2011 CANADIAN ELECTION STUDY
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PAGE 1
Base: ALL
JRQ1
What province or territory do you live in?
Newfoundland
Prince Edward Island
Nova Scotia
New Brunswick
Quebec
Ontario
Manitoba
Saskatchewan
Alberta
British Columbia
Northwest Territories
Nunavut Territory
Yukon Territory
Outside Canada

PAGE 2
Base: ALL
JRQ2
What is your gender?
Male
Female

PAGE 3
Base: ALL
JRQ3
What is your year of birth? [SELECT]
1993 or later
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PAGE 4
Base: ALL
JRQ4
As you may know, there will be a federal election on May 2nd. Are you very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested in the federal election?
Very interested
Somewhat interested
Not very interested
Not at all interested
Don't know

PAGE 5
Base: ALL
JRQ5
Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means <i> *very unlikely* <\/i> to vote and 10 means <i> *very likely* <\/i> to vote, how likely is it that you will vote in the federal election on May 2nd?
0 Very unlikely to vote
1
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10 Very likely to vote
Don't know
Not applicable, I have already voted
Not applicable, I am not eligible to vote

PAGE 6
Base: ALL
JRQ6
In your opinion, what is the most important issue in the federal election?

[Textline]

PAGE 7
Base: ALL
JRQ7
Which party is best able to handle this issue?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
None, No party able
Don't know

PAGE 8
BASE: ALL
JRQ8
Some people think that it is better to have a single governing party, while others think that it is better to have a coalition of two or more governing parties. Which do you think is better?
Single governing party is better
Coalition of two or more governing parties is better
Don't know routepage=11

PAGE 9
BASE: 'SINGLE GOVERNING PARTY IS BETTER'
JRQ9
Will the issue of getting a single governing party have a great deal, something, or nothing to do with how you vote in the May 2nd federal election?
A great deal
Something
Nothing
Don't know
Will not vote

PAGE 10
BASE: 'COALITION OF TWO OR MORE GOVERNING PARTIES IS BETTER'
JRQ10
Will the issue of getting a coalition with two or more governing parties have a great deal, something, or nothing to do with how you vote in the May 2nd federal election?
A great deal
Something
Nothing

Don't know
Will not vote

RANDOMIZE PAGE 11 TO PAGE 15

PAGE 11
Base: ALL
JRQ11
Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Michael Ignatieff, the Liberal leader?
0 Strongly Dislike
1
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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 12
Base: ALL
JRQ12
Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Stephen Harper, the Conservative leader?
0 Strongly Dislike
1
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3
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9
10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 13
Base: ALL
JRQ13

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Jack Layton, the NDP leader?

0 Strongly Dislike
1
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3
4
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6
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9
10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 14
Base: ALL
JRQ14
Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Gilles Duceppe, the Bloc Québécois leader?

0 Strongly Dislike
1
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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 15
Base: ALL
JRQ15
Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Elizabeth May, the Green Party leader?

0 Strongly Dislike
1
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9
10 Strongly Like
Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 16 TO PAGE 19

Here are some statements that people are making about recent political developments. Please indicate if you agree or disagree:

PAGE 16
BASE: ALL
JRQ16
A Parliamentary Committee was right to hold the Conservative Government in contempt of Parliament for not disclosing full financial details of corporate tax cuts and plans to purchase stealth fighter jets.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 17
BASE: ALL
JRQ17
Allegations about the Conservative Government's contempt of Parliament are really just a political smear.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 18
BASE: ALL
JRQ18
Prime Minster Harper acted properly when he asked the Governor General to prorogue (temporarily suspend) Parliament.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 19
BASE: ALL
JRQ19
Prime Minister Harper has run rough-shod over Canada's democratic political traditions to keep his government in power.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

RANDOMISE PAGE 20 TO PAGE 23

Here are some statements people are making about Canada's health care system. Please indicate if you agree or disagree:

PAGE 20
BASE: ALL
JRQ20
Given present economic circumstances, Canada can't afford to spend more money on the health care system.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 21
BASE: ALL
JRQ21
Generally speaking, Canada's health care system works very well.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 22
BASE: ALL

JRQ22
Canada should spend more money on health care and less money on military operations in countries like Afghanistan and Libya.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 23
BASE: ALL
JRQ23
Overall, the Federal Government is doing a good job in providing health care for Canadians.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 24
Base: ALL
JRQ24
If you vote in the May 2nd federal election, have you decided which party you will vote for, or haven't you decided yet?
Yes, decided routepage=26
No, not decided yet
Will not vote routepage=27
Don't know

