

**Focus Canada 2007-4**

**FINAL Questionnaire**

*(Dec 13-2007)*

**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

**QI.** 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**