



Canadian Public Opinion on Student Protests in Quebec

Crosstabulations

Field Dates: May 15-16, 2012

Methodology

The survey was conducted online with 1,008 respondents in English and French using an internet survey platform. A random sample of panelists was invited to participate in the survey from a larger internet representative panel of over 150,000 Canadians. The survey was completed from May 15 to 16, 2012.

The data was statistically weighted by age, gender, region, and education level according to census data.

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 1,008 respondents using a probability sample is +/- 3.1%, 19 times out of 20.

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		Generally speaking, do you think tuition fees in your province are too high, too low, or about right for college and university?					
		Too high	About right	Too low	Unsure	Counts	
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count	Count
	Canada	50	32	10	9	1008	1009
Province/Region	Atlantic	65	29	2	5	78	75
	Quebec	21	44	31	3	255	244
	Ontario	62	25	2	11	366	387
	Central	41	43	3	13	68	65
	Alberta	57	29	3	11	99	103
	British Columbia	56	28	4	12	142	134
Gender	Male	44	35	13	7	509	497
	Female	55	29	6	10	499	512
Age	18 to 29	58	34	5	2	142	180
	30 to 44	52	32	8	8	242	273
	45 to 59	50	28	11	11	379	376
	60 and over	38	38	12	12	245	181
Education	High school or less	51	26	10	13	406	385
	College or some university	51	33	9	7	344	352
	University degree	46	39	10	5	258	272
Union household	Yes	55	29	9	7	307	317
	No	47	33	10	9	701	692
Household Income	Less than \$35,000	61	22	8	9	167	163
	\$35,000 to \$50,000	47	30	11	12	146	146
	\$50,001 to \$75,000	48	33	13	6	191	187
	\$75,001 to \$100,000	45	35	11	10	162	165
	Over \$100,000	45	40	9	6	186	191
	Rather not say	54	29	4	12	156	158
Community Type	Urban	50	31	10	10	437	443
	Suburban	50	33	9	8	360	363
	Rural	49	32	10	9	211	202
2011 Federal Vote	Conservative Party	43	37	11	9	369	358
	Liberal Party	57	30	7	5	155	155
	New Democratic Party	53	29	12	6	255	258
	Green Party	47	34	6	13	38	37
	Bloc Quebecois	43	34	18	5	47	44
	Another Party	68	32	0	0	10	11
	Can't Remember or did not vote	55	24	3	18	134	146

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		Before today were you aware or unaware of the student protests occurring in Quebec for the last few months?			
		Aware	Unaware	Counts	
		Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count	Count
Province/Region	Canada	87	13	1008	1009
	Atlantic	83	17	78	75
	Quebec	99	1	255	244
	Ontario	86	14	366	387
	Central	79	21	68	65
	Alberta	78	22	99	103
	British Columbia	84	16	142	134
Gender	Male	91	9	509	497
	Female	84	16	499	512
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	Rather not say	82	18	156	158
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In its 2012 budget, the Government of Quebec proposed raising tuition fees in Quebec by 75% over 5 years which is the equivalent a \$325 increase every year for five years. In response to the proposal, many students across the province have been on strike and have not attended classes.

Overall, what is your impression of the student strike in Quebec?

		Very favourable	Somewhat favourable	Neutral	Somewhat unfavourable	Very unfavourable	Unsure	Counts	
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count	Count
Province/Region	Canada	16	20	13	15	35	2	1008	1009
	Atlantic	15	17	17	16	27	8	78	75
	Quebec	19	14	9	15	42	0	255	244
	Ontario	16	22	15	16	30	2	366	387
	Central	9	17	18	17	36	2	68	65
	Alberta	14	23	10	9	39	5	99	103
	British Columbia	17	24	8	11	36	4	142	134
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	Conservative Party	8	14	10	12	53	2	369	358
	Liberal Party	12	17	13	20	34	3	155	155
	New Democratic Party	24	26	12	15	22	1	255	258
	Green Party	16	19	14	23	28	0	38	37
	Bloc Quebecois	32	10	17	16	25	0	47	44
	Another Party	41	0	0	22	27	9	10	11
Can't Remember or did not vote	18	29	17	11	18	8	134	146	

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Based on what you have heard about the student strike and protests and the Quebec government's proposal to raise tuition fees, which side of the debate are you more likely to support?

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