



STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION

Thank you for participating in the 2019 Student Budget Consultation.

Your responses, and those of thousands of Canadian students, will be submitted to the Department of Finance to help shape Budget 2019.

The results will also be shared with the political parties so that they can see what matters to young Canadians as they develop their platforms for the 2019 federal election.

In what year were you born? *(optional)*: _____

In what province/territory do you live? *(required)*: _____

Please enter your school code *(required)*: _____

Please enter your student code *(optional)*: _____

When you finish your schooling, how confident are you that you will find a job that interests you within Canada? *(Select only one response)*

- Not at all confident
- Not very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Very confident
- Don't know

In which sector(s) are you considering a career? (Select all that apply)

- Computer science or programming
- Engineering and applied science
- Natural or pure science
- Health
- Education
- Law
- Social or community services
- Government services
- Arts and culture
- Sports and recreation
- Sales and service
- Skilled trades and heavy equipment operators
- Transport
- Natural resource production or agriculture
- Manufacturing and utilities
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Don't know

What is the most important step the government could take to help youth transition into the workforce? (Select only one response)

- Increase awareness about which employment sectors will have the most jobs
- Make student debt more manageable
- Improve access to high quality jobs upon graduation
- Increase skills training opportunities for 21st century careers
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Don't know

Please indicate whether you think the government should increase or decrease spending on the following items in the next federal budget. *(Select only one response per row)*

	Spending should be decreased	Spending should stay the same	Spending should be increased	Don't know
Protecting the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post-secondary education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Funding for health care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for underrepresented groups (e.g., women, youth)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for Indigenous Peoples	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts, culture and media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National defence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research and development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social infrastructure (e.g., child care)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building infrastructure (e.g., bridges, roads)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment related support programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The government should place a high priority on lowering the debt as much as possible.

(Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Your family is better off financially than it was three years ago. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

What is the most important step the government could take to help families?

(Select only one response)

- Supporting access to affordable daycare
- Funding children's activities such as arts, fitness and organized sports
- Making post-secondary education more affordable and accessible
- Lowering personal income taxes
- Investing in the construction of new affordable housing
- Guaranteeing a minimum income for all Canadians regardless of whether or not they have jobs
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Don't know

Canada's budget should be balanced no matter what. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

The government should support struggling private media companies.

(Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

From the list below, please choose what you think are the 5 most important issues.

(Please list them in the box provided in order of what you believe the government should prioritize, with 1 being your highest priority)

- Innovation and technology
- Environment and climate change
- Crime and gun control
- Media and public broadcasting
- Employment and skills training
- Indigenous issues
- Balancing the budget
- Gender equality
- Foreign affairs and trade agreements
- Education
- Immigration and refugees
- Military spending
- Health care transfers
- Poverty
- Cybersecurity
- Mental health resources
- Drugs/opioid crisis

<u>Top 5 Issues</u>	
1)	_____
2)	_____
3)	_____
4)	_____
5)	_____

After watching the videos from the federal political party representatives, which party do you agree with the most? (Select only one response)

- Liberal Party of Canada
- Conservative Party of Canada
- New Democratic Party of Canada
- Green Party of Canada
- Bloc Québécois
- People's Party of Canada
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Don't know

The Canadian government should not trade with countries that have a record of human rights abuses. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

The Canadian military has all it needs to tackle present and future security threats. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

If you had to choose, which of these two outcomes should be prioritized in a free trade agreement (e.g. NAFTA/USMCA): (Select only one response)

- Protection of Canadian producers and manufacturers (e.g., dairy farmers, steelworkers) from international competition
- Lower prices of goods for Canadian consumers

Wealthy people have a greater financial obligation than everyone else to help those who are in need. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

The government should invest more resources to stop people from cheating the tax system. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Excluding tax credits or deductions, many corporations in Canada are taxed at an average rate of 27% by both the federal and provincial governments. In your view, how much tax should corporations pay?

(Select only one response)

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more

Which of the following options do you prefer? *(Select only one response)*

- Higher taxes and more government services
- Less taxes and fewer government services

Excluding any tax credits or deductions, people who make \$210,000 CAD per year are generally taxed at 36%, meaning they could pay as much as \$75,600 CAD in combined federal and provincial income tax, regardless of where they live in Canada.

What is the highest percentage you think would be fair for anyone to pay in income tax, no matter how high their income? (Write response in the space below)

_____ %

In most parts of Canada, people earning \$11,809 CAD per year are taxed at 0%, meaning they would not pay anything in combined federal and provincial income tax.

How much should a person earn before being required to pay income tax?

(Select only one response)

- Much less than \$11,809
- Slightly less than \$11,809
- Exactly \$11,809
- Slightly more than \$11,809
- Much more than \$11,809

Environmental regulations should be stricter, even if it means higher prices for consumers.

(Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

The federal government should impose a carbon tax on provinces with no systems of their own. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

How much should the federal government do to help the oil and gas industry in Canada?

(Select only one response)

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more

Indigenous peoples should have more control over their ancestral territory. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Social media does more harm than good to Canadian democracy. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics (e.g. international, national, provincial or municipal)? *(Select only one response)*

- Not at all interested
- Not very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Very interested

How frequently do you follow news and current affairs (e.g., international, national, provincial or municipal)? *(Select only one response)*

- Never
- Rarely
- Several times each month
- Several times each week
- Daily

Which media do you use most often to keep informed on news and current affairs? *(Select only one response)*

- Newspapers (print copy)
- Television
- Radio
- Internet (news websites, blogs, etc.)
- Internet (social media)
- Other (Please specify): _____

With the Canadian federal election taking place in 2019, what issue would you like the political parties to prioritize as they prepare their platforms? *(Write your response below)*

People in Canada come from many racial groups. What category or categories do you think best describes you? (Select all that apply)

- Caucasian (white)
- First Nation, Métis, Inuit
- South Asian (e.g. East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
- Chinese
- Black
- Filipino
- Latin American
- Arab
- Southeast Asian (Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese)
- West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Iranian, etc.)
- Korean
- Japanese
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say

What gender do you identify with? (Select only one response)

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Are you a member of a visible minority group? (Select only one response)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Were you born in Canada? (Select only one response)

- No
- Yes
- Prefer not to say

What language do you speak most often at home? *(Select only one response)*

- English
- French
- Both
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say

Do you self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Métis or Inuit)? *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Are you a person with a disability? *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Thank you for completing the Student Budget Consultation survey and sharing your opinions on Budget 2019.



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