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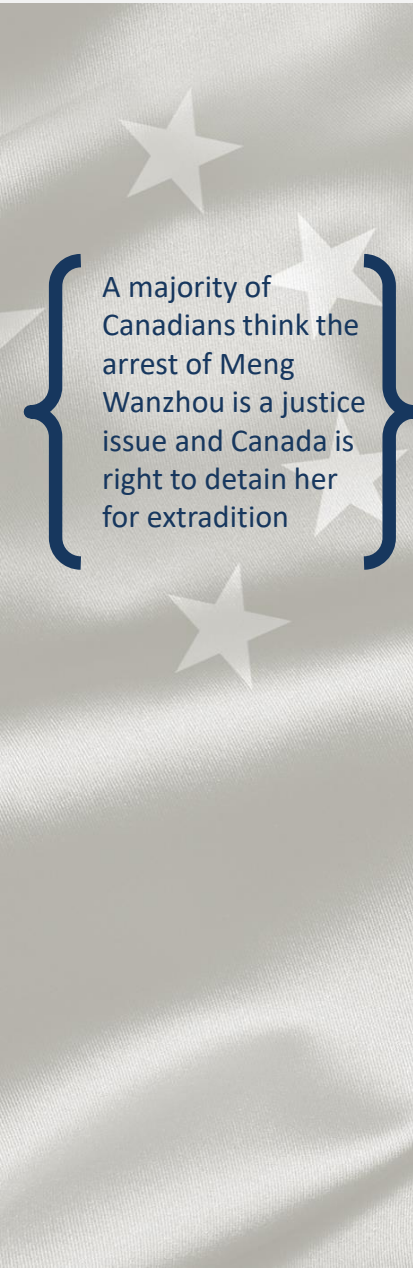
 **NANOS SURVEY**



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A majority of Canadians have somewhat negative or negative impressions of the Chinese government and Huawei and more than one in two believe China poses a major national security threat to Canada. Over half of Canadians support banning Huawei from providing 5G services in Canada and think the arrest of Meng Wanzhou was primarily a justice issue and Canada is right to detain her for extradition to the US.

- **More than eight in ten Canadians have a somewhat negative or negative impression of the Government of China** – A majority of Canadians say they have a negative (44%; 38% in 2016) or somewhat negative (39%) impression of the Government of China, with the proportion of negative views having increased by six per cent since 2016. Seven per cent of Canadians have a somewhat positive impression of the Government of China, and two per cent have a positive impression, while eight per cent are unsure (13% in 2016).
- **Nearly two in three Canadians have a somewhat negative or negative impression of Huawei** – More than six in ten Canadians say they have a negative (34%) or somewhat negative (31%) impression of the Chinese telecommunications and smartphone maker Huawei. Over one in ten Canadians have a positive (two per cent) or somewhat positive (10%) impression of Huawei, while 23 per cent are unsure.
- **Over one in two Canadians think that China poses a national security threat to Canada** – More than half of Canadians (53%) think that China poses a major national security threat to Canada, while 24 per cent think China does not pose a major threat. Twenty-three per cent are unsure.
- **More than half of Canadians think Canada should also ban Huawei from providing services in Canada, alongside other countries** – Over one in two Canadians (53%) think that Canada should ban Huawei from providing 5G technology in Canada alongside the United States, Australia and New Zealand, while 18 per cent feel this is an overreaction by these governments and Canada should not ban Huawei from providing 5G technology in Canada. Twenty-nine per cent are unsure.



