A majority of Canadians think 2016 changes will improve Senate – positive impressions of Senators up

Senator Dasko | Summary

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SUMMARY



Over eight in ten Canadians think an independent advisory board to review Senate applications is a good change A majority of Canadians say that three specific changes to the Senate implemented in 2016, including having an independent application review board, independent Senators and allowing citizens to apply are good and they will improve the Senate. Over three quarters of Canadians say a future government should keep these changes. Positive impressions of Senators are up, although there is a slight net negative.

Awareness and impressions of the Senate and its role

- Four in five Canadians follow politics closely or somewhat closely Eight in ten Canadians say they follow or somewhat follow federal politics in Canada closely (34%) or somewhat closely (46%), while two in ten say they follow federal politics somewhat not closely (15%) or not closely (five per cent). These results are consistent with the 2018 wave, but down from 2016 when 42% of Canadians said they followed politics closely.
- Canadians most frequently say the Senate is ineffective/pointless or provides balance of power/second thought on laws Asked what words come to mind when they think of the Senate, the top five most frequent responses provided by Canadians are ineffective/pointless (18%), balance of power/second thought on laws (11%), waste of money (eight per cent), it's good/does important work (five per cent) and outdated (five per cent).
- Three quarters of Canadians say they are familiar or somewhat familiar with the role of the Senate Three in four Canadians say they are familiar (27%, 35% in 2016) or somewhat familiar (49%, 48% in 2016) with the role of the Senate in the federation, while 16 per cent say they are somewhat unfamiliar and seven per cent say they are unfamiliar. One per cent are unsure. Residents of Quebec report lower levels of familiarity with the role of the Senate (16% familiar, 44% somewhat familiar).
- Net negative impressions of Senators are down from previous waves Over two in five Canadians say they have a negative (12%, 29% in 2016) or somewhat negative (34%, 36% in 2016), while almost two in five say they have a positive (eight per cent, four per cent in 2016) or somewhat positive (29%, 22% in 2016) impression. Seventeen per cent are unsure.

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More than three in four Canadians support keeping the changes to way of appointing Senators • Most frequently Canadians say Senators being hard working is reason for positive impressions and Senators not being elected is reason for negative impressions – Asked why they had their opinion of Senators, Canadians with positive (44%) or somewhat positive (37%) impressions most frequently say that many Senators are hard working, esteemed public servants and they are not all bad. Canadians with negative (17%) or somewhat negative impressions (25%) most frequently say that their impression is due to Senators being in an unelected or appointed position.

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Awareness and impressions of 2016 changes to the Senate

- Over two in five Canadians report not hearing about changes to the Senate Asked whether they had heard or read about changes made to the Senate of Canada in recent years, 43 per cent of Canadians say they have not and 39 per cent say they have. Nineteen per cent are unsure.
- Most frequently Canadians who heard of changes to the Senate say they have heard of more independence in the Senate When Canadians who report having heard of changes to the Senate were asked what the changes were, most frequently they said more independence and non-partisanship (38%), followed by hearing about independent Liberal Senators (21%), changes to the appointment process (11%) and more accountability and expense control (seven per cent).
- Over half of Canadians say they have heard something about independent Senators Asked if they have heard anything about independent Senators, 56 per cent of Canadians say they have, 36 per cent say they have not. Eight per cent are unsure.
- More than four in five Canadians think an independent advisory board to review Senate applications is a good change Eighty-three per cent of Canadians say having an independent advisory board that reviews applications for the Senate is a good change, five per cent say it is not a good change. Thirteen per cent are unsure.
- Just over four in five Canadians think Senators being independent is a good change Eighty-one per cent of Canadians say new Senators not being active in a political party and being independent is a good change, five per cent say it is not a good change. Fourteen per cent are unsure.