PAGE 25
Base: THOSE 'NOT DECIDED YET' OR 'DON'T KNOW'
JRQ25
Which party do you think you are most likely to vote for?
Liberals routepage=27
Conservatives routepage=27
NDP routepage=27
Bloc Québécois routepage=27
Green Party routepage=27
Other Party routepage=27
Don't know routepage=27

PAGE 26
Base: ALL THOSE 'DECIDED'

JRQ26
Which party will you vote for? [If you have already voted, please indicate which party you voted for]
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party

PAGE 27
BASE: ALL
JRQ27
Some people say that Canada has had too many federal elections in recent years and should not be holding another one now. Do you agree or disagree?
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 28
Base: ALL
JRQ28
Thinking generally about how the Canadian economy is doing these days, would you say it is doing very well, fairly well, fairly bad or very bad?
Very well
Fairly well
Fairly bad
Very bad
Don't know

PAGE 29
Base: ALL
JRQ29
Thinking about the last two years, would you say the federal government has done a very good job, a good job, a poor job, or a very poor job in handling the economy?
Very good job
Good job
Poor job
Very poor job
Don't know

PAGE 30
Base: ALL
JRQ30
How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was 12 months ago? Has it:
Got a lot better
Got a little better
Stayed the same
Got a little worse
Got a lot worse
Don’t know

PAGE 31
Base: ALL
JRQ31
How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the *next* 12 months? Will it:
Get a lot better
Get a little better
Stay the same
Get a little worse
Get a lot worse
Don't know

PAGE 32
BASE: ALL
JRQ32
Using the 0 to 10 scale below, where the end marked 0 means the federal government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services, and the end marked 10 means the federal government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services, where would you place yourself on the scale?
0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
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10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
12 Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 32A TO PAGE 32E

PAGE 32a
BASE: ALL
JRQ32a
Using the same 0 to 10 scale, where the end marked 0 means the federal government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services, and the end marked 10 means the federal government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services, where would you place The Conservative Party on the scale?
0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
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10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
12 Don't know

PAGE 32b
BASE: ALL
JRQ32b
Using the 0 to 10 scale, where the end marked 0 means the federal government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services, and the end marked 10 means the federal government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services, where would you place The Liberal Party on the scale?
0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
1
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9

10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
12 Don't know

PAGE 32c
BASE: ALL
JRQ32c
Using the 0 to 10 scale below, where the end marked 0 means the federal government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services, and the end marked 10 means the federal government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services, where would you place the NDP on the scale?
0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
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10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
12 Don't know

PAGE 32d
BASE: ALL
JRQ32d
Using the 0 to 10 scale below, where the end marked 0 means the federal government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services, and the end marked 10 means the federal government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services, where would you place the Bloc Quebecois on the scale?
0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
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10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
12 Don't know

PAGE 32e
BASE: ALL
JRQ32e
Using the 0 to 10 scale below, where the end marked 0 means the federal government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services, and the end marked 10 means the federal government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services, where would you place the Green Party on the scale?
0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
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10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
12 Don't know

PAGE 33
Base: ALL
JRQ33
There's been a lot of talk recently about same-sex marriage. Do you favour or oppose same-sex marriage?
Favour
Oppose
Don't know

PAGE 34
Base: All
JRQ34
Do you think Canada should have *closer ties* with the United States, keep things about the same as now, or have *looser ties* with the United States?
Much closer ties
Somewhat closer ties

Keep things the same as now
Somewhat looser ties
Much looser ties
Don't know

PAGE 35
Base: ALL
JRQ35
Using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 means that government should do everything possible to develop the economy even if it means some things are not done to protect the environment, and 10 means that government should do everything possible to protect the environment even if it hurts the economy, where would you place <i> *yourself*<\/i>?
0 – Do everything possible to develop the economy
1
2
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4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Do everything possible protect the environment
Don’t know

PAGE 36
Base: ALL
JRQ36
How do you think the general economic situation in this country has changed over the last 12 months? Has it:
Got a lot better
Got a little better
Stayed the same
Got a little worse
Got a lot worse
Don’t know

PAGE 37
Base: ALL
JRQ37
How do you think the general economic situation in this country will develop over the next 12 months? Will it:
Get a lot better
Get a little better
Stay the same

Get a little worse
Get a lot worse
Don’t know

PAGE 38
Q. 18 Base all
JRQ38
Which of the federal party leaders do you think would do the best job managing Canada's economy?
[Answer Block: Rotate]
Michael Ignatieff
Gilles Duceppe
Stephen Harper
Jack Layton
Elizabeth May
[End Block]
None of them would do a good job
Don't know

