2011 Post-Election Questionnaire
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PAGE 1
BASE: ALL
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 of Canada

PAGE 2
BASE: ALL
What is your gender?
Male
Female

PAGE 3
BASE: ALL
What is your year of birth? [SELECT]
1993 or later
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1920 or earlier
Prefer not to say

PAGE 4
BASE: ALL
Whenever there is an election, some people decide that they have *good reasons not to vote*, other people want to vote but are unable to, and some people vote. Thinking of the *federal election* on May 2nd, which of the following statements best describes you?
I do not vote in federal elections
I usually vote but decided not to vote this time
I really wanted to vote but just wasn't able to
I think I voted, but I'm not sure
I am *absolutely* *certain* that I voted
Don't know

PAGE 5
BASE: 'I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT I VOTED' AT PAGE 4
Which party did you vote for?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other party
Don't know

PAGE 6
BASE: 'I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT I VOTED' AT PAGE 4
When did you decide that you were going to vote?
Before the election campaign began
Early in the campaign, during the first two weeks of April
Late in the campaign, between April 16th and May 1st
On Election Day
Don't know

PAGE 7
BASE: 'I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT I VOTED' AT PAGE 4
When you were making up your mind how to vote, did you really prefer another party but decide against it because you thought it had no chance of winning?
Yes
No
Don't know

PAGE 8
BASE: 'YES' AT PAGE 7
Which party did you really prefer?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other party
Don't know

PAGE 9
BASE: EVERYONE AT PAGE 4 BUT THOSE ABOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THEY VOTED
If you had voted, which party would you have voted for?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other party
Don't know

PAGE 10
BASE: ALL
During the election campaign, the party leaders debated on television. Did you watch any of the party leader debates or listen to them on the radio?
Yes, I saw or heard one or more of the leader debates
No, I did not see or hear any of the leader debates
Don't know

PAGE 11
BASE: 'YES, I SAW OR HEARD ONE OR MORE OF THE LEADER DEBATES' AT PAGE 10
In your opinion, which leader did *best* in the debates?
[Answer Block: Rotate]

Stephen Harper
Michael Ignatieff
Jack Layton
Gilles Duceppe
Elizabeth May
[End Block]
Don't know

PAGE 12
BASE: 'YES, I SAW OR HEARD ONE OR MORE THE LEADER DEBATES'
And, in your opinion, which leader did *worst* in the debates?
[Answer Block: Rotate]
Stephen Harper
Michael Ignatieff
Jack Layton
Gilles Duceppe
Elizabeth May
[End Block]
Don't know

PAGE 13
BASE: ALL
In your opinion, what was the most important issue in the federal election?
[Textline]

PAGE 14
BASE: ALL MENTIONING AN ISSUE AT PAGE 13
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 13
BASE: ALL
Please rank what you think are the most important, the second most important and the third most important issues in the federal election by dragging them to the list on the right.
[ANSWER BLOCK: ROTATE]
The Economy Generally
The Environment
Health care

Unemployment
The Gun Registry
The War in Afghanistan
Providing More Social Services
Abortion
Canada-U.S. Relations
Paying Off the Government Debt
[END BLOCK]

PAGE 14
BASE: EVERYONE RANKING ONE OR MORE ISSUES IN PAGE 13
Which party is best able to handle the issue your ranked most important?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
None, No party able
Don't know

PAGE 15
BASE: ALL
In deciding how you would vote in the May 2nd federal election, which was the most important to you -- the party leaders, the candidates in your local constituency, or the parties taken as a whole?
Party leaders
Local candidates
Parties as a whole
Don't know

PAGE 16
BASE: ALL
Thinking about the past few years, would you say that Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made Canada's economy better, worse, or he has had no effect one way or the other?
Much Better
Somewhat better
Somewhat worse
Much Worse
No effect
Don't know

PAGE 17
BASE: ALL

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

PAGE 18
BASE: ALL
Which, if any, of the following words describe your feelings about Canada's general economic situation? (Please tick up to FOUR)[MULTICODE]
[Answer Block: Rotate]
Angry
Happy
Disgusted
Hopeful
Uneasy
Confident
Afraid
Proud
[End Block]
No feelings
Don't know

PAGE 19
BASE: ALL
During the election campaign, were you contacted in person, by telephone, by internet, or by mail by any of the political parties or their candidates?
Yes, I was contacted
No, I was not contacted
Don't know