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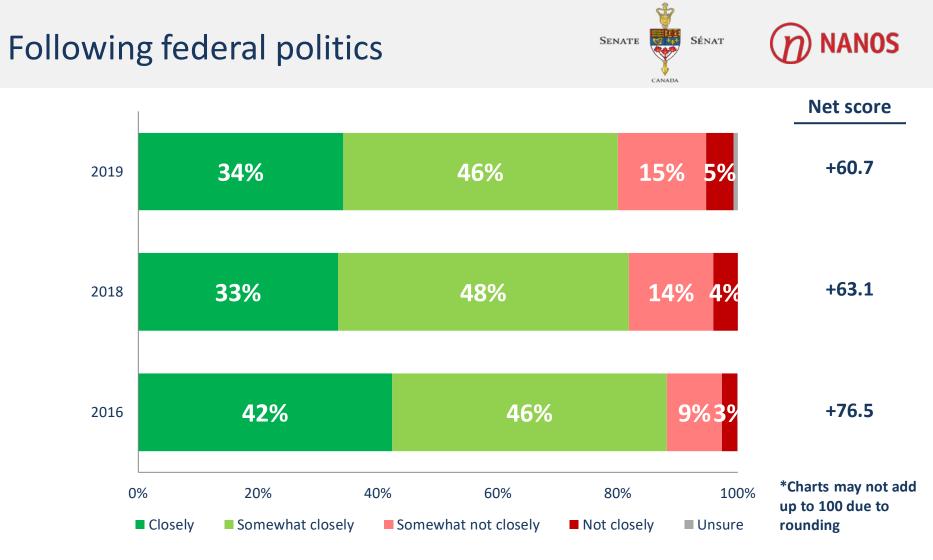
- Seven in ten Canadians think Canadian citizens being able to apply for Senate positions is a good change – Seventy per cent of Canadians say think Canadian citizens being able to apply for Senate positions is a good change, 12 per cent say it is not a good change. Eighteen per cent are unsure.
- Nearly three in five Canadians think changes will improve Senate Asked what they think the overall impact of the changes to the Senate will be, 59 per cent of Canadians say they will improve it, 23 per cent say they will make no difference and three per cent say they will make it worse. Fifteen per cent say they are unsure.
- Over three quarters of Canadians support keeping the changes to way of appointing Senators A majority of Canadians (77%) say a future government should keep changes, while three per cent say a future government should go back to the previous ways of appointing Senators. Twenty per cent are unsure.

Televised Senate meetings

• Three quarters of Canadians report never watching Senate committee meetings – Asked if they have ever watched television broadcasts of Canadian Senate committee meetings or meetings in the Senate chamber, 75 per cent of Canadians report that they have not, 21 per cent report that they have. Four per cent are unsure.

These observations are based an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, conducted between March 29th and April 1st, 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 ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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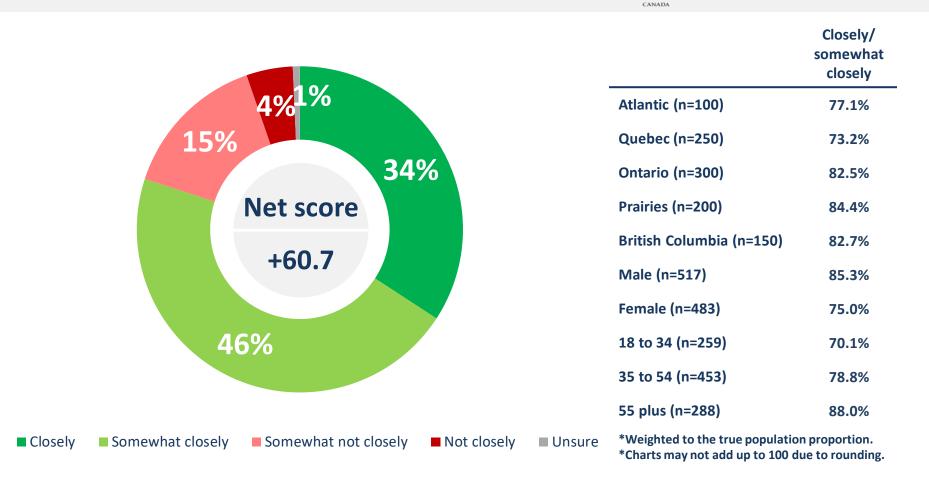


QUESTION – Do you follow federal politics in Canada closely, somewhat closely, somewhat not closely or not closely at all?