PAGE 39
Base: ALL
JRQ39
Thinking about *federal* politics, do you *usually* think of yourself as a Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Bloc Québécois, or what?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
Independent routepage=41
None routepage=41
Don't know routepage=41

PAGE 40
JRQ40
How strongly do you feel about the [=p39q1] party? Would you say, very strongly, fairly strongly, or not very strongly?
Very strongly routepage=43
Fairly strongly routepage=43
Not very strongly routepage=43
Don't know routepage=43

PAGE 41
Base: THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER, INDEPENDENT, NONE OR DON'T KNOW TO PAGE 39

JRQ41
Do you generally think of yourself as being a little *closer* to one of the *federal* parties than to the others?
Yes
No routepage=43
Don't know routepage=43

PAGE 42
Base: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED YES TO PAGE 41
JRQ42
Which party is that?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
Don't know

PAGE 43
BASE: ALL
JRQ43
Canadian military forces are currently engaged in fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan. Do you think Canadian troops should:
Stay in Afghanistan in a combat role as long as it takes to defeat the Taliban
Stay in Afghanistan after the end of 2011, but only in a non-combatant role
Pull out of Afghanistan by the end of 2011 regardless of whether the Taliban is defeated
Pull out of Afghanistan immediately
Don't know

PAGE 44
BASE: ALL
JRQ44
Canada has sent fighter jets to help enforce a no-fly zone over Libya. Do you approve or disapprove of Canada's involvement in this combat role in Libya?
Strongly approve
Approve
Neither approve nor disapprove
Disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Don't know

PAGE 45
Base: ALL

JRQ45
Some people think that more should be done to protect [=p1q1]'s interests in the federal system. Others think that enough is being done already, and still others think that less should be done. How much do you think should be done to protect [=p1q1]'s interests in the federal system?
Much more
Somewhat more
About the same as now
Somewhat less
Much less
Don't know

PAGE 46
Base: ALL
JRQ46
Which federal political party would do the most to help [=p1q1]?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
Don't know

PAGE 47
Base: ALL
JRQ47
Did you vote in the October 14th 2008 Canadian federal election?
Definitely voted
Did not vote
Not eligible then
Not sure
Don't know

PAGE 48
BASE: IF 'DEFINITELY VOTED'
JRQ48
Which party did you vote for?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
Can't remember

PAGE 49
Base: ALL
JRQ49
Thinking back to the last *provincial* election, do you remember if you voted in that election?
Definitely voted
Did not vote
Not eligible then
Not sure
Don't know

PAGE 50
BASE: ALL
JRQ50
Thinking back to the last *local* election, do you remember if you voted in that election?
Definitely voted
Did not vote
Not eligible then
Not sure
Don't know

PAGE 51
BASE: ALL
JRQ51
People are called upon to vote in elections at different levels of government - national, provincial, local, and sometimes referendums. Thinking generally and not about any specific election, please indicate how important it is to you personally to vote in elections at that level, on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is *not at all important* and 7 is *very important* [for each type of election, please tick that box to the right of it that best represents your view].

	1 Not at all important to vote	2	3	4	5	6	7 Very important to vote	Don't know
Federal elections								
Provincial elections								
Local elections								
Referendums								

PAGE 52

BASE: ALL
JRQ52
Thinking about how well democracy works in this country, on the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the way that democracy works in this country?
Very satisfied
Fairly satisfied
A little dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Don't know

PAGE 53
BASE: ALL
JRQ53
Thinking about your life as a whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your life as a whole?
Very satisfied
Fairly satisfied
A little dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 54 TO PAGE 61

Please indicate if you think that the following statements are *true* or *false*. If you don't know, please tick '*Don't know*'.

PAGE 54
ASK ALL
JRQ54
Polling stations close at 10.00 p.m. on election day.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 55
ASK ALL
JRQ55
The Conservative Party has announced hiring credits for small businesses.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 56
ASK ALL
JRQ56

The minimum voting age in federal elections is 16.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 57
ASK ALL
JRQ57
Citizens of Commonwealth countries can vote in Canadian federal elections if they receive special permission from Elections Canada.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 58
ASK ALL
JRQ58
The Green Party wants to raise payroll taxes.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 59
ASK ALL
JRQ59
The Conservative Party favours an elected Senate.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 60
ASK ALL
JRQ60
The Liberal Party wants to increase the corporate tax rate from 16.5 per cent to 18 per cent.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 61
ASK ALL
JRQ61
The NDP favours capping credit card rates at the prime rate plus 5 per cent.
1 True
2 False
3 Don’t Know