PAGE 20
BASE: 'YES, I WAS CONTACTED' AT PAGE 19
Which parties or candidates contacted you? Please indicate *all* of the parties and candidates that contacted you. [MULTICODE]
Conservative Party or Conservative Candidates
Green Party or Green Candidates
Liberal Party or Liberal Candidates
NDP or NDP Candidates

Bloc Québécois or Bloc Québécois Candidates
Other Parties or Candidates
Don't know

PAGE 21
BASE: ALL
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

PAGE 22
BASE; 'MAJORITY GOVERNMENT BETTER' AT PAGE 21
Did the issue of getting a majority government have a great deal, something, or nothing to do with how you voted in the federal election?
A great deal
Something
Nothing
Don't know
Did not vote

PAGE 23
BASE: 'MINORITY GOVERNMENT BETTER AT PAGE 21'
Did the issue of getting a minority government have a great deal, something, or nothing to do with how you voted in the federal election?
A great deal
Something
Nothing
Don't know
Did not vote

RANDOMIZE PAGE 24 TO PAGE 28

PAGE 24
BASE: ALL
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 25
BASE: ALL
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
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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 26
BASE: ALL
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
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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 27
BASE: ALL

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
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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 28
BASE: ALL
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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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 29 TO PAGE 31

PAGE 29
BASE: ALL
Please indicate if you agree or disagree: It takes too much time and effort to be active in politics.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

PAGE 30
BASE: ALL
Please indicate if you agree or disagree: I would be *seriously* neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

PAGE 31
BASE: ALL
Please indicate if you agree or disagree: Most of my family and friends think that voting is a waste of time.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

PAGE 32
BASE: ALL
Generally speaking, are you very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not interested at all in politics?
Very interested
Somewhat interested
Not very interested
Not interested at all
Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 33 TO PAGE 37

PAGE 33
BASE: ALL
Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the *federal* Liberal Party?
0 Strongly Dislike
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9
10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 34
BASE: ALL
Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the *federal* Conservative Party?
0 Strongly Dislike
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9
10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 35
BASE: ALL
Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the *federal* NDP?
0 Strongly Dislike
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9
10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 36
BASE: ALL
Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Bloc Québécois?
0 Strongly Dislike

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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 37
BASE: ALL
Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Green Party?
0 Strongly Dislike
1
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10 Strongly Like
Don't know

PAGE 38
BASE: ALL
Please indicate if you agree or disagree: I would feel very guilty if I didn't vote in a general election.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

RANDOM HALF SAMPLE 1 GETS PAGE 39 AND RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE 2 GETS PAGE 40

PAGE 39
BASE: RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE 1

Do you generally think of yourself as a Canadian, a [R's provincial identity - will supply list corresponding to province/territory in PAGE 1], or what?
Canadian
[R's provincial identity]
Don't know

PAGE 40
BASE: RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE 2
Do you generally think of yourself as a [R's provincial identity - will supply list corresponding to province/territory in PAGE 1], a Canadian, or what?
[R's provincial identity]
Canadian
Don't know

PAGE 41
BASE: ALL
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
None
Don't know

PAGE 42
BASE: EVERYONE NAMING A PARTY AT PAGE 41
How strongly do you feel about the [PARTY NAMED AT PAGE 41] party? Would you say, very strongly, fairly strongly, or not very strongly?
Very strongly
Fairly strongly
Not very strongly
Don't know

PAGE 43
BASE: 'INDEPENDENT", 'NONE', OR 'DON'T KNOW' AT PAGE 41
Do you generally think of yourself as being a little *closer* to one of the *federal* parties than to the others?
Yes
No
Don't know

PAGE 44

BASE: 'YES' AT PAGE 43
Which party is that?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
Don't know

PAGE 45
BASE: ALL
Since you have been eligible to vote in *federal elections*, that is, elections for the national parliament in Ottawa, have you:
Voted in every federal election
Voted in most federal elections
Voted in some federal elections
Not voted in federal elections
Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 46 TO PAGE 51

Here are some statements people are making. Please indicate if you agree or disagree.

