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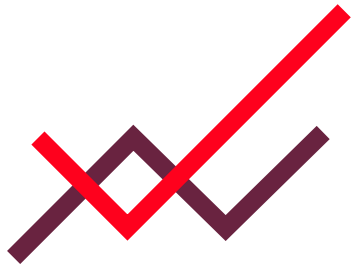


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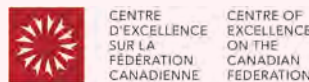
The Confederation of Tomorrow surveys give voice to Canadians about the major issues shaping the future of the federation and their political communities. They have been conducted annually since 2019 by an association of the country's leading public policy and socio-economic research organizations.

The 2026 study consists of a survey of 5,696 adults, conducted between February 14 and March 28, 2026 (92% of the responses were collected between February 19 and March 7); 91 percent of the responses were collected online. The remaining responses were collected by telephone (both landline and cell phone) from respondents living in the North or on First Nations reserves, or from francophone respondents in New Brunswick.

The survey is conducted on behalf of all the survey partners by the Environics Institute for Survey Research. The fieldwork is managed by Elemental DCI. The online portion of the survey drew respondents from the Leger LEO panel; the telephone interviews were conducted by Elemental DCI.

The survey data are weighted in three separate ways, depending on the population of interest. First, the complete survey data are weighted by region, gender, age, education, home language (separately for Quebec, New Brunswick and the rest of Canada) and Indigenous identity, so as to be representative of the Canadian population. Second, the territorial sample (when reported separately) is weighted by gender, age and education. Third, the Indigenous sample (when reported separately) is weighted by gender, age, region and education.

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QNEW6. In your opinion, is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important for Canada to maintain good relations with the United States?

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		CAN	MIX	PTI	IN-DIG	NON/IND	FIR/NAT	ME-/TIS	IN-/UIT	On Res.	Off Res.	ANG/PHO	FRA/NCO	QC/FRA	ALL/PHO	M	F	
		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)
Weighted 'N'	919	290	303	304	919	-	546	279	70	154	383	762	109	97	48	434	475	
Unweighted 'N'	919	280	292	329	919	-	532	321	49	200	326	754	121	108	44	362	547	
Very important	207 23%	72 25%	68 23%	64 21%	207 23%	-	119 22%	71 25%	17 24%	38 25%	81 21%	175 23%	27 25%	27 27%	6 12%	117 27%	89 19%	
Somewhat important	415 45%	148 51%	140 46%	121 40%	415 45%	-	253 46%	121 43%	29 42%	58 37%	195 51%	358 47%	41 38%	35 36%	16 34%	171 39%	239 50%	
Not very important	153 17%	38 13%	55 18%	54 18%	153 17%	-	89 16%	45 16%	13 18%	31 20%	54 14%	112 15%	25 23%	25 26%	16 33%	71 16%	81 17%	
Not at all important	84 9%	17 6%	22 7%	45 15%	84 9%	-	55 10%	22 8%	6 8%	15 10%	37 10%	64 8%	12 11%	6 7%	8 17%	51 12%	32 7%	
Cannot say	59 6%	14 5%	18 6%	21 7%	59 6%	-	31 6%	19 7%	5 7%	12 7%	16 4%	54 7%	4 4%	4 4%	2 3%	24 6%	34 7%	
NET: Important	623 68%	220 76%	208 69%	185 61%	623 68%	-	372 68%	192 69%	46 66%	96 62%	276 72%	532 70%	68 62%	61 63%	22 46%	288 66%	328 69%	
NET: Not important	237 26%	56 19%	77 25%	99 33%	237 26%	-	144 26%	67 24%	18 27%	47 30%	91 24%	176 23%	37 34%	32 33%	24 50%	122 28%	113 24%	

Comparison Groups: BCD/EF/GHI/KL/MNOP/QR

Independent T-Test for Means (equal variances), Independent Z-Test for Percentages (unpooled proportions)
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QNEW7. In general, do you feel the current federal government is too close, too distant or about right in its relations with the United States?