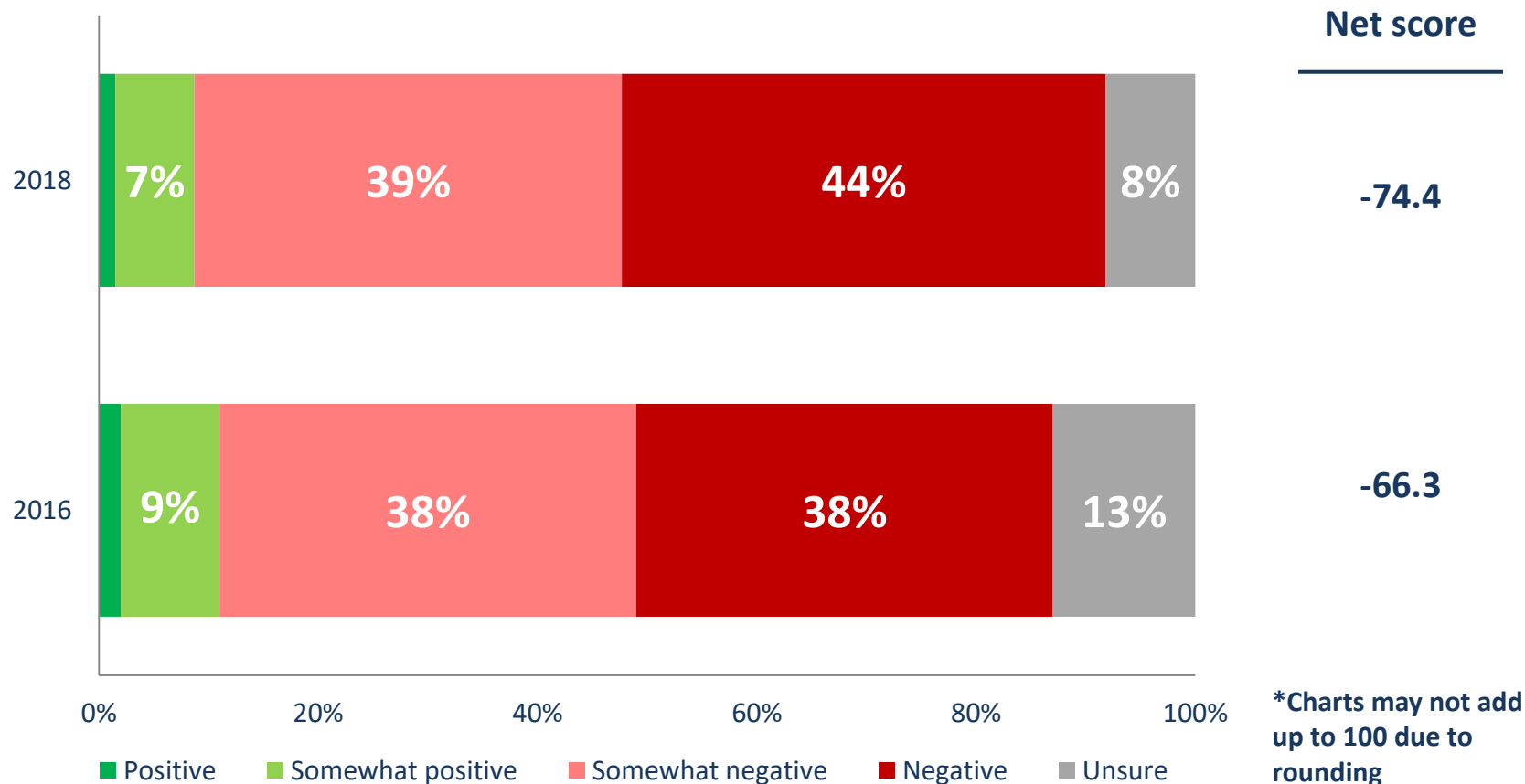
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- **Nearly six in ten Canadians think the arrest of Meng Wanzhou is a justice issue and Canada is right to detain her for extradition** – More than half of Canadians (56%) think the arrest of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou is primarily a justice issue and Canada is right to detain her for extradition to the United States on allegations of fraud relating to violations of US sanctions against Iran, while 29 per cent feel the arrest of Meng Wanzhou was politically and economically motivated which could damage our relations with China. Fifteen per cent are unsure.

