

# APPENDIX I: 2021 Student Budget Consultation Survey

Thank you for participating in the Student Budget Consultation.

Your responses, and those of thousands of Canadian students, will be submitted to the Department of Finance to help shape Budget 2021.

**In what year were you born?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please enter your school code (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**When you finish your schooling, how confident are you that you will find a job that interests you within Canada?**

*(Select only one response)*

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all confident | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat confident | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not very confident   | <input type="checkbox"/> Very confident     |                                     |

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

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business, finance or administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and culture                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer science or programming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports and recreation                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering and applied science     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales and service                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural or pure science             | <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled trades and heavy equipment operators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resource production and agriculture  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing and utilities                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social or community services        | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government services                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify):                      |
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**How concerned would you say you are right now about each of the following?** *(Select one response per row)*

	<b>Not at all concerned</b>	<b>Slightly concerned</b>	<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>Very concerned</b>	<b>Extremely concerned</b>
Personally contracting COVID-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A friend or family member contracting COVID-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone in your local community contracting COVID-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your family's ability to pay the bills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your family's job security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The availability of food and supplies in your area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The ability of the public health care system to provide adequate care in the event of illness or injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Canadian economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The global economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Do you agree or disagree that the federal government is doing enough to protect Canadians from the financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic?** *(Select only one response)*

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**How is your mental health compared to a year ago?** *(Select only one response)*

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|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Much worse     | <input type="checkbox"/> About the same  | <input type="checkbox"/> Much better |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat worse | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat better | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know  |

**Mental health supports are available in my community for those who require them.** *(Select only one response)*

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Which of the following should be the main priorities of the federal government's post-pandemic recovery plan?**

*(Select up to 3 responses)*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing access to affordable child care                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving income support programs           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making job-related training more accessible and affordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing student debt                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investing in affordable housing                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ending systemic racism in Canada            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing access to affordable medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support for LGBTQ2 Canadians                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify): _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with the costs of raising a family                 |  |

**What are the 3 most important steps the federal government can take to create more jobs in the country and grow the economy?** *(Select up to 3 responses)*

- Help Canadians train for new opportunities
- Invest in early learning and child care
- Invest in communities through public transit, affordable housing, and green infrastructure
- For young people worried about entering a weak job market, increase support through apprenticeship opportunities, co-op placements, and internships
- Invest in technologies to accelerate Canada's green transformation
- Help small businesses grow by making it easier to get loans
- Invest to regain jobs in industries hardest hit by the pandemic (hospitality, tourism, arts & culture, etc.)
- Support small and medium sized businesses to adopt digital technologies and be more competitive
- Invest in broadband to improve Canadians' access to high-speed internet
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**How much debt should the government incur to address the COVID-19 crisis?** *(Select only one response)*

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Much less     | <input type="checkbox"/> About the same as now | <input type="checkbox"/> Much more  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat less | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat more         | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

**How much should the federal government do to help the oil and gas industry in Canada?** *(Select only one response)*

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Much less     | <input type="checkbox"/> About the same as now | <input type="checkbox"/> Much more  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat less | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat more         | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

**Serious action on climate change should wait until the COVID-19 crisis is behind us.** *(Select only one response)*

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Environmental protections should be stricter, even if it means consumers pay higher prices.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Governments in Canada should enforce strict lockdowns to combat COVID-19, even if doing so negatively impacts the economy.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**The federal government should increase the amount of money it gives to the provinces and territories to pay for health care.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**The Canadian government should cover the cost of common prescription drugs.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Dental care should be covered for those Canadians who do not have insurance of their own.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Rural areas should have access to the same Internet speeds as cities, even if it means higher taxes for everyone.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Online streaming services that operate in Canada should be required to fund content produced by Indigenous peoples.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**How much tax should large corporations pay?** (Select only one response)

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Much less     | <input type="checkbox"/> About the same as now | <input type="checkbox"/> Much more  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat less | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat more         | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

**Canada should introduce an excess profit tax on big companies that have profited from the COVID-19 pandemic.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

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

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**The government should guarantee a minimum income for all Canadians, regardless of whether or not they have a job.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Support for women should be prioritized in the federal government's post-pandemic recovery plan.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**How much should the federal government invest in green technologies?** (Select only one response)

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Much less     | <input type="checkbox"/> About the same as now | <input type="checkbox"/> Much more  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat less | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat more         | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

**How much financial support should the Canadian government provide to businesses that have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic?** (Select only one response)

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Much less     | <input type="checkbox"/> About the same as now | <input type="checkbox"/> Much more  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat less | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat more         | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

**People who can afford child care should pay for it themselves rather than receive help from the government.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**The federal government should guarantee that all working Canadians have access to paid sick leave.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**Post-secondary education should be free, even if it means higher taxes for everyone.** (Select only one response)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know     |

**How much should Canada spend on foreign aid?** (Select only one response)

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Much less     | <input type="checkbox"/> About the same as now | <input type="checkbox"/> Much more  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat less | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat more         | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

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

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher taxes and more government services | <input type="checkbox"/> Less taxes and fewer government services |
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**What is the *most important* step that the federal government can take to support young Canadians over the next five years?** (Select only one response)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve access to affordable post-secondary education | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase employment opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase access to mental health support              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know  |  |

**What is the *most important* step that the federal government can take to make post-secondary education more affordable for Canadians?** (Select all that apply)

- Increasing the federal government's contributions to the Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)
- Increasing the number of government grants that students do not have to pay back at a later date
- Eliminating interest on federal student loans
- Giving graduates a longer "grace period" before they have to start repaying the money they borrowed from the federal government to pay for school
- Making college and university education free for all students
- None of the above
- Don't know

**In a few words, please share any other suggestions you may have for the Finance Minister, as the federal government prepares its plans for the country's post-pandemic economic recovery.**

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

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all interested | <input type="checkbox"/> Not very interested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat interested   | <input type="checkbox"/> Very interested     |

**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

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

- Yes                       No                       Prefer not to say

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

- Male                       Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Female                       Prefer not to say

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

- Yes                       No                       Prefer not to say

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

- French                       Both French and English                       Prefer not to say
- English                       Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2021.**

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