	Total ----- (A)	Identity ----- (B) (C) (D)			Peoples ----- (E) (F)		Indigenous Group ----- (G) (H) (I)			Community ----- (K) (L)		Language ----- (M) (N) (O) (P)				Gender ----- (Q) (R)		
		CAN -----	MIX -----	PTI -----	IN- DIG -----	NON/ IND -----	FIR/ NAT -----	ME-/ TIS -----	IN-/ UIT -----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----	ANG/ PHO -----	FRA/ NCO -----	QC/ FRA -----	ALL/ PHO -----	M -----	F -----	
		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)
Weighted 'N'	919	290	303	304	919	-	546	279	70	154	383	762	109	97	48	434	475	
Unweighted 'N'	919	280	292	329	919	-	532	321	49	200	326	754	121	108	44	362	547	
Too close in its relations with the United States	192 21%	58 20%	64 21%	67 22%	192 21%	-	110 20%	69 25%	14 19%	27 17%	80 21%	162 21%	23 21%	23 24%	7 14%	91 21%	98 21%	
Too distant in its relations with the United States	221 24%	96 33%	54 18%	70 23%	221 24%	-	129 24%	71 25%	8 11%	48 31%	80 21%	185 24%	27 25%	22 23%	9 19%	131 30%	90 19%	
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About right	308 33%	97 33%	97 32%	107 35%	308 33%	-	176 32%	90 32%	36 52%	45 29%	130 34%	246 32%	39 36%	36 38%	22 46%	156 36%	146 31%	
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Cannot say	198 22%	40 14%	89 29%	60 20%	198 22%	-	132 24%	49 18%	12 17%	34 22%	93 24%	169 22%	19 17%	15 15%	10 21%	56 13%	141 30%	
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Independent T-Test for Means (equal variances), Independent Z-Test for Percentages (unpooled proportions)

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Q25D. Which level of government do you trust more to make the right decisions in the following areas: Managing energy resources

	Total ----- (A)	Identity ----- (B) (C) (D)			Peoples ----- (E) (F)		Indigenous Group ----- (G) (H) (I)			Community ----- (K) (L)		Language ----- (M) (N) (O) (P)				Gender ----- (Q) (R)		
		CAN	MIX	PTI	IN-DIG	NON/IND	FIR/NAT	ME-/TIS	IN-/UIT	On Res.	Off Res.	ANG/PHO	FRA/NCO	QC/FRA	ALL/PHO	M	F	
Weighted 'N'	919	290	303	304	919	-	546	279	70	154	383	762	109	97	48	434	475	
Unweighted 'N'	919	280	292	329	919	-	532	321	49	200	326	754	121	108	44	362	547	
The federal government	146	53	46	45	146	-	92	38	13	17	73	124	13	13	8	84	60	
	16%	18%	15%	15%	16%		17%	14%	19%	11%	19%	16%	12%	14%	17%	19%	13%	
Your [provincial/territorial] government	187	64	67	55	187	-	97	79	8	33	63	145	33	23	9	110	75	
	20%	22%	22%	18%	20%		18%	28%	12%	21%	16%	19%	30%	24%	18%	25%	16%	
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Both equally	277	95	80	91	277	-	163	73	29	67	95	226	33	30	18	126	150	
	30%	33%	26%	30%	30%		30%	26%	42%	43%	25%	30%	30%	31%	38%	29%	32%	
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Trust neither government	230	57	80	89	230	-	149	60	18	30	115	199	20	19	11	91	135	
	25%	20%	27%	29%	25%		27%	22%	26%	19%	30%	26%	18%	20%	24%	21%	29%	
Cannot say	80	20	30	24	80	-	45	29	0	8	37	68	10	10	1	24	54	
	9%	7%	10%	8%	9%		8%	10%	0%	5%	10%	9%	9%	11%	2%	5%	11%	
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Comparison Groups: BCD/EF/GHI/KL/MNOP/QR

Independent T-Test for Means (equal variances), Independent Z-Test for Percentages (unpooled proportions)

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Q25J. Which level of government do you trust more in the following areas: Managing trade relations with other countries

