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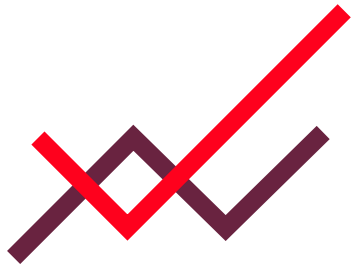


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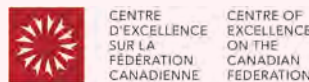
The Confederation of Tomorrow surveys give voice to Canadians about the major issues shaping the future of the federation and their political communities. They have been conducted annually since 2019 by an association of the country's leading public policy and socio-economic research organizations.

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?

	Provinces/Territories														
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Weighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Unweighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Very important	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	61	12	155
	34%											34%	37%	23%	34%
Somewhat important	186	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	64	21	186
	41%											42%	39%	42%	41%
Not very important	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	23	10	76
	17%											18%	14%	21%	17%
Not at all important	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13	3	28
	6%											5%	8%	7%	6%
Cannot say	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	4	9
	2%											1%	2%	8%	2%
NET: Important	341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184	125	33	341
	75%											76%	76%	65%	75%
NET: Not important	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	36	14	104
	23%											23%	22%	27%	23%

Comparison Groups: BCDEFGHIJKLMNO/PQRSTU

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

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

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?

	Provinces/Territories														
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Weighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Unweighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Too close in its relations with the United States	53 12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 10%	19 11%	10 20%	53 12%
Too distant in its relations with the United States	94 21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 21%	33 20%	11 23%	94 21%
About right	255 56%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145 60%	90 55%	19 39%	255 56%
												N			
Cannot say	54 12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22 9%	22 14%	9 18%	54 12%

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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

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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)
Weighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Unweighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
The federal government	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	39	7	92
	20%											19%	24%	13%	20%
Your [provincial/territorial]	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	43	14	129
	28%											30%	26%	28%	28%
Both equally	107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	36	23	107
	23%											20%	22%	47%	23%
														LMO	
Trust neither government	117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	44	5	117
	26%											28%	27%	10%	26%
												N	N		N
Cannot say	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	1	10
	2%											3%	1%	2%	2%

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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?

	Provinces/Territories														
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Weighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Unweighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Very well	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	18	8	63
	14%											15%	11%	16%	14%
Somewhat well	238	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	84	26	238
	52%											53%	51%	52%	52%
Not very well	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	30	8	77
	17%											16%	19%	16%	17%
Not at all well	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	19	4	37
	8%											6%	11%	8%	8%
Cannot say	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	12	4	41
	9%											10%	7%	7%	9%
NET: Well	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163	103	34	300
	66%											68%	63%	68%	66%
NET: Not well	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	49	12	114
	25%											22%	30%	24%	25%

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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?

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		NFL -----	PEI ----	NS ----	NB ----	QC ----	ON ----	MB ----	SK ----	AB ----	BC ----	YK ----	NT ----	NU ----	TERR ----
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	
Weighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Unweighted 'N'	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	164	50	455
Federal government is to blame	95 21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44 18%	39 24%	11 22%	95 21%
The [provincial/territorial] government is to blame	42 9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 10%	12 8%	5 10%	42 9%
Both are equally to blame	286 63%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159 66%	96 59%	31 62%	286 63%
Cannot say	33 7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14 6%	16 10%	3 6%	33 7%

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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 p

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	
Weighted 'N'	243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113	106	24	243
Unweighted 'N'	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	103	21	235
Act quickly to expand transportation and energy	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	26	7	56
	23%											20%	25%	29%	23%
Work to expand transportation and energy	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	78	17	180
	74%											75%	73%	71%	74%
Cannot say	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	8
	3%											5%	2%		3%

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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 p

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	

Weighted 'N'	212	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128	58	26	212
Unweighted 'N'	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130	61	29	220
Act quickly to expand transportation and energy	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	14	8	73
	34%												40%	24%	30%	34%
Expand transportation and energy infrastructure, but take	121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	43	13	121
	57%												51%	75%	50%	57%
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Cannot say	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	5	18
	8%												9%	2%	20%	8%
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