Support for legislation to create a presumption of equal shared parenting in child custody cases has increased since 2017.



Key Findings

1

SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION FOR EQUAL SHARED PARENTING

There has been an increase in support for legislation to create a presumption of equal shared parenting in child custody cases since 2017 with now over three in four who strongly support (48%) or somewhat support this (29%)(2017: 35% strongly support; 35% somewhat support). Men (57%) are more likely than women (40%) to strongly support this.

2

SUPPORT FOR EQUAL TIME WITH BOTH PARENTS

There is strong support among Canadians that it is in the child's best interest to have as much time as possible with both parents (67% support, 22% somewhat support) and that children have the right to spend equal time or near equal time with both of their parents (67% support, 23% somewhat support) following parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances.

3

SUPPORT FOR FREE VOTE IN PARLIAMENT

Over eight in ten Canadians support (64%) or somewhat support (19%) having a free vote in parliament, on legislation which includes the principle of equal shared parenting of children in situations of divorce or separation absent special circumstance. Men (69%) are more likely than women (60%) to strongly support this.

4

IMPACT ON LIKELIHOOD TO VOTE FOR PARTY OR CANDIDATE

About one in two Canadians say that if a candidate or party supported the principle of equal shared parenting of children in situations of divorce or separation it wouldn't have an impact on their vote (51%), while one in three (32%) say they would be more likely to vote for that party or candidate. Men (40%) are more likely to say they would be more likely to vote for such a candidate than women (25%).

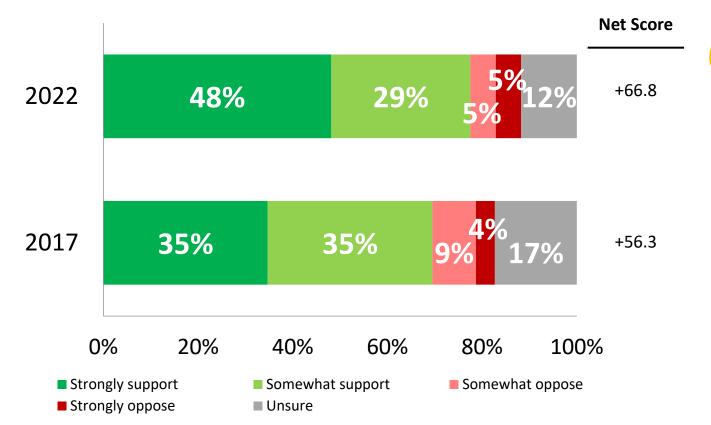
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Support for legislation to create presumption of equal parenting

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose federal and provincial legislation to create a presumption of equal shared parenting in child custody cases?

[2017] Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose federal and provincial legislation to create a presumption of equal parenting in child custody cases?



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Support for federal and provincial legislation to create a presumption of equal shared parenting in child custody cases has increased since 2017, with over three in four who now strongly support or somewhat support this.



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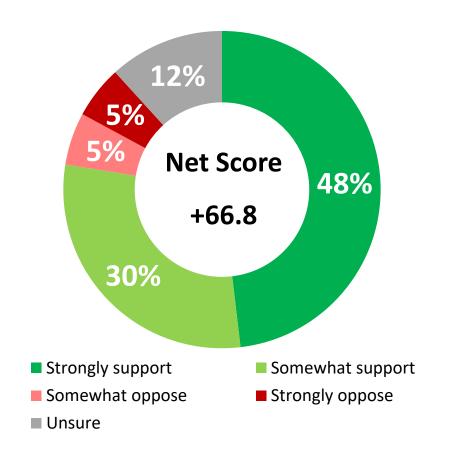
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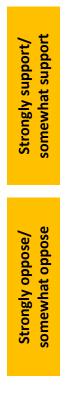
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Support for legislation to create presumption of equal parenting



Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose federal and provincial legislation to create a presumption of equal shared parenting in child custody cases?