	Total ----- (A)	Identity =====			Peoples =====		Indigenous Group =====			Community =====		Language =====				Gender =====	
		CAN -----	MIX ----	PTI -----	IN- DIG -----	NON/ IND -----	FIR/ NAT -----	ME-/ TIS ----	IN-/ UIT -----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----	ANG/ PHO -----	FRA/ NCO ----	QC/ FRA ----	ALL/ PHO ----	M -----	F ----
		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)
Weighted 'N'	754	245	237	255	754	-	461	255	15	138	314	629	109	97	16	339	406
Unweighted 'N'	812	253	247	297	812	-	488	298	11	193	290	668	121	108	23	310	493
The federal government	262	87	93	81	262	-	168	90	2	37	132	214	43	40	6	124	132
	35%	35%	39%	32%	35%		36%	35%	13%	26%	42%	34%	39%	41%	34%	37%	32%
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Your [provincial/territorial] government	96	57	21	18	96	-	58	24	5	25	33	84	10	7	2	51	45
	13%	23%	9%	7%	13%		13%	9%	32%	18%	10%	13%	9%	7%	13%	15%	11%
		CD															
Both equally	161	45	43	72	161	-	93	59	3	37	56	132	26	24	3	78	82
	21%	18%	18%	28%	21%		20%	23%	17%	27%	18%	21%	24%	25%	16%	23%	20%
Trust neither government	155	36	47	65	155	-	93	54	6	31	55	129	20	16	5	59	93
	21%	15%	20%	25%	21%		20%	21%	38%	22%	17%	21%	19%	16%	31%	17%	23%
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Cannot say	81	20	34	20	81	-	48	28	-	9	39	69	10	10	1	27	54
	11%	8%	14%	8%	11%		10%	11%		7%	12%	11%	9%	11%	6%	8%	13%
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Q79. Do you think the federal and provincial/territorial governments are working very well together, somewhat well, not very well or are they not working at all well together?

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	Total ----	CAN -----	MIX ----	PTI -----	IN- DIG -----	NON/ IND -----	FIR/ NAT -----	ME-/ TIS ----	IN-/ UIT -----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----	ANG/ PHO -----	FRA/ NCO ----	QC/ FRA ----	ALL/ PHO ----	M -----	F ----
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)
Weighted 'N'	919	290	303	304	919	-	546	279	70	154	383	762	109	97	48	434	475
Unweighted 'N'	919	280	292	329	919	-	532	321	49	200	326	754	121	108	44	362	547
Very well	46 5%	25 9%	9 3%	11 4%	46 5%	-	29 5%	10 3%	7 10%	16 11%	13 3%	33 4%	8 7%	7 7%	5 11%	29 7%	17 4%
Somewhat well	360 39%	117 40%	141 47%	97 32%	360 39%	-	220 40%	104 37%	23 32%	71 46%	148 39%	300 39%	36 33%	27 27%	24 50%	161 37%	193 41%
Not very well	286 31%	92 32%	69 23%	115 38%	286 31%	-	155 28%	100 36%	26 37%	38 24%	115 30%	228 30%	46 42%	45 46%	12 24%	157 36%	125 26%
Not at all well	109 12%	33 11%	34 11%	41 13%	109 12%	-	67 12%	31 11%	8 12%	13 8%	52 14%	95 12%	7 7%	7 7%	7 14%	55 13%	54 11%
Cannot say	119 13%	23 8%	50 16%	40 13%	119 13%	-	75 14%	34 12%	6 9%	16 11%	56 15%	106 14%	12 11%	12 13%	0 1%	33 8%	86 18%
NET: Well	406 44%	141 49%	150 50%	108 36%	406 44%	-	249 46%	113 41%	29 42%	87 57%	160 42%	333 44%	44 40%	33 34%	29 61%	190 44%	210 44%
NET: Not well	394 43%	125 43%	103 34%	156 51%	394 43%	-	222 41%	131 47%	34 49%	50 33%	167 44%	323 42%	53 49%	51 53%	18 38%	212 49%	179 38%

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Q80. When there is a conflict between the federal government and your provincial/territorial government, which one do you think is usually to blame?