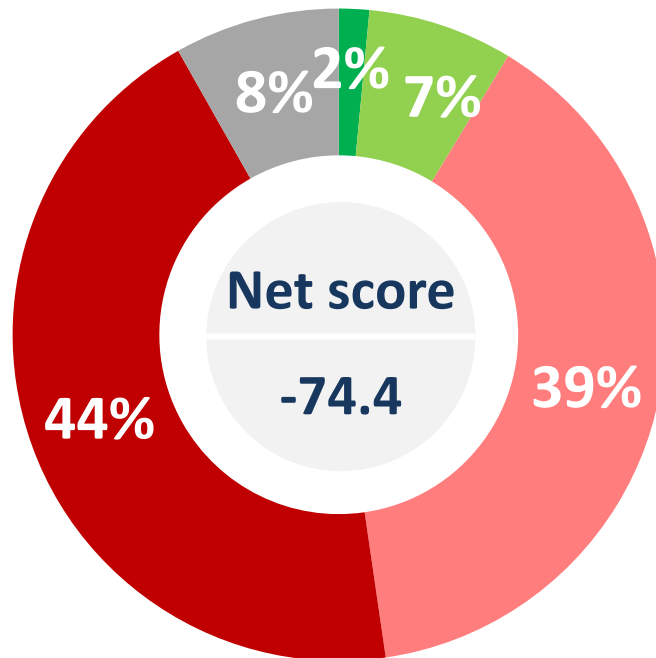
These observations are based on a Nanos RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

This study was commissioned by the Globe and Mail and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.





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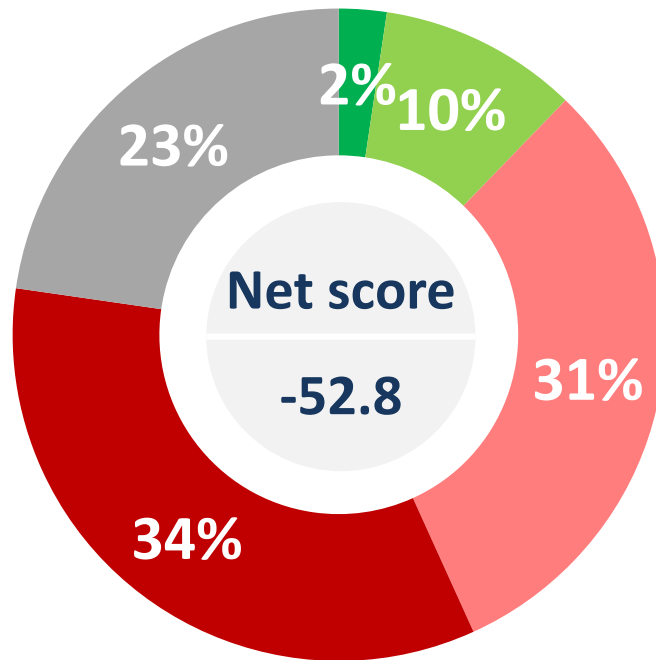
■ Positive ■ Somewhat positive ■ Somewhat negative ■ Negative ■ Unsure

	Negative/ Somewhat negative
Atlantic (n=100)	78.2%
Quebec (n=250)	83.3%
Ontario (n=300)	86.7%
Prairies (n=200)	81.6%
British Columbia (n=150)	80.7%
Male (n=522)	81.5%
Female (n=478)	84.7%
18 to 34 (n=256)	80.3%
35 to 54 (n=392)	82.1%
55 plus (n=352)	86.0%