, w	5.2%	16.0%	11.4%	10.4%	10.5%
Strongly oppose, somewhat oppos	Men (n=557)	Women (n=475)	18 to 34 (n=316)	35 to 54 (n=387)	55 plus (n=329)
oppose/ at oppose	8.9%	7.2%	12.6%	10.8%	12.3%
se/ ose	Atlantic (n=98)	Quebec (n=250)	Ontario (n=322)	Prairies (n=208)	BC (n=154)
S	85.1%	70.3%	75.2%	79.7%	77.3%
Strongly support, somewhat suppor	Men (n=557)	Women (n=475)	18 to 34 (n=316)	35 to 54 (n=387)	55 plus (n=329)
support/ it support	72.8%	82.2%	76.3%	76.0%	77.4%
ort/ oort	Atlantic (n=98)	Quebec (n=250)	Ontario (n=322)	Prairies (n=208)	BC (n=154)



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Support for statements related to custody and parenting

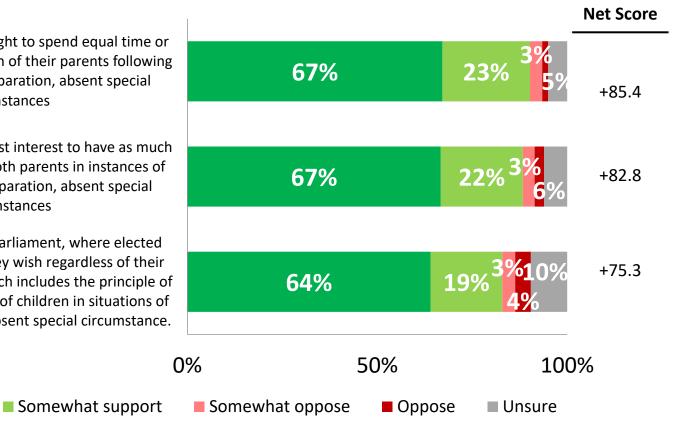


Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE Q2 to Q4]

That children have the right to spend equal time or near equal time with both of their parents following parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances

That it is in the child's best interest to have as much time as possible with both parents in instances of parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances

Having a free vote in parliament, where elected officials can vote as they wish regardless of their party, on legislation which includes the principle of equal shared parenting of children in situations of divorce or separation absent special circumstance.



Most Canadians support children having the right to spend equal time with both parents and that it is in the child's best interest to have as much time possible with both parents, absent special circumstances.

Support

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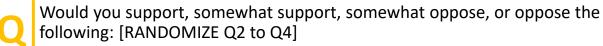
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Support for it being best interests of child to spend equal time with both parents

Net Score 22% +82.8 67% Support Somewhat support Somewhat oppose Oppose Unsure



That it is in the child's best interest to have as much time as possible with both parents in instances of parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances

Most Canadians support or somewhat support the statement that it is in the child's best interest to have as much time as possible with both parents in instances of parents' divorce or

separation, absent special circumstances.



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Support for it being best interests of child to spend equal time with both parents demographics



Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE Q2 to Q4]

That it is in the child's best interest to have as much time as possible with both parents in instances of parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances

	Su	pport/ Somewhat support		
Atlantic (n=98)	Quebec (n=250)	Ontario (n=322)	Prairies (n=208)	BC (n=154)
85.3%	92.3%	86.6%	86.7%	90.0%
Men (n=557)	Women (n=475)	18 to 34 (n=316)	35 to 54 (n=387)	55 plus (n=329)
91.1%	85.7%	87.2%	89.2%	88.4%
	Ol	ppose/ Somewhat oppose		
Atlantic (n=98)	Quebec (n=250)	Ontario (n=322)	Prairies (n=208)	BC (n=154)
6.4%	3.2%	6.7%	6.1%	5.3%
Men (n=557)	Women (n=475)	18 to 34 (n=316)	35 to 54 (n=387)	55 plus (n=329)
2.7%	8.3%	5.8%	5.0%	5.9%

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Net Score 23% +85.4 67% Somewhat support Support Somewhat oppose Oppose Unsure

Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE Q2 to Q4]

That children have the right to spend equal time or near equal time with both of their parents following parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances.

There is strong support among Canadians for children having the right to spend equal time or near equal time with both of their parents following parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances. Men are more likely to support this (73%) than women (62%).

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Support for children having the right to spend equal time with both parents demographics



Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE Q2 to Q4]

That children have the right to spend equal time or near equal time with both of their parents following parents' divorce or separation, absent special circumstances.

