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