	Identity =====			Peoples =====		Indigenous Group =====			Community =====		Language =====				Gender =====		
	Total ----	CAN ----	MIX ----	PTI ----	IN- DIG ----	NON/ IND ----	FIR/ NAT ----	ME-/ TIS ----	IN-/ UIT ----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----	ANG/ PHO ----	FRA/ NCO ----	QC/ FRA ----	ALL/ PHO ----	M -----	F ----
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)
Weighted 'N'	919	290	303	304	919	-	546	279	70	154	383	762	109	97	48	434	475
Unweighted 'N'	919	280	292	329	919	-	532	321	49	200	326	754	121	108	44	362	547
Federal government is to blame	135 15%	55 19%	33 11%	45 15%	135 15%	-	80 15%	50 18%	5 7%	19 12%	60 16%	113 15%	18 17%	17 17%	4 8%	75 17%	59 12%
The [provincial/territorial] government is to blame	164 18%	68 23%	49 16%	45 15%	164 18%	-	95 17%	35 13%	18 26%	35 23%	57 15%	146 19%	13 12%	12 12%	5 11%	84 19%	76 16%
Both are equally to blame	493 54%	131 45%	179 59%	173 57%	493 54%	-	302 55%	143 51%	44 63%	84 54%	216 56%	393 52%	63 57%	55 57%	37 78%	232 53%	258 54%
Cannot say	126 14%	37 13%	42 14%	41 13%	126 14%	-	68 13%	51 18%	3 4%	16 10%	50 13%	109 14%	15 14%	13 14%	2 4%	44 10%	81 17%

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QNEW5A. The federal government has said it would like to speed up the construction of new transportation and energy infrastructure. Thinking about this policy, which of the following two options do you prefer?

	Total ----- (A)	Identity ----- (B) (C) (D)			Peoples ----- (E) (F)		Indigenous Group ----- (G) (H) (I)			Community ----- (K) (L)		Language ----- (M) (N) (O) (P)				Gender ----- (Q) (R)	
		CAN -----	MIX -----	PTI -----	IN- DIG -----	NON/ IND -----	FIR/ NAT -----	ME-/ TIS -----	IN-/ UIT -----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----	ANG/ PHO -----	FRA/ NCO -----	QC/ FRA -----	ALL/ PHO -----	M -----	F -----
Weighted 'N'	467	157	142	160	467	-	254	153	41	68	185	383	59	55	24	246	217
Unweighted 'N'	466	139	149	170	466	-	264	165	27	104	158	381	59	54	26	195	267
Act quickly to expand transportation and energy infrastructure, even if	137 29%	58 37%	35 25%	40 25%	137 29%	-	79 31%	46 30%	5 12%	25 37%	54 29%	113 30%	20 33%	18 32%	4 15%	105 43%	31 14%
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Work to expand transportation and energy infrastructure, but ensure	263 56%	82 52%	83 58%	98 61%	263 56%	-	146 58%	72 47%	36 88%	40 59%	105 57%	220 58%	22 38%	21 38%	20 83%	106 43%	154 71%
									GH						MNO		Q
Cannot say	67 14%	17 11%	24 17%	23 14%	67 14%	-	28 11%	36 23%	0 1%	3 4%	26 14%	49 13%	17 29%	16 29%	1 2%	35 14%	33 15%
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QNEW5B. The federal government has said it would like to speed up the construction of new transportation and energy infrastructure. Thinking about this policy, which of the following two options do you prefer?

		Identity -----	Peoples -----	Indigenous Group -----	Community -----	Language -----	Gender -----
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	Total -----	CAN -----	MIX ----	PTI -----	IN- DIG -----	NON/ IND -----	FIR/ NAT -----	ME-/ TIS ----	IN-/ UIT -----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----	ANG/ PHO -----	FRA/ NCO ----	QC/ FRA ----	ALL/ PHO ----	M -----	F ----
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)
Weighted 'N'	452	133	161	144	452	-	292	126	28	87	198	378	50	42	24	189	257
Unweighted 'N'	453	141	143	159	453	-	268	156	22	96	168	373	62	54	18	167	280
Act quickly to expand transportation and energy infrastructure, even if	78 17%	33 25%	25 15%	18 13%	78 17%	-	39 13%	28 22%	8 29%	2 3%	37 19%	65 17%	7 15%	6 13%	6 24%	45 24%	33 13%
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Expand transportation and energy infrastructure, but take time to ensure	299 66%	79 60%	113 70%	98 68%	299 66%	-	207 71%	75 60%	15 52%	73 84%	127 64%	246 65%	37 73%	30 72%	16 69%	126 67%	167 65%
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Cannot say	75 17%	21 16%	23 14%	28 19%	75 17%	-	46 16%	23 18%	5 19%	12 13%	35 17%	67 18%	6 12%	6 14%	2 7%	18 10%	57 22%
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