	Su	pport/ Somewhat support		
Atlantic (n=98)	Quebec (n=250)	Ontario (n=322)	Prairies (n=208)	BC (n=154)
85.9%	94.7%	87.5%	88.8%	94.1%
Men (n=557)	Women (n=475)	18 to 34 (n=316)	35 to 54 (n=387)	55 plus (n=329)
93.9%	86.6%	88.7%	92.8%	88.9%
	O	ppose/ Somewhat oppose		
Atlantic (n=98)	Quebec (n=250)	Ontario (n=322)	Prairies (n=208)	BC (n=154)
3.6%	2.4%	6.6%	6.0%	2.8%
Men (n=557)	Women (n=475)	18 to 34 (n=316)	35 to 54 (n=387)	55 plus (n=329)
1.8%	7.7%	5.6%	4.0%	4.9%

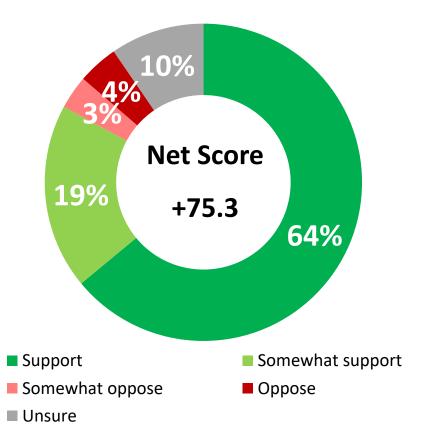
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Support for having vote in Parliament () on equal parenting share legislation

Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE Q2 to Q4]

Having a free vote in parliament, where elected officials can vote as they wish regardless of their party, on legislation which includes the principle of equal shared parenting of children in situations of divorce or separation absent special circumstance



Over three quarters of Canadians support or somewhat support having a free vote in parliament on legislation which includes the principle of equal shared parenting of children in situations of divorce or separation absent special circumstance.

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Support for having vote in Parliament on equal parenting share legislation – demographics



Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE Q2 to Q4]

Having a free vote in parliament, where elected officials can vote as they wish regardless of their party, on legislation which includes the principle of equal shared parenting of children in situations of divorce or separation absent special circumstance

(n=387)

9.0%

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Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
(n=98)	(n=250)	(n=322)	(n=208)	(n=154)
80.7%	85.2%	83.2%	79.6%	83.4%
Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
(n=557)	(n=475)	(n=316)	(n=387)	(n=329)
87.0%	78.9%	81.6%	81.5%	85.0%
	Ol	ppose/ Somewhat oppose		
Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	ВС
(n=98)	(n=250)	(n=322)	(n=208)	(n=154)
5.6%	4.1%	9.1%	9.6%	7.2%
Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus

(n=316)

3.6%

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(n=557)

5.8%

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(n=475)

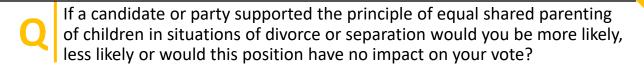
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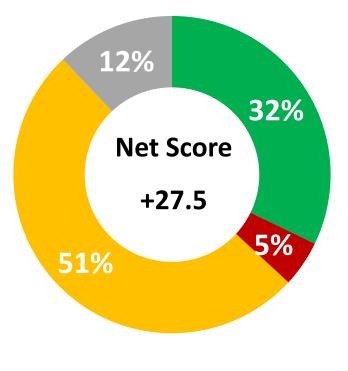
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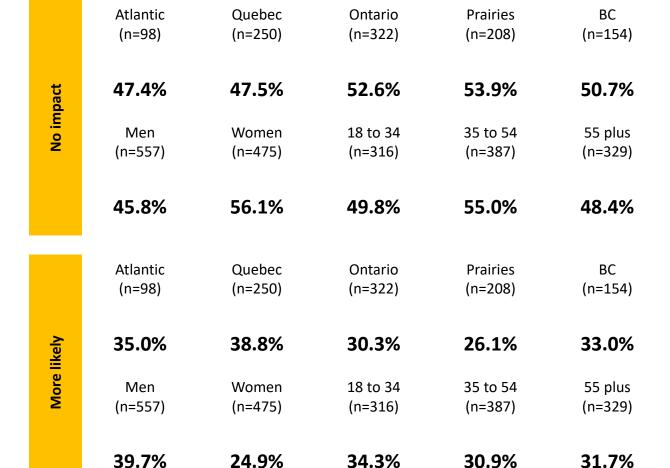
9.1%

