



2014 STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION HIGHLIGHTS

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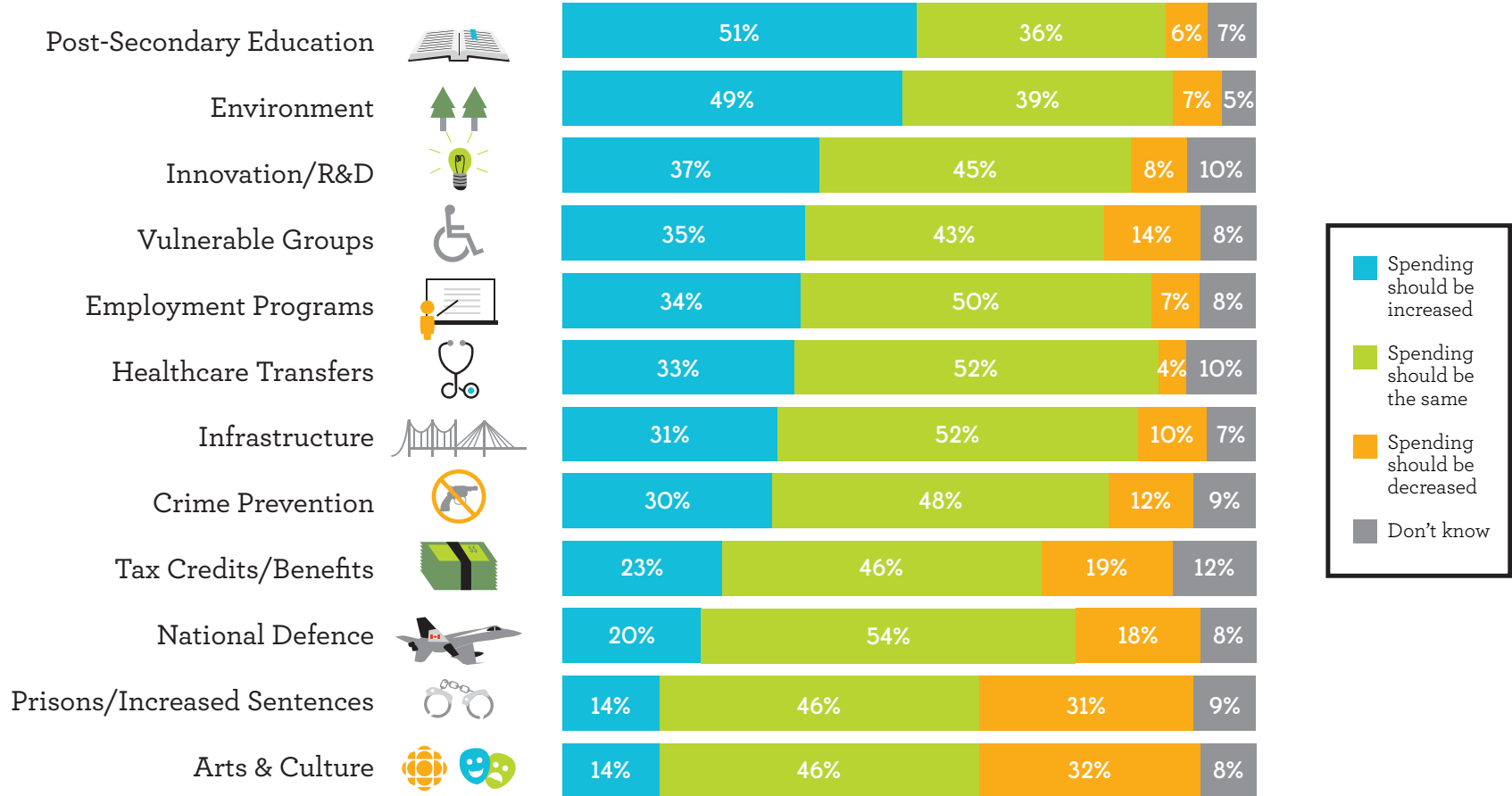
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BUDGET PRIORITIES