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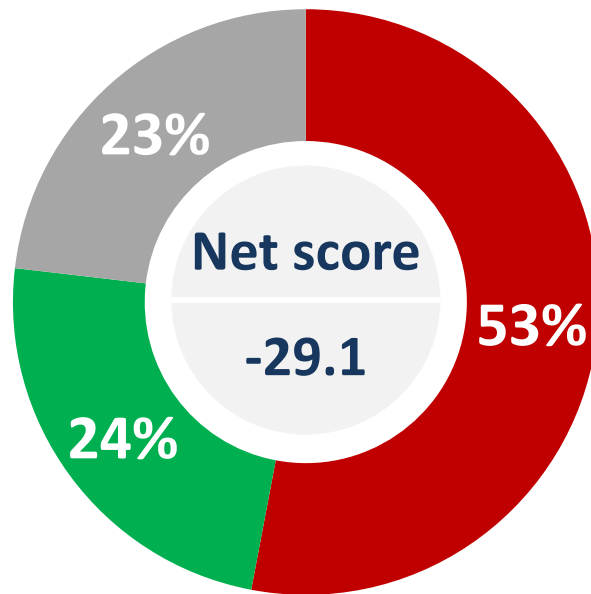
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	Negative/ Somewhat negative
Atlantic (n=100)	63.9%
Quebec (n=250)	60.0%
Ontario (n=300)	69.7%
Prairies (n=200)	66.7%
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**QUESTION** – Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or negative impression of the Chinese telecommunications and smartphone maker, Huawei?



- China poses a major national security threat to Canada
- China does not pose a major national security threat to Canada
- Unsure

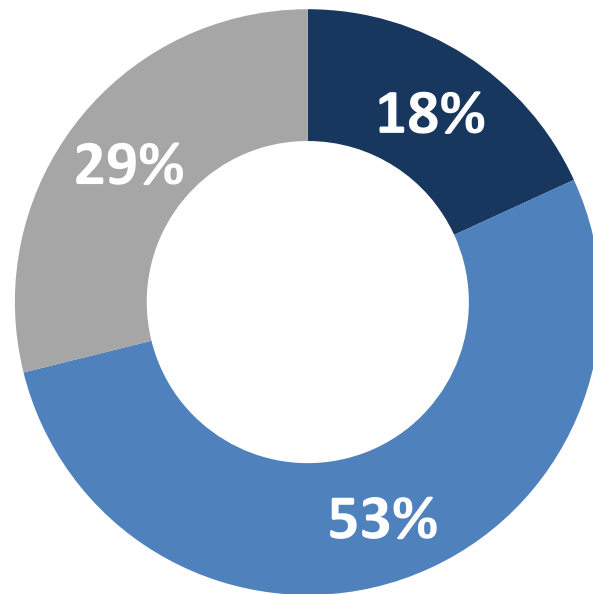
## China poses a major national security threat

Atlantic (n=100)	44.7%
Quebec (n=250)	45.2%
Ontario (n=300)	60.4%
Prairies (n=200)	54.1%
British Columbia (n=150)	55.2%
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**QUESTION – [ROTATE]** Some people say that China poses a major national security threat to Canada others say that does not pose a major security threat to Canada, which of the following views, best reflects your personal opinion?

# Banning Huawei from providing 5G technology in Canada



- This is an overreaction by these governments and Canada should not ban Huawei from providing 5G technology in Canada
- Canada should also ban Huawei from providing 5G technology in Canada
- Unsure

	Canada should also ban Huawei
Atlantic (n=100)	46.9%
Quebec (n=250)	48.3%
Ontario (n=300)	57.3%
Prairies (n=200)	54.8%
British Columbia (n=150)	53.8%
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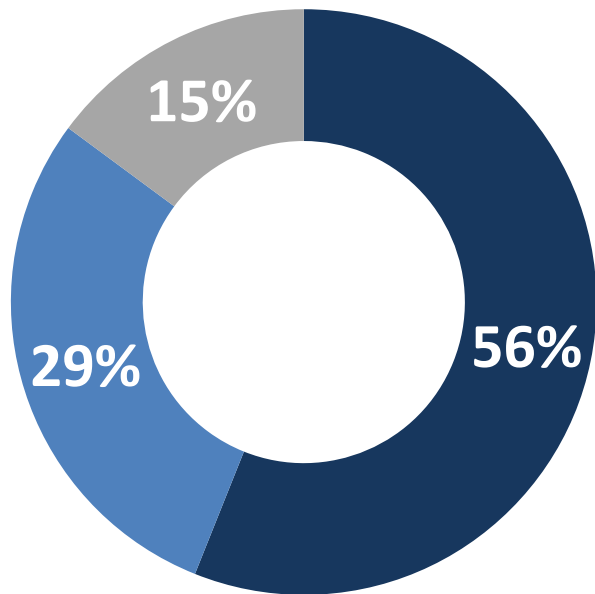
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**QUESTION** – As you may have heard, the United States, Australia and New Zealand have banned Huawei from providing next generation 5G mobile technology. [ROTATE] Some people say this is an overreaction by these governments and Canada should not ban Huawei from providing 5G technology in Canada, others think that Canada should also ban Huawei from 5G technology in this country. Which of these two views, best reflects your personal opinion?