Impact on likelihood to vote for candidate in support of principle of equal share parenting





■ More likely ■ Less likely ■ No impact on vote ■ Unsure



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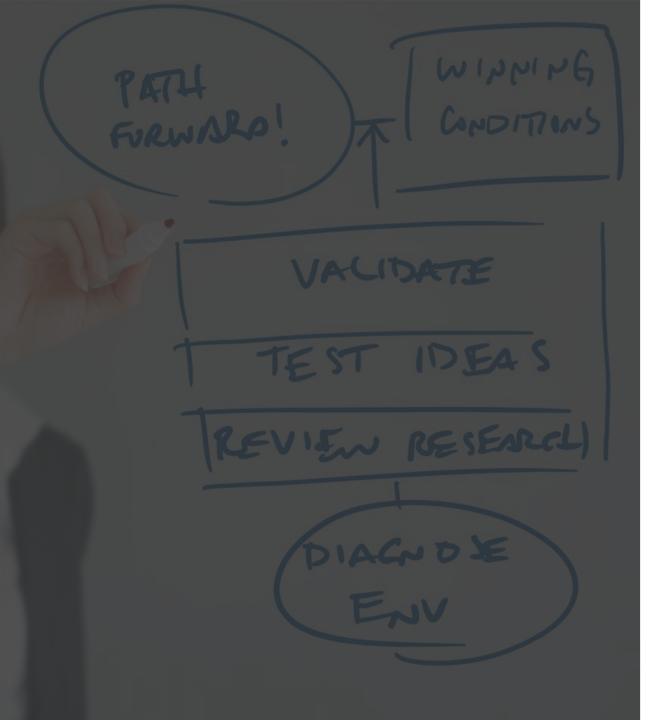
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Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,032 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between February 23rd and 24th, 2022 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

Individuals were randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,032 Canadians is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by Action des nouvelles conjointes et des nouveaux conjoints du Québec (ANCQ), the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE), Canadian Equal Parenting Council (CEPC), Equal Parenting for Children (EPFC), Lawyers for Shared Parenting (L4SP), Leading Women For Shared Parenting (Canada) (LW4AP), and Real Women of Canada (R.E.A.L.) and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsors	Action des nouvelles conjointes et des nouveaux conjoints du Québec (ANCQ), the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE), Canadian Equal Parenting Council (CEPC), Equal Parenting for Children (EPFC), Lawyers for Shared Parenting (L4SP), Leading Women For Shared Parenting (Canada) (LW4AP), and Real Women of Canada (R.E.A.L.).	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Population and Final Sample Size	1032 Randomly selected individuals.	Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity
Source of Sample	Nanos Panel		of the data.
Type of Sample	Probability	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Margin of Error	± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.		
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.		allow for a minimum regional sample.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older.	Estimated Response Rate	13 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Fieldwork/Validation	Six digit postal code was used to validate geography. Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.	Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, views on the convoy protests, political leaders, work environments, standard of living,
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.		animal welfare (ON only), gardening and healthcare.
Field Dates	February 23 rd to 24 th , 2022.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
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Our next few questions are about the equal shared parenting of children in situations of divorce or separation. This principle asserts that regardless of the gender of a parent, they have equal rights to parent their children except in special circumstances such as one parent struggling with drug addiction or having a history of family violence.

