

Dusk to Dawn: A Canada 2020 Survey Tracking Canadian Attitudes Through the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Where are we in the night?

	Full sample	Falling behind	Just getting by	Getting ahead with some savings	Financially stable
Dusk	1	1	1	0	2
Sunset	3	4	3	1	3
Early evening	9	12	9	8	9
Late evening	15	16	17	14	15
Midnight	20	20	21	23	16
After midnight	16	17	13	16	18
Early Dawn	20	11	18	23	23
Full dawn	6	7	6	5	6
Daylight	5	5	6	4	4
Other	0	1	0	0	0

Sentiments about Covid-19

Here are some statements about the Covid-19 pandemic. How strongly do you agree with each of these statements?

The Covid-19 pandemic is being blown out of proportion

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	42
Disagree	20
Somewhat disagree	10
Neither agree nor disagree	8
Somewhat agree	9
Agree	4
Strongly agree	7

I am still afraid that I will contract Covid-19

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	7
Disagree	7
Somewhat disagree	8
Neither agree nor disagree	16
Somewhat agree	26
Agree	20
Strongly agree	17

Social distancing measures are causing more damages to the economy compared to the damages the virus would do

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	30
Disagree	24
Somewhat disagree	14
Neither agree nor disagree	12
Somewhat agree	9
Agree	6
Strongly agree	6

The government should go further to enforce social distancing measures

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	6
Disagree	6
Somewhat disagree	7
Neither agree nor disagree	18
Somewhat agree	24
Agree	22
Strongly agree	18

Wearing a mask in public indoors spaces is necessary to slow down Covid-19

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	5
Disagree	2
Somewhat disagree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	6
Somewhat agree	14
Agree	25
Strongly agree	45

Ultimately, we cannot control the spread of Covid-19 in Canada

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	19
Disagree	23
Somewhat disagree	21
Neither agree nor disagree	12
Somewhat agree	13
Agree	7
Strongly agree	5

Ultimately, we cannot control what happens to our country as a result of Covid-19

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	13
Disagree	18
Somewhat disagree	21
Neither agree nor disagree	17
Somewhat agree	17
Agree	9
Strongly agree	6

There is some good that is coming out of this pandemic that may make the world a better place

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	6
Disagree	8
Somewhat disagree	9
Neither agree nor disagree	22
Somewhat agree	32
Agree	17
Strongly agree	7

I have witnessed more and more people not respecting social distancing measures over the last few weeks

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	4
Disagree	6
Somewhat disagree	7
Neither agree nor disagree	17
Somewhat agree	22
Agree	22
Strongly agree	22

Covid-19 will likely be an ongoing health threat for some time to come.

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	2
Disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	1
Neither agree nor disagree	7
Somewhat agree	25
Agree	36
Strongly agree	28

Now that the first wave of Covid-19 has passed, we can relax on social distancing measures a little

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	38
Disagree	24
Somewhat disagree	15
Neither agree nor disagree	8
Somewhat agree	8
Agree	3
Strongly agree	4

The Covid 19 pandemic isn't over. The government should keep its eye on the ball and focus on getting people through this crisis. It's too soon to be focused on what comes afterward.

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	3
Disagree	2
Somewhat disagree	4
Neither agree nor disagree	9
Somewhat agree	21
Agree	28
Strongly agree	33

The government should use this moment in time to introduce big changes to Canadian society by introducing new programs and services

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	11
Disagree	8
Somewhat disagree	8
Neither agree nor disagree	23
Somewhat agree	20
Agree	17
Strongly agree	13

I've seen more mutual support within our community during this pandemic than before.

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	4
Disagree	4
Somewhat disagree	8
Neither agree nor disagree	30
Somewhat agree	29
Agree	19
Strongly agree	6

Summary table: Statements about Covid-19

7 is “Strongly agree” and 1 is “Strongly disagree”. (Average ratings)

	Full sample
The Covid-19 pandemic is being blown out of proportion	2.64
I am still afraid that I will contract Covid-19	4.71
Social distancing measures are causing more damages to the economy compared to the damages the virus would do	2.87
The government should go further to enforce social distancing measures	4.89
Wearing a mask in public indoors spaces is necessary to slow down Covid-19	5.76
Ultimately, we cannot control the spread of Covid-19 in Canada	3.18
Ultimately, we cannot control what happens to our country as a result of Covid-19	3.54
There is some good that is coming out of this pandemic that may make the world a better place	4.45
I have witnessed more and more people not respecting social distancing measures over the last few weeks	5.01
Covid-19 will likely be an ongoing health threat for some time to come.	5.74
Now that the first wave of Covid-19 has passed, we can relax on social distancing measures a little	2.47
The Covid 19 pandemic isn't over. The government should keep its eye on the ball and focus on getting people through this crisis. It's too soon to be focused on what comes afterward.	5.56
The government should use this moment in time to introduce big changes to Canadian society by introducing new programs and services	4.34

Preferred focus of leaders following Covid-19

Thinking about the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic in Canada, please rate your agreement with the following statements.

