

ABACUS DATA

POLL

Energy Politics: Nexen and China

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Methodology

The survey was conducted online with 2,099 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 August 10-12, 2012.

An over sample of was conducted in British Columbia (n=793) and Ontario (n=502).

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 2,099 respondents using a probability sample is +/- 2.2%, 19 times out of 20.

These questions were posed as part of the Abacus monthly Omnibus.

For more information about the poll's methodology, visit the Abacus website at www.abacusdata.ca

The table below reports the unweighted and weighted distribution by region or province.

Region/Province	Unweighted Count (All Respondents)	Weighted Count (All respondents)
Atlantic Canada	151	149
Quebec	304	482
Ontario	502	818
Prairies (MB and SK)	148	141
Alberta	201	229
BC	793	277
Total	2,099	2,095

Take Over of Nexen

Q: Before today, were you aware or unaware that a government-controlled Chinese oil company, CNOOC Ltd., has made an offer to buy Calgary-based Nexen Inc. a major Canadian oil and gas company, which has operations in the oil sands as well as overseas?



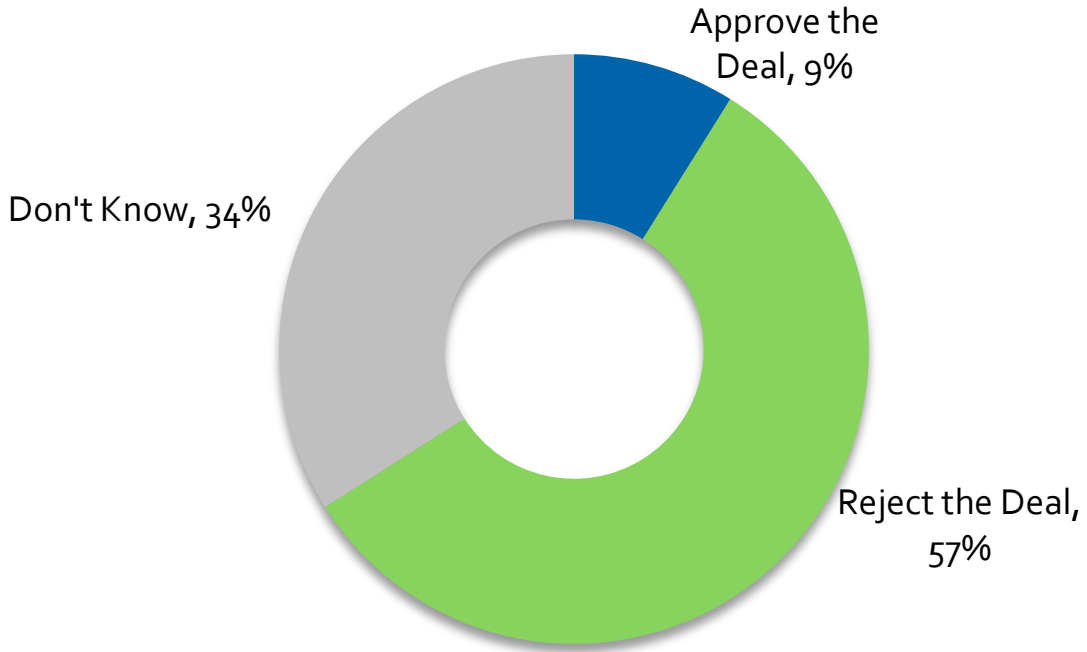
Subgroup Analysis

	Canada	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	CPC	LPC
Aware	43%	56%	31%	30%	34%	45%	62%	56%	55%
Unaware	57%	44%	69%	70%	66%	55%	38%	44%	45%

	NDP	Green	Bloc	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Central	Alberta	B.C.
Aware	40%	44%	32%	30%	31%	45%	44%	68%	47%
Unaware	60%	56%	68%	70%	69%	55%	56%	32%	53%

Federal Government Approval

Q: Before the purchase is finalized, the federal government must approve the deal. Do you think the federal government should approve the deal or should it reject the deal?



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	Canada	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	CPC	LPC
Approve the Deal	9%	13%	5%	9%	8%	7%	13%	16%	10%
Reject the Deal	57%	62%	52%	50%	54%	61%	62%	54%	62%
Don't Know	34%	25%	43%	41%	38%	33%	25%	29%	29%

	NDP	Green	Bloc	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Central	Alberta	B.C.
Approve the Deal	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	9%	9%	19%	8%
Reject the Deal	63%	73%	65%	54%	58%	58%	57%	47%	63%
Don't Know	32%	23%	31%	41%	37%	33%	34%	34%	29%

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