		-			Reg	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2022-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Do you strongly support, somewhat support,	Total	Unwgt N	1032	98	250	322	208	154	557	475	316	387	329
somewhat oppose or strongly oppose		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
federal and provincial legislation to create a presumption of equal	Strongly support	%	48.1	39.5	51.0	49.1	48.4	44.2	57.1	39.5	49.8	47.9	47.2
shared parenting in child custody cases?	Somewhat support	%	29.4	33.2	31.1	27.2	27.6	33.2	28.0	30.8	25.4	31.8	30.1
	Somewhat oppose	%	5.4	5.1	2.9	6.2	5.4	7.3	2.6	8.0	6.1	4.1	5.9
	Strongly oppose	%	5.4	3.9	4.3	6.4	5.3	5.0	2.6	8.0	5.3	6.2	4.7
	Unsure	%	11.7	18.3	10.6	11.1	13.2	10.2	9.7	13.7	13.4	10.0	12.2

Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE]

		-			Reg	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2022-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - That it is in the child's best interest to have as	Total	Unwgt N	1032	98	250	322	208	154	557	475	316	387	329
much time as possible with both parents in instances of parents'		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
divorce or separation, absent special circumstances.	Support	%	66.7	68.0	68.1	66.4	62.5	70.4	71.2	62.4	64.7	64.3	70.3
	Somewhat support	%	21.6	17.3	24.2	20.3	24.2	19.5	19.9	23.3	22.5	24.9	18.1
	Somewhat oppose	%	3.1	3.6	1.2	3.2	3.5	5.3	1.6	4.5	2.0	2.8	4.1
	Oppose	%	2.5	2.8	2.0	3.5	2.6	0.0	1.1	3.8	3.8	2.2	1.7
	Unsure	%	6.1	8.3	4.6	6.7	7.2	4.7	6.2	6.0	7.0	5.7	5.8



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 $Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: {\tt [RANDOMIZE]}$

		-			Reg	gion			Gender			Age	
			Canada 2022-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - That hildren have the right o spend equal time or	Total	Unwgt N	1032	98	250	322	208	154	557	475	316	387	329
near equal time with noth of their parents ollowing parents'		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
livorce or separation, bsent special ircumstances.	Support	%	67.1	66.0	72.0	65.5	60.0	73.7	72.6	61.8	71.3	64.8	66.2
	Somewhat support	%	23.1	20.0	22.7	22.0	28.9	20.5	21.3	24.8	17.4	28.0	22.7
	Somewhat oppose	%	3.2	2.6	1.2	4.4	4.0	2.8	1.3	5.1	3.4	2.9	3.4
	Oppose	%	1.6	1.1	1.3	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.6	2.6	2.2	1.1	1.5
	Unsure	%	5.0	10.4	2.9	5.9	5.1	3.1	4.2	5.7	5.7	3.1	6.2

$Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: {\tt [RANDOMIZE]}$

		-			Reg	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2022-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Having a ree vote in parliament, where	Total	Unwgt N	1032	98	250	322	208	154	557	475	316	387	329
elected officials can rote as they wish egardless of their		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
oarty, on legislation which includes the principle of equal	Support	%	64.0	62.4	66.9	64.0	57.7	68.1	68.6	59.6	61.8	62.4	67.0
hared parenting of hildren in situations of divorce or	Somewhat support	%	18.9	18.3	18.3	19.2	21.9	15.3	18.4	19.4	19.8	19.1	18.1
eparation absent pecial circumstance.	Somewhat oppose	%	3.4	4.0	2.3	3.9	3.3	4.0	2.7	4.1	2.3	4.2	3.5
	Oppose	%	4.1	1.5	1.8	5.3	6.3	3.2	3.1	5.1	1.3	4.7	5.6
	Unsure	%	9.6	13.7	10.7	7.6	10.8	9.4	7.2	11.8	14.9	9.5	5.9

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		-			Reg	gion			Gender			Age	
			Canada 2022-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - If a candidate or party supported the	Total	Unwgt N	1032	98	250	322	208	154	557	475	316	387	329
principle of equal shared parenting of children in situations		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
of divorce or separation would you be more likely, less	More likely	%	32.2	35.0	38.8	30.3	26.1	33.0	39.7	24.9	34.3	30.9	31.7
likely or would this position have no impact on your vote?	Less likely	%	4.7	1.8	3.1	5.8	6.7	3.2	2.5	6.8	4.6	4.3	5.2
pace on your vote.	No impact on vote	%	51.0	47.4	47.5	52.6	53.9	50.7	45.8	56.1	49.8	55.0	48.4
	Unsure	%	12.1	15.8	10.7	11.3	13.2	13.2	12.0	12.1	11.3	9.8	14.6