Following federal politics

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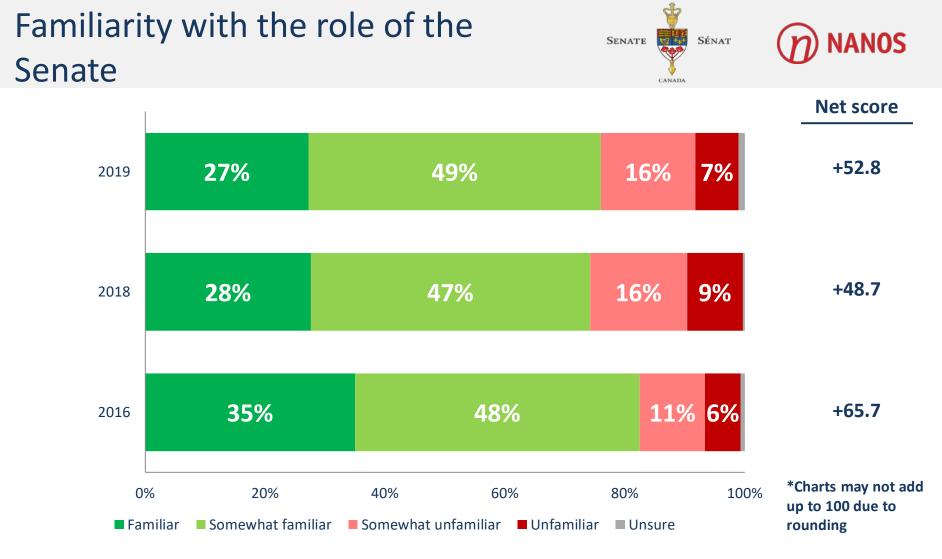
Thoughts on the Senate of Canada

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	2019 (n=1000)	2018 (n=1000)	2016 (n=1000)	2009 (n=1,003)
Ineffective/pointless	17.7%	21.2%	15.5%	14.7%
Balance of power/second thought on laws	11.4%	7.0%	6.4%	3.4%
Waste of money	7.7%	12.1%	10.1%	5.6%
It's good/does important work	5.1%	5.9%	2.9%	2.8%
Outdated	4.9%	7.2%	4.2%	1.9%
Corruption/not trustworthy	4.4%	5.7%	15.1%	2.7%
It should be abolished	4.1%	3.6%	7.0%	-
Full of old people/old men	3.9%	6.1%	1.7%	3.9%
In need of reform	3.3%	6.0%	13.6%	4.8%
Appointments/patronage	3.3%	-	-	-
It's changing/improving	3.0%	-	-	-
Should be elected	2.9%	5.0%	4.7%	5.2%
A dysfunctional mess/a joke	2.6%	2.4%	3.1%	3.8%
Too partisan	2.5%	1.1%	-	-
It's a level of government	2.4%	0.5%	1.4%	2.7%
Don't know what they do/pay no attention	2.3%	2.8%	0.9%	-
Overpaid	1.7%	3.4%	1.5%	1.8%
Lazy	0.8%	0.4%	0.7%	1.2%
Democratic/protects our freedoms	0.4%	0.1%	1.0%	1.2%
A private club	0.3%	2.4%	0.9%	2.1%
Traditional/formal	0.3%	1.1%	2.0%	1.1%
Childish actions	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	1.4%
Other	6.5%	2.4%	1.3%	-
Unsure	8.4%	3.4%	5.8%	33.3%



QUESTION – Would you say that you are familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar or unfamiliar with the role of the Senate of Canada in the federation?