PAGE 46
BASE: ALL
Sometimes, going to war is the only solution to international problems.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 47
BASE: ALL
Canada should not employ its armed forces unless the country's security is directly threatened.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 48
BASE: ALL
Canada should spend less money on foreign aid to developing countries.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 49
BASE: ALL
Canada should be more cautious before participating in international peacekeeping operations.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 50
BASE: ALL
Canada should take a more active role in protecting human rights around the world.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree

Don't know

PAGE 51
BASE: ALL
Canada should never use its armed forces abroad unless it gets approval from the United Nations.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 52 AND PAGE 53

PAGE 52
BASE: ALL
Please indicate how far you agree or disagree with the following statement: The Government generally treats people like me fairly.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 53
BASE: ALL
Please indicate how far you agree or disagree with the following statement: There is often a big gap between what people like me expect out of life and what we actually get.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 54
BASE: ALL
Thinking of a 0 to 10 scale where 0 means Canada should spend less on social services and more on national defense and 10 means Canada should spend less on national defense and more on social services, where would be put yourself?
0 - Spend more on national defense
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10 - Spend more on social services
Don't know

PAGE 55
Base: ALL
There has been a lot of discussion about abortion in recent years. Which one of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

By law, abortion should never be permitted.
The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger.
The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established.
By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice.
Don't know

PAGE 56
BASE: ALL
Many people feel closer to some groups than others. How close do you feel to the people in [R's province/territory]?
Very close
Fairly close
Not very close
Not at all close
Don’t know

PAGE 57
BASE: ALL
How close do you feel to people in the rest of Canada?
Very close
Fairly close
Not very close
Not at all close
Don’t know

PAGE 58
BASE: ALL
How attached do you feel to [R's province/territory]
Very attached
Fairly attached
Not very attached
Not attached at all
Don't know

PAGE 59
BASE: ALL
How attached do you feel to Canada?
Very attached
Fairly attached
Not very attached
Not attached at all
Don't know

PAGE 60
BASE: ALL PROVINCES/TERRORITORIES EXCEPT QUEBEC
How important are the decisions made by the [R's province/territory in PAGE 1] legislature for you personally?
Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not important at all
Don't know

PAGE 61
BASE: QUEBEC
How important are the decisions made by the Quebec National Assembly for you personally?
Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not important at all
Don't know

PAGE 62
BASE: ALL
How important are the decisions made by the federal parliament in Ottawa for you personally?
Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not important at all

RANDOMIZE PAGE 63 AND PAGE 64

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

PAGE 63
BASE: ALL
The federal government should do more to equalize the standard of living of people in different parts of Canada.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

PAGE 64

BASE: ALL
More money should be transferred from the richer parts of Canada to the poorer parts to ensure that everyone can have the same level of public services.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

RANDOMIZE PAGE 65 TO PAGE 67

PAGE 65
BASE: ALL
On a scale from 0 to 10, how much influence do you have on *provincial politics* here in [R's province/territory]
0 - Have no influence on provincial politics at all
1
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10 - Have a great deal of influence on provincial politics
Don't know

PAGE 66
BASE: ALL
On a scale from 0 to 10, how much influence do you have on *federal, that is, national politics?*
0 - Have no influence on federal politics at all
1
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9
10 - Have a great deal of influence on federal politics
Don't know

PAGE 67
BASE: ALL
How much influence do you have on politics in your local community?
0 - Have no influence on local politics at all
1
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10 - Have a great deal of influence on local politics
Don't know

PAGE 68
BASE: ALL
Please indicate which level of government you think should have primary responsibility for each of the following policy areas:

Policy Area	Federal Government	Provincial Government	Both Governments Equally	Don't know
Unemployment				
Environment				
Health Care				
Crime				
Economic Growth				
Education				

RANDOMIZE PAGE 69 TO PAGE 72

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:
PAGE 69
BASE: ALL

The dream of being able to enjoy the good things in life just won't happen for most Canadians.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

PAGE 70
BASE: ALL
In the future, many Canadians will never be able to find good jobs.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

PAGE 71
BASE: ALL
My opportunities to succeed in life are better than those that my parents had.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

PAGE 72
BASE: ALL
My children's opportunities to succeed in life will not be as good as the ones that I have had.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

PAGE 73
BASE: ALL
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 Canada?

Very satisfied
Fairly satisfied
A little dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Don't know

PAGE 784
BASE: ALL
Finally, so that we can classify your answers with others in your area, can you please tell me your postal code.
[Text Box]

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