – Dissatisfied
4 – Very dissatisfied
8 – DK/NA

My next few questions use a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning “strongly disapprove” and 10 meaning “strongly approve”. Here’s the first question.

**D1.** There are people who always say bad things about the Canadian system of government, not just our elected officials but the system of government. On the scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is “strongly disapprove” and 10 is “strongly approve”, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people’s right to vote?

DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY

[Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means “Strongly disapprove” and 10 means “Strongly approve”]

INTERVIEWER, IF ASKED: “Such people” = people who always say bad things about the Canadian system of government

01 – Strongly disapprove
02 –
03 –
04 –
05 –
06 –
07 –
08 –
09 –
10 – Strongly approve
88 – DK/NA

**D2.** How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being allowed to conduct peaceful demonstrations in order to express their views?

DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY

[Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means “Strongly disapprove” and 10 means “Strongly approve”]

INTERVIEWER, IF ASKED: “Such people” = people who always say bad things about the Canadian system of government

01 – Strongly disapprove
02 –
03 –
04 –
05 –
06 –
07 –
08 –
09 –
10 – Strongly approve
88 – DK/NA
D3. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office? DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means “Strongly disapprove” and 10 means “Strongly approve”]
INTERVIEWER, IF ASKED: “Such people” = people who always say bad things about the Canadian system of government

01 – Strongly disapprove
02 –
03 –
04 –
05 –
06 –
07 –
08 –
09 –
10 – Strongly approve
88 – DK/NA

D4. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people making speeches on TV? DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means “Strongly disapprove” and 10 means “Strongly approve”]
INTERVIEWER, IF ASKED: “Such people” = people who always say bad things about the Canadian system of government

01 – Strongly disapprove
02 –
03 –
04 –
05 –
06 –
07 –
08 –
09 –
10 – Strongly approve
88 – DK/NA

D5. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of gays and lesbians being permitted to run for public office? DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means “Strongly approve” and 10 means “Strongly disapprove”]

01 – Strongly disapprove
02 –
03 –
04 –
05 –
06 –
07 –
08 –
09 –
10 – Strongly approve
88 – DK/NA
D32. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of a law that prohibits public protests?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means “Strongly disapprove” and 10 means “Strongly approve”]

01 – Strongly disapprove
02 –
03 –
04 –
05 –
06 –
07 –
08 –
09 –
10 – Strongly approve
88 – DK/NA

D37. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of the government censoring the media that criticize it?
DO NOT READ. REPEAT SCALE AS NECESSARY
[Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means “Strongly disapprove” and 10 means “Strongly approve”]

01 – Strongly disapprove
02 –
03 –
04 –
05 –
06 –
07 –
08 –
09 –
10 – Strongly approve
88 – DK/NA

Demographics

ASK ALL
To finish up, I would like to get some information to help us group your answers with other survey participants.

OCUP1. Which of the following best describes your own present employment status?
READ – PROBE FULL OR PART-TIME HOURS

01 - Working full-time
02 - Working part-time
03 - Unemployed or looking for a job
04 - Self-employed
05 - Stay at home full-time
06 - Student, or
07 - Retired
VOLUNTEERED
08- Disability pension
88 – DK/NA

QC. Do you, or does anyone in your household belong to a labour union?

1 - Respondent belongs to union ASK Q.D
2 - Other household member belongs to union SKIP TO G
3 - No one belongs to union SKIP TO G
4 - Both self and other belongs to union ASK Q.D
8 - DK/NA/REFUSAL SKIP TO G
QD. Do you belong to a...

1 - Private sector union, or
2 - Public sector union
VOLUNTEERED
8 - DN/NA
9 - Inap

ED. What is the highest level of education that you have reached?
DO NOT READ – CODE ONE ONLY
01 - Some elementary
02 - Completed elementary
03 - Some high school
04 - Completed high school
05 - Community college/ vocational/ trade school/ commercial/ CEGEP
06 - Some university
07 - Completed university
08 - Post-graduate university/professional school
88 - DK/NA

QH_Year. In what year were you born? ____________ Year
888 - DK/NA

Q2. Age: _______
999. Inap

Q1. Were you born in:
READ
1 - Canada
2 - United States
3 - Great Britain
4 - Another European country, or
5 - Another country, outside Europe and Canada and the U.S.?
8 - DK/NA

QJ. (ASK IF BORN IN CANADA OR US) Would you identify yourself as an Aboriginal; that is of Inuit, Métis or First Nations descent?
1- Yes
2- No
8- DK/NA
9 - Inap

Q10. Which of the following categories best corresponds to the total annual income, before taxes, of all members of your household, for 2006?
READ
01 - Under $30,000
02 - $30,000 to $60,000
03 - $60,000 to $80,000
04 - $80,000 to $100,000
05 - $100,000 and over
88 - DK/NA

QN_F1. Which language do you, yourself, usually speak at home? (If you speak more than one language, which one do you speak most often?)
CODE ONE ONLY
01 - English
02 - French
77 - OTHER (SPECIFY)
88 – REFUSAL
Q1. GENDER (OBSERVATION ONLY)

1 - Male
2 - Female

IDIOMAQ. Language of this interview [SYSTEM CODE]

1 - English
2 - French

Thank and Terminate