Familiarity with the role of the Senate

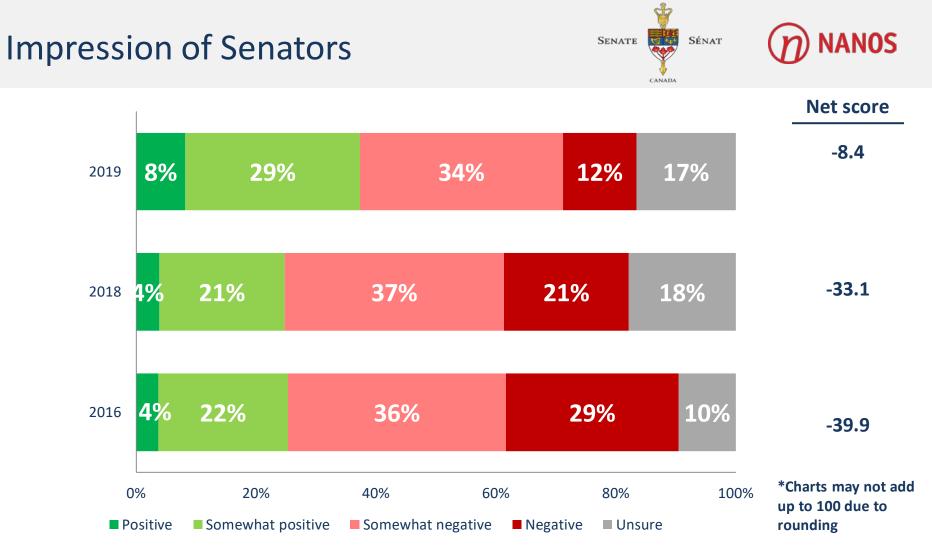




Familiar/

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		7% 1%			Atlantic (n=100)	80.7%
		27%			Quebec (n=250)	59.7%
	16%				Ontario (n=300)	81.5%
		Net score			Prairies (n=200)	81.4%
					British Columbia (n=150)	81.2%
		+52.8			Male (n=517)	82.6%
					Female (n=483)	69.4%
		49%			18 to 34 (n=259)	64.3%
		4370			35 to 54 (n=453)	75.0%
					55 plus (n=288)	84.8%
Familiar	Somewhat familiar	Somewhat unfamiliar	Unfamiliar	Unsure	*Weighted to the true populatio *Charts may not add up to 100 d	

QUESTION – Would you say that you are familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar or unfamiliar with the role of the Senate of Canada in the federation?



QUESTION – Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Senator of Canada?

Impression of Senators

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						Negative/ somewhat negative
	179	/ 8%			Atlantic (n=100)	49.6%
		0			Quebec (n=250)	41.6%
					Ontario (n=300)	46.4%
	12%	Net score	29%		Prairies (n=200)	43.8%
		0.4			British Columbia (n=150)	52.6%
		-8.4			Male (n=517)	50.4%
					Female (n=483)	41.5%
	2	4%			18 to 34 (n=259)	41.3%
		770			35 to 54 (n=453)	51.2%
					55 plus (n=288)	44.6%
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Reasons for impressions of Senators

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	Some	Positive/ ewhat po		Negat	Negative/ Somewhat negative			Unsure		Total			
	2019 (n=367)	2018 (n=222)	2016 (n=255)	2019 (n=463)	2018 (n=511)	2016 (n=652)	2019 (n=170)	2018 (n=113)	2016 (n=95)	2019 (n=1000)	2018 (n=846)	2016 (n=1002)	
Many Senators are hard-working public servants/ They're not all bad	80.5%	61.0%	77.8%	1.2%	1.2%	2.2%	2.6%	7.1%	24.2%	15.1%	8.6%	14.2%	
It is an unelected/appointed body	4.9%	3.7%	4.1%	41.9%	26.2%	26.4%	2.8%	1.8%	1.1%	10.7%	9.0%	9.5%	
It depends on the senator/I know one/worked for one	25.5%	19.3%	-	1.9%	1.5%	-	17.6%	6.2%	-	7.4%	4.0%	-	
Too many Senators involved in scandal/corruption	1.7%	1.1%	5.5%	26.5%	20.7%	65.0%	0.8%	3.5%	2.1%	7.2%	6.9%	22.5%	
I don't know enough about the Senate to have an opinion	1.8%	1.1%	-	7.2%	2.7%	1.5%	26.4%	45.1%	17.9%	6.5%	7.2%	2.2%	
It's not useful/It doesn't accomplish much	0.6%	2.7%	1.8%	28.2%	35.6%	29.1%	3.3%	3.5%	5.3%	6.4%	11.3%	10.1%	
The Senate's purpose and the work is does/has done before is valuable	28.5%	42.5%	49.7%	-	0.6%	-	-	0.9%	-	4.7%	6.1%	4.0%	
It's a waste of (tax-payers') money, public funds/cost too much	-	1.1%	-	21.3%	19.6%	-	-	0.9%	-	4.3%	5.6%	-	

QUESTION – Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN]