Spending increases to education and the environment

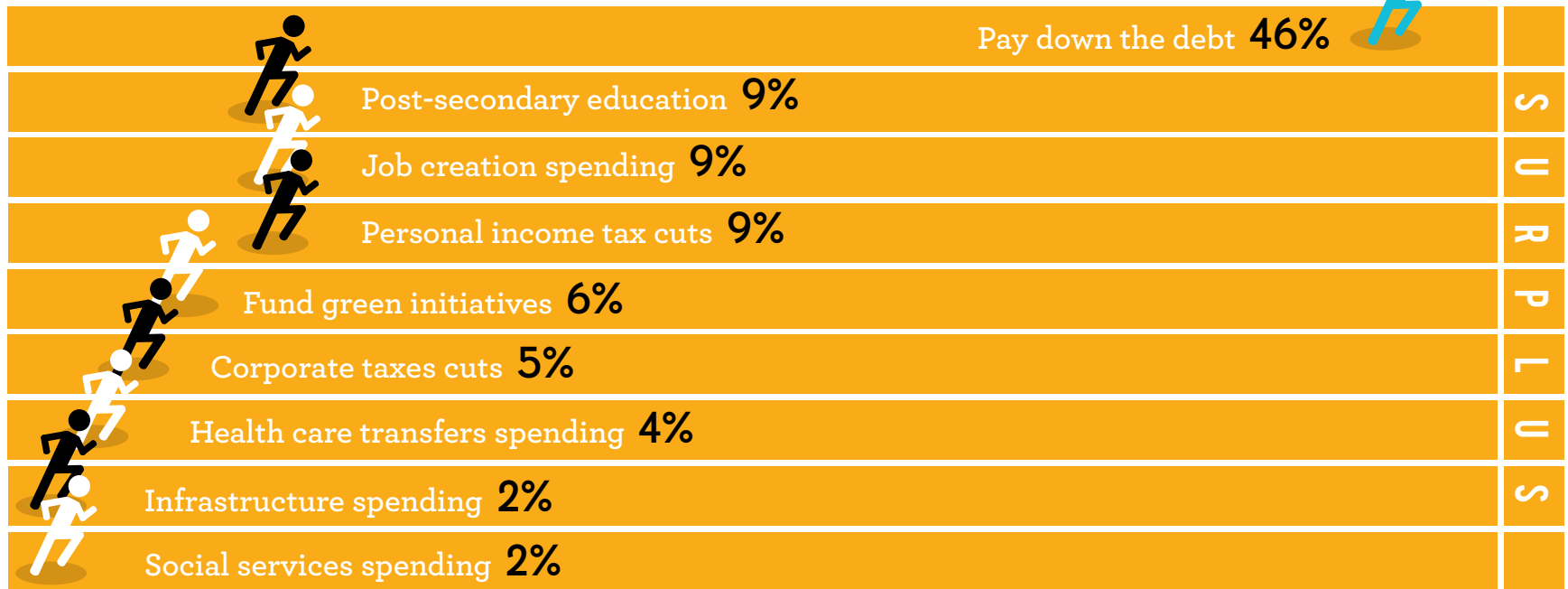
Spending cuts for prisons and arts & culture



THE SURPLUS & DEBT REDUCTION

Debt repayment wins the support of students.

Q: What is the first thing the government should do with the anticipated surplus in 2015?



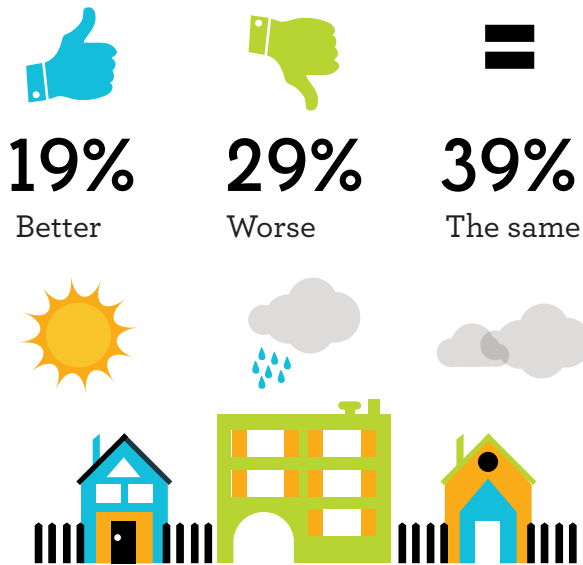
81%

believe the government should place a high priority on reducing the debt as much as possible