After this pandemic is over, we will need leaders to be uncompromising to get Canadian finances in order.

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	2
Disagree	3
Somewhat disagree	5
Neither agree nor disagree	15
Somewhat agree	24
Agree	27
Strongly agree	23

We need to implement extensive social programs to make sure that Canadians across the country are safe and provided for

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	4
Disagree	2
Somewhat disagree	3
Neither agree nor disagree	13
Somewhat agree	27
Agree	29
Strongly agree	22

It is time to try and return to normal in order to protect the Canadian economy.

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	9
Disagree	12
Somewhat disagree	16
Neither agree nor disagree	19
Somewhat agree	20
Agree	13
Strongly agree	11

We need to focus on economic recovery now

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	5
Disagree	6
Somewhat disagree	11
Neither agree nor disagree	20
Somewhat agree	26
Agree	17
Strongly agree	15

It's time for us to put Canada first.

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	2
Disagree	2
Somewhat disagree	4
Neither agree nor disagree	18
Somewhat agree	21
Agree	25
Strongly agree	27

More than ever Canada should be working with other countries to get through the pandemic and recover.

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	3
Disagree	2
Somewhat disagree	4
Neither agree nor disagree	18
Somewhat agree	27
Agree	25
Strongly agree	21

Summary table: Consequences of Covid-19

7 is “Strongly agree” and 1 is “Strongly disagree”. (Average ratings)

	Full sample
After this pandemic is over, we will need leaders to be uncompromising to get Canadian finances in order.	5.29
We need to implement extensive social programs to make sure that Canadians across the country are safe and provided for	5.31
It is time to try and return to normal in order to protect the Canadian economy.	4.13
We need to focus on economic recovery now	4.66
It’s time for us to put Canada first.	5.38
More than ever Canada should be working with other countries to get through the pandemic and recover.	5.23

Bif reforms

	Full sample
Strongly disagree	5
Disagree	9
Somewhat disagree	13
Neither agree nor disagree	34
Somewhat agree	22
Agree	11
Strongly agree	7

Deficit

How concerned are you with each of the following challenges facing Canada?

	Full sample
Not concerned at all	5
Not very concerned	15
Somewhat concerned	39
Very concerned	42

Support for different initiatives

Universal basic income

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	10
Oppose	5
Somewhat oppose	9
Neither support nor oppose	15
Somewhat support	17
Support	15
Strongly support	28

Guaranteed internet access for all Canadians

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	3
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	5
Neither support nor oppose	16
Somewhat support	17
Support	20
Strongly support	34

Wage increases for essential health care providers

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	4
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	5
Neither support nor oppose	19
Somewhat support	24
Support	23
Strongly support	20

Wage increases for essential non-health care providers (e.g. grocery store clerks and custodians)

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	5
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	7
Neither support nor oppose	18
Somewhat support	26
Support	20
Strongly support	20

For all rent payments to be deferred for as long as landlords are not required to pay their mortgages

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	11
Oppose	8
Somewhat oppose	8
Neither support nor oppose	21
Somewhat support	17
Support	17
Strongly support	17

The Coastal Gas Link Pipeline through Wet'suwet'en territory

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	19
Oppose	9
Somewhat oppose	10
Neither support nor oppose	24
Somewhat support	15
Support	10
Strongly support	14

Increasing funding to help lift people out of poverty

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	4
Oppose	6
Somewhat oppose	7
Neither support nor oppose	20
Somewhat support	24
Support	18
Strongly support	20

Divesting from fossil fuels and investing in clean energy

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	7
Oppose	6
Somewhat oppose	8
Neither support nor oppose	19
Somewhat support	17
Support	19
Strongly support	24

Increasing the amount for unemployment insurance

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	7
Oppose	6
Somewhat oppose	10
Neither support nor oppose	23
Somewhat support	24
Support	14
Strongly support	16