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They are lazy/out of touch/too old/obscures the good work done by others	0.7%	1.6%	-	17.0%	4.8%	-	0.8%	-	-	4.1%	2.0%	-	
It is too partisan/ unaccountable/entitled	0.8%	11.4%	6.0%	12.3%	58.6%	43.4%	-	5.3%	2.1%	3.1%	20.7%	15.7%	
The appointment criteria and process are flawed/term limits	1.6%	1.6%	-	8.1%	6.3%	-	0.5%	0.9%	-	2.8%	2.4%	-	
It has a lot of bad press/I've seen media stories that reflect poorly on it	1.1%	-	1.4%	4.1%	8.9%	10.5%	-	1.8%	4.2%	1.8%	3.3%	4.3%	
The recent changes have improved my opinion/ increased Independents	8.5%	15.0%	-	0.4%	0.9%	-	1.2%	1.8%	-	1.8%	2.4%	-	
Not representative of Canadians/don't have Canadian interests in mind	0.3%	3.9%	-	3.7%	4.3%	-	-	1.8%	-	1.0%	1.9%	-	
There isn't enough education/communication to the public about activities	1.7%	-	-	0.3%	2.6%	-	1.0%	8.0%	-	0.8%	1.9%	-	
Other	14.4%	33.0%	20.9%	14.9%	5.2%	8.6%	3.1%	5.3%	14.7%	6.6%	5.6%	6.9%	
Unsure	27.7%	1.1%	32.7%	11.0%	0.3%	13.3%	40.0%	6.2%	28.4%	15.7%	1.2%	10.8%	
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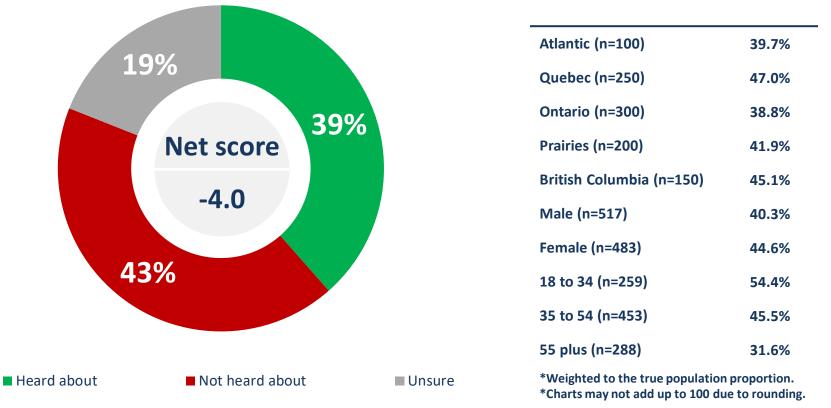
QUESTION – Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN]

Awareness of changes to the Senate





Not heard



QUESTION – Have you heard or read about any changes that have been made to the Senate of Canada over the past few years?

Changes read or heard about the Senate





	Frequency (n=369)
More independent, non-partisan in general	37.8%
Independent Liberal Senators	21.3%
Changes to appointment process	11.2%
More accountability, expense control	7.2%
Elected Senators	4.5%
Meetings are televised	2.7%
Abolishing the Senate	2.2%
Term limitation	0.7%
Other	7.7%
Unsure	4.7%

QUESTION - [IF "Yes, heard about" IN Q6] What changes have you heard or read about? [OPEN]

Awareness of independent Senators





Heard

58.7%

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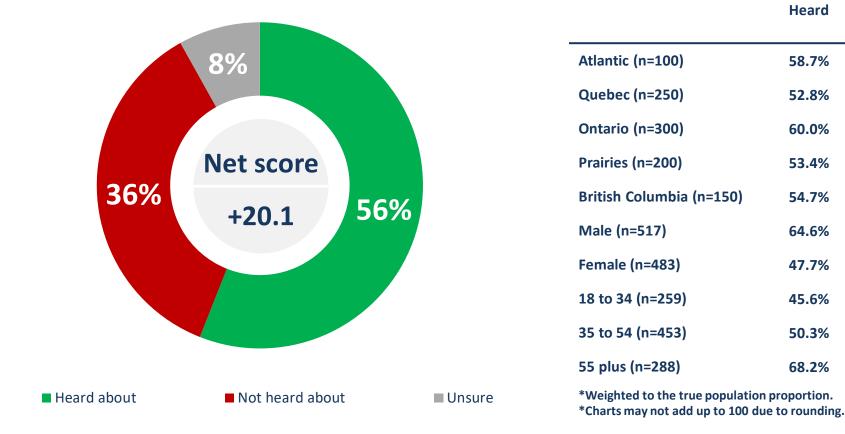
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