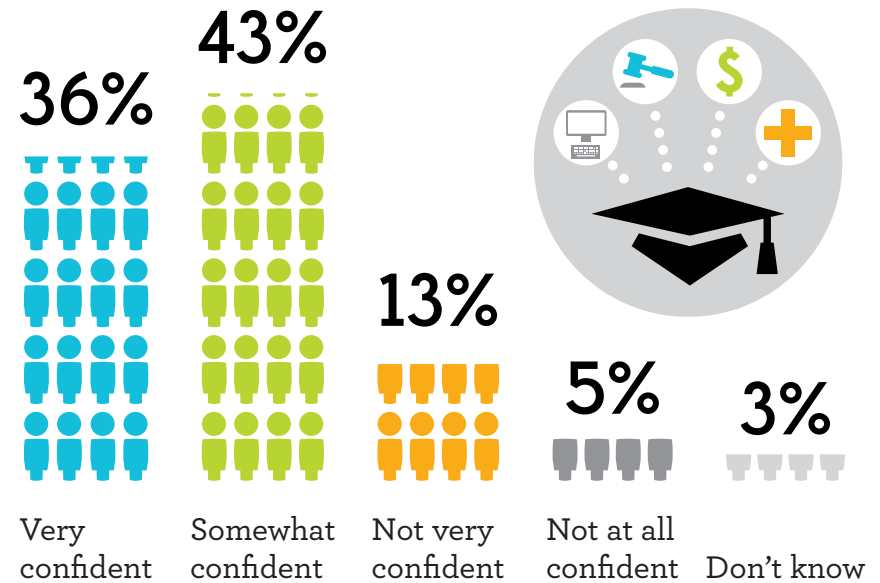


ECONOMIC CONFIDENCE & JOBS

Q: Do you think the economy in your community is getting better, getting worse or staying the same ?



Q: When you finish your schooling, how confident are you that you will find a job that interests you in Canada ?



Overall **48%** say things in Canada are going in the

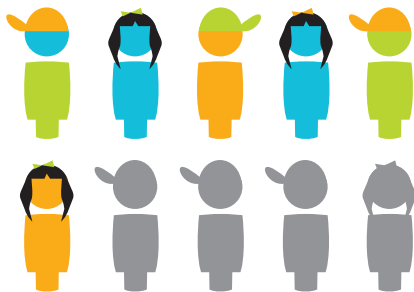


RIGHT DIRECTION

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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students believe youth unemployment is a problem in Canada



How to deal with the issue



33% increase awareness about job availability by sector

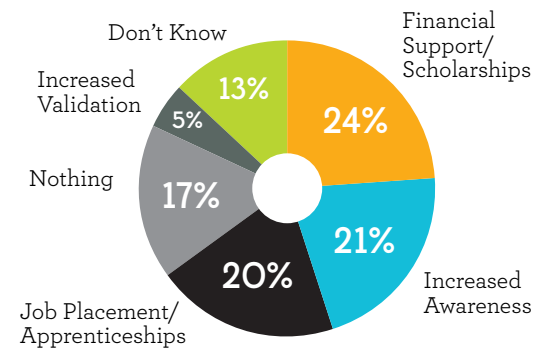


23% more training programs to fill shortages

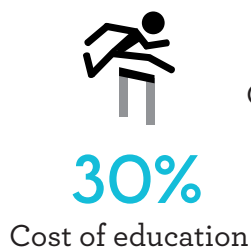


21% job grants and tax credits for businesses

Students split on methods for encouraging a career in the skilled trades



Biggest Career Hurdles

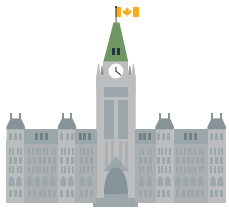


ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental protection is important

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students believe the government should place a high priority on environmental protection related to natural resource extraction



Balance needed between economy & the environment



37%

feel the government can institute policies that balance the economic benefits of resource extraction and environmental protection

22%

feel environmental issues associated with extraction outweigh the economic benefits

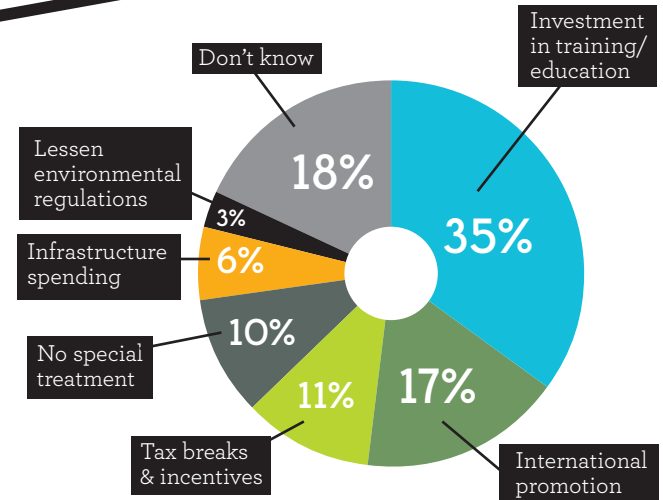
12%

feel extraction is too vital for our economy to be altered because of environment considerations