Increasing the minimum wage

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	7
Oppose	5
Somewhat oppose	8
Neither support nor oppose	18
Somewhat support	20
Support	16
Strongly support	25

Increasing taxes on the top 10%

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	14
Oppose	8
Somewhat oppose	7
Neither support nor oppose	10
Somewhat support	16
Support	16
Strongly support	29

Introduce a tax of 3% on the local ad revenues of tech giants like Google, Apple, Facebook, and Amazon

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	6
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	5
Neither support nor oppose	13
Somewhat support	16
Support	20
Strongly support	36

A new deal to create jobs for any Canadian willing and able to work in order to relaunch the Canadian economy

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	1
Oppose	1
Somewhat oppose	4
Neither support nor oppose	18
Somewhat support	26
Support	26
Strongly support	25

A Canadian guaranteed income program

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	7
Oppose	7
Somewhat oppose	8
Neither support nor oppose	17
Somewhat support	21
Support	15
Strongly support	25

Create a Canada-wide tax-free benefit for victims of sexual violence

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	13
Oppose	11
Somewhat oppose	11
Neither support nor oppose	23
Somewhat support	17
Support	13
Strongly support	12

Transfer some of the funding allocated to the RCMP to social workers and healthcare services

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	10
Oppose	5
Somewhat oppose	8
Neither support nor oppose	17
Somewhat support	22
Support	19
Strongly support	19

Grant Permanent Resident status to essential workers who worked throughout the pandemic

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	9
Oppose	5
Somewhat oppose	7
Neither support nor oppose	19
Somewhat support	21
Support	17
Strongly support	21

Make Canada's national parks free of entry for Canadian citizens and permanent residents to boost domestic tourism

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	4
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	7
Neither support nor oppose	17
Somewhat support	25
Support	20
Strongly support	23

Support local producers and manufacturers with a new "Shop Canadian" label across sectors (e.g. retail, food, etc.)

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	2
Oppose	2
Somewhat oppose	2
Neither support nor oppose	15
Somewhat support	24
Support	25
Strongly support	29

Provide tax incentives for Canadian businesses to work with other local businesses

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	5
Oppose	2
Somewhat oppose	6
Neither support nor oppose	19
Somewhat support	29
Support	23
Strongly support	15

Provide financial support for Canadians starting or operating small businesses that produce essential goods and services, such as food-producing farms

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	4
Oppose	3
Somewhat oppose	4
Neither support nor oppose	14
Somewhat support	29
Support	27
Strongly support	19

Provide financial support for Canadians starting or operating small businesses that produce essential goods and services for other Canadians, such as food-producing farms

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	2
Oppose	1
Somewhat oppose	5
Neither support nor oppose	16
Somewhat support	30
Support	26
Strongly support	19

Provide financial support for Canadians starting or operating small businesses with products or services that will help transition Canada to a greener economy or reduce our carbon footprint

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	4
Oppose	5
Somewhat oppose	6
Neither support nor oppose	20
Somewhat support	32
Support	14
Strongly support	18

Reform the Employment Assistance (EI system) to make it more accessible to self-employed workers

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	3
Oppose	3
Somewhat oppose	6
Neither support nor oppose	19
Somewhat support	28
Support	20
Strongly support	22

Force all police officers to wear body cameras while at work

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	3
Oppose	3
Somewhat oppose	5
Neither support nor oppose	13
Somewhat support	20
Support	19
Strongly support	37

Increase training for police officers on systemic racism and sexual violence issues

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	4
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	4
Neither support nor oppose	14
Somewhat support	20
Support	20
Strongly support	33

Invest in a ‘main street’ investment program to provide support for small businesses within Canada.

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	4
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	6
Neither support nor oppose	23
Somewhat support	28
Support	21
Strongly support	14

Expand the Caregiver Tax credit to provide stable income to Canadians providing essential caregiving services to sick, elderly or disabled family members.

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	3
Oppose	3
Somewhat oppose	5
Neither support nor oppose	17
Somewhat support	25
Support	23
Strongly support	25

Expand the Canada Child Benefit to provide stable income to Canadians who would need to quit their jobs to provide childcare if schools and daycares close again for public health reasons.

	Full sample
Strongly oppose	6
Oppose	4
Somewhat oppose	7
Neither support nor oppose	18
Somewhat support	24
Support	20
Strongly support	21
