



## *Public Opinion on Sex Education and Parental Choice*

### Crosstabulations

Prepared for: Sun News Network

December 2 to 4, 2011

n=1,004 Canadians, 18 years of age and older

### *Methodology*

*The survey was conducted online with 1,004 respondents in English and French using an internet survey platform licensed by Abacus Data. A random sample of panelists was invited to participate in the survey from a larger internet representative panel of 150,000 Canadians. The survey was completed from December 2 to 4, 2011.*

*Steps were taken to ensure that the survey respondents were representative of the population over 18 years of age. The sample distribution was balanced to match the distribution of actual census data for age, gender, education, and province. Moreover, statistical weighting was applied to the data after the completion of the survey for age, gender, education, region, and previous federal vote.*

*Since the online survey was not a random, probability based sample, a margin of error could not be calculated. The margin of error for a survey of 1,004 respondents using a probability sample is +/- 3.1%, 19 times out of 20.*

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Sun News Network  
National Survey - n=1,004, December 2 to 4, 2011

		<p>The Ontario government is considering a new sex-education curriculum for elementary school children.</p> <p>Do you think that it is very appropriate, somewhat appropriate, somewhat inappropriate, or very inappropriate to be teach the following to students at the identified age and grade level.</p> <p><b>Gender identity which includes male, female, two-spirited, transgendered, transsexual, intersexed as well as sexual orientation such as heterosexual, gay, lesbian and bisexual in grade 3 (age 8).</b></p>				
		very appropriate	somewhat appropriate	somewhat inappropriate	very inappropriate	Count
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count
Gender	Canada	16%	28%	27%	29%	1004
	Male	16%	29%	25%	30%	499
	Female	16%	26%	29%	29%	505
Age group	18 to 29	25%	31%	23%	21%	141
	30 to 44	14%	26%	33%	26%	222
	45 to 60	14%	28%	24%	33%	359
	60 and over	13%	26%	27%	33%	282
Region/Province	Atlantic	14%	24%	32%	30%	80
	Quebec	17%	34%	32%	17%	280
	Ontario	16%	24%	27%	32%	333
	Central	12%	21%	27%	40%	73
	Alberta	8%	31%	23%	39%	112
Federal Vote Intention	British Columbia	23%	29%	18%	30%	126
	Conservative Party	10%	21%	25%	44%	368
	Liberal Party	20%	37%	25%	18%	163
	New Democratic Party	22%	32%	26%	20%	266
	Green Party	30%	18%	26%	26%	44
How important or unimportant would you say religion is in your life?	Bloc Quebecois	17%	32%	32%	19%	66
	Very important	9%	17%	23%	51%	181
	Somewhat important	14%	31%	25%	30%	316
	Somewhat unimportant	15%	30%	33%	21%	242
	Very unimportant	24%	28%	27%	21%	265
Educational Attainment	HS or less	11%	28%	28%	33%	408
	College or some university	17%	26%	28%	30%	369
	University degree	23%	31%	24%	22%	227

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		Do you think that it is very appropriate, somewhat appropriate, somewhat inappropriate, or very inappropriate to be teach the following to students at the identified age and grade level.				
		<b>Safe ways to perform oral and anal sex in grade 7 (age 12).</b>				
		very appropriate	somewhat appropriate	somewhat inappropriate	very inappropriate	Count
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count
Gender	Canada	14%	27%	26%	33%	1004
	Male	13%	30%	26%	31%	499
	Female	15%	23%	26%	35%	505
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Region/Province	Atlantic	14%	26%	24%	35%	80
	Quebec	29%	40%	19%	12%	280
	Ontario	9%	24%	27%	41%	333
	Central	11%	17%	34%	39%	73
	Alberta	5%	23%	31%	40%	112
Federal Vote Intention	British Columbia	14%	17%	27%	42%	126
	Conservative Party	9%	17%	26%	48%	368
	Liberal Party	15%	35%	24%	26%	163
	New Democratic Party	18%	31%	25%	26%	266
	Green Party	23%	19%	34%	24%	44
How important or unimportant would you say religion is in your life?	Bloc Quebecois	32%	40%	19%	9%	66
	Very important	9%	11%	21%	58%	181
	Somewhat important	12%	27%	27%	34%	316
	Somewhat unimportant	15%	33%	28%	23%	242
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		<b>Having students search online for images of the Toronto gay pride parade as a way to introduce the subject of homosexuality in the classroom in all grades.</b>				
		very appropriate	somewhat appropriate	somewhat inappropriate	very inappropriate	Count
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count
Gender	Canada	11%	27%	28%	34%	1004
	Male	10%	27%	29%	34%	499
	Female	11%	26%	28%	34%	505
Age group	18 to 29	16%	36%	26%	22%	141
	30 to 44	9%	31%	33%	27%	222
	45 to 60	11%	23%	26%	41%	359
	60 and over	7%	19%	31%	43%	282
Region/Province	Atlantic	8%	30%	23%	38%	80
	Quebec	17%	34%	29%	21%	280
	Ontario	8%	26%	26%	40%	333
	Central	12%	16%	38%	35%	73
	Alberta	5%	24%	30%	41%	112
	British Columbia	13%	22%	31%	34%	126
	Federal Vote Intention	Conservative Party	4%	17%	30%	49%
	Liberal Party	12%	36%	27%	25%	163
	New Democratic Party	16%	31%	28%	25%	266
	Green Party	19%	37%	23%	21%	44
	Bloc Quebecois	16%	34%	30%	20%	66
How important or unimportant would you say religion is in your life?	Very important	5%	18%	22%	55%	181
	Somewhat important	9%	24%	32%	35%	316
	Somewhat unimportant	10%	30%	37%	24%	242
	Very unimportant	16%	33%	22%	29%	265
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		<p>The teacher's guide currently in use in Ontario instructs teachers to not alert parents when sensitive material may be raised in the classroom.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if any, comes closest to your view on parental notification and public school</p>			
		Parents should be notified when their children are going to be taught sensitive material such as sexual education and what will be covered.	Public education is meant to create standard levels of knowledge among students and sex-education is an important part o	Neither	Count
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count
Gender	Canada	57%	35%	7%	1004
	Male	55%	38%	7%	499
Age group	Female	60%	32%	8%	505
	18 to 29	43%	45%	11%	141
	30 to 44	61%	35%	4%	222
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	Liberal Party	48%	48%	5%	163
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		Who should have a greater say in what children learn in public school parents or educational experts?			
		Parents	Educational experts	Unsure	Count
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