# Opinions on the arrest of Meng Wanzhou



- The arrest of Meng Wanzhou is primarily a justice issue and Canada is right to detain her for extradition to the United States
- The arrest of Meng Wanzhou was politically and economically motivated which could damage our relations with China
- Unsure

The arrest is a justice issue and Canada is right to detain her

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**QUESTION** – Canada arrested Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou at the request of the United States on allegations of fraud relating to violations of US sanctions against Iran. China says that the arrest is politically motivated and an attempt to undermine Huawei’s commercial growth. Which of the following opinions is closer to your view?



Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	Globe and Mail
Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.
Number of Calls/	Maximum of five call backs.
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	December 30th, 2018 and January 5th, 2019.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
Standards	This report meets the standards set forth by ESOMAR and AAPOR.

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Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Estimated Response Rate	Nine per cent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	This was module two of an omnibus survey. The previous module was about the Canadian economy and jobs.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
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# TABULATIONS

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**2018-1356 – Globe and Mail/Nanos Survey – China – STAT SHEET**

			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-12	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or negative impression of the Government of China?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	522	478	256	392	352
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Positive	%	1.5	0.0	3.6	0.5	1.1	1.7	2.9	0.1	1.2	1.5	1.7
	Somewhat positive	%	7.2	9.1	5.3	6.3	7.6	10.2	8.4	6.0	7.9	6.4	7.3
	Somewhat negative	%	39.0	41.5	50.7	30.0	38.1	36.9	41.5	36.6	33.6	39.2	42.6
	Negative	%	44.1	36.7	32.6	56.7	43.5	43.8	40.0	48.1	46.7	42.9	43.4
	Unsure	%	8.2	12.8	7.8	6.5	9.6	7.4	7.2	9.2	10.5	10.0	5.0

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	Somewhat positive	%	9.9	8.3	12.8	5.2	13.1	11.2	13.7	6.2	11.8	8.3	9.9
	Somewhat negative	%	31.0	36.0	34.6	27.9	27.9	31.8	32.4	29.6	28.8	32.1	31.6
	Negative	%	34.1	27.9	25.4	41.8	38.8	30.8	34.6	33.5	36.3	30.0	36.0
	Unsure	%	22.7	24.7	24.3	22.3	19.2	24.3	15.3	29.9	20.3	28.1	19.8

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	China poses a major national security threat to Canada	%	53.0	44.7	45.2	60.4	54.1	55.2	55.7	50.3	56.3	52.2	51.4
	China does not pose a major national security threat to Canada	%	23.9	24.6	30.2	17.6	25.0	23.8	26.7	21.2	20.4	22.8	27.2
	Unsure	%	23.1	30.7	24.6	22.0	20.9	21.0	17.6	28.5	23.2	25.1	21.4

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	The arrest of Meng Wanzhou was politically and economically motivated which could damage our relations with China	%	29.1	20.9	35.7	28.9	21.7	33.5	31.7	26.6	28.9	29.6	28.7
	Unsure	%	14.9	20.2	14.8	14.2	14.5	13.3	10.3	19.3	18.8	15.7	11.4