Investments in education are the best way to support natural resources industry

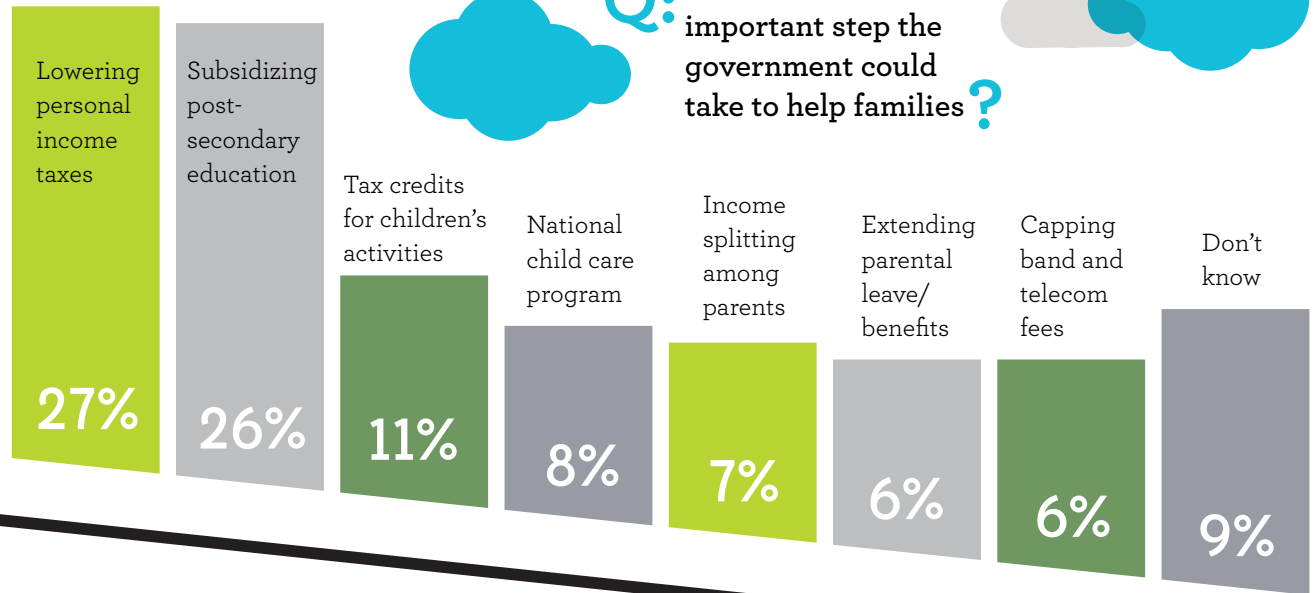
Q:

What's the best way for the federal government to support our natural resources industry?



HELPING FAMILIES

Lower taxes and subsidizing education are key

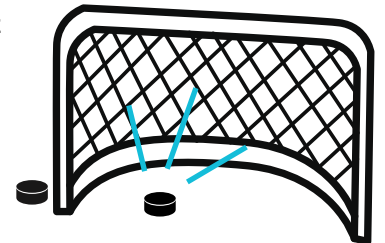


Youth support fitness tax credit for all



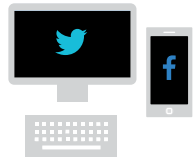
72% support the children's fitness tax credit

72% support a fitness tax credit for adults



CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying a concern for students...



76% say it is a significant problem in Canada

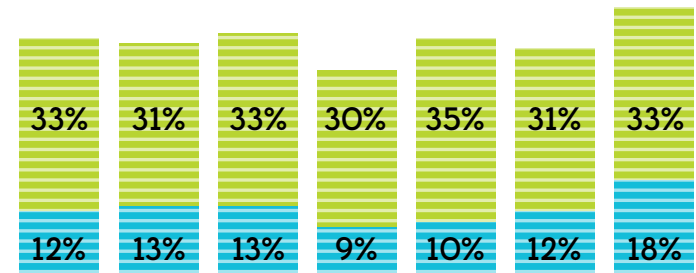
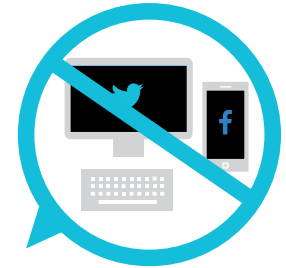


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Very significant Somewhat significant

...but not at their own school

Only **45%** say it is a significant problem in their own school



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Very significant Somewhat significant

Stiffer penalties the best solution



33% of students believe stiffer penalties are the best way to stop cyberbullying