PAGE 62
Base: ALL
JRQ62
On a scale from 0 to 10, how much influence do you have on politics and public affairs? (where 10 means a <i>great dea of influence<i> and 0 means <i>no influence<i>)
10 - have a great deal of influence on politics
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0 - have no influence on politics at all
Don't know

PAGE 63
BASE: ALL
JRQ63
Some people think that it is better for a governing party to have a majority of seats in Parliament, while others feel that it is better when a governing party has a minority of seats in Parliament. Which do you feel is better?
Majority government better
Minority government better
Don't know routepage=65

PAGE 64
BASE: ALL THOSE 'MAJORITY GOVERNMENT BETTER' OR 'MINORITY GOVERNMENT BETTER' AT PAGE 63
JRQ64
Will the issue of getting a majority government have a great deal, something, or nothing to do with how you vote in the May 2nd federal election?
A great deal
Something
Nothing
Don't know
Will not vote

PAGE 65
BASE: ALL
JRQ65

Still thinking about the federal election on May 2nd, regardless of your own preferences, which of the following outcomes do you think is most likely to happen:
Conservative majority government
Conservative minority government
Liberal majority government
Liberal minority government
Liberal-NDP coalition government
Liberal-NDP-Bloc Québécois coalition government
Liberal-NDP-Green coalition government
Other outcome **[TEXT BOX]**
Don't know

PAGE 65A
JRQ65A
In your opinion, who is most to blame for Canada holding its fourth federal election in the past seven years?
Steven Harper
Michael Ignatieff
Both equally
Other
Don’t Know

PAGE 66
Base: Quebec Only
JRQ66
Some people think that more should be done to protect the French language in Quebec. Others think that enough is being done already, and still others think that less should be done. How much to you think should be done to protect the French language in Quebec?
Much more
Somewhat more
About the same as now
Somewhat less
Much less
Dont' know

PAGE 67
BASE: QUEBEC ONLY
JRQ67
If a referendum on Quebec sovereignty were held today, would you vote in favour or against sovereignty?
In favour of sovereignty routepage=69
Against sovereignty routepage=69
Undecided

Would not vote routepage=69
Don't know

PAGE 68
BASE: QUEBEC ONLY-ALL THOSE UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW IN PAGE 67
JRQ67
Are you leaning in either direction? What side do you support most?
In favour of sovereignty
Against sovereignty
Undecided
Would not vote
Don't know

Finally, a few questions for classification purposes:

PAGE 70
Base: ALL
JRQ70
What is the highest level of education which you have completed?
No formal schooling
Some public or elementary school
Graduated public or elementary school
Some high school
Graduated high school
Some technical or senior college
Graduated technical or senior college
Graduated community college
Some university
Graduated university (BA, BSc level or higher degree)
Don't know / Can't remember

PAGE 71
Base: ALL
JRQ71
Do you work outside the home?
Yes, full-time
Yes, part-time
No routepage=73

PAGE 72
Base: ALL THOSE WHO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME FULL- OR PART-TIME
JRQ72
What kind of work do you do, that is, what is your occupation?

[Textline]

PAGE 73
Base: ALL
JRQ73
What language did you first learn as a child?
English
French
Other Language

PAGE 74
Base: ALL
JRQ74
What language is spoken most often in your home?
English
French
Other Language

PAGE 75
Base: ALL
JRQ75
In which country were you born?
Canada routepage=77
Another Country: **[TEXT BOX]**

PAGE 76
Base: 'ANOTHER COUNTRY' TO PAGE 75
JRQ76
How many years have you been living in Canada?
less than 1 year
1 to 5 years
6 to 10 years
11 to 20 years
more than 20 years

PAGE 77
Base: ALL
JRQ77
Which ethnic or cultural group did your forebearers on your father's side belong to?
[Textline]

PAGE 78
Base: ALL
JRQ78
Which ethnic or cultural group did your forebearers on your mother's side belong to?

[Textline]

PAGE 79
BASE: ALL
JRQ79
What is your religious preference?
Protestant
Catholic
Other Christian
Jewish
Muslim
None
Don't know
Some other religion **[TEXTBOX]**

PAGE 80
Base: ALL
JRQ80
Finally, into which of the following categories does your total annual family income before taxes fall?
Under $20,000
$20,000 to $29,999
$30,000 to $39,999
$40,000 to $49,999
$50,000 to $59,999
$60,000 to $79,999
$80,000 to $99,999
$100,000 to $124,999
$125,000 to $149,999
$150,000 or more
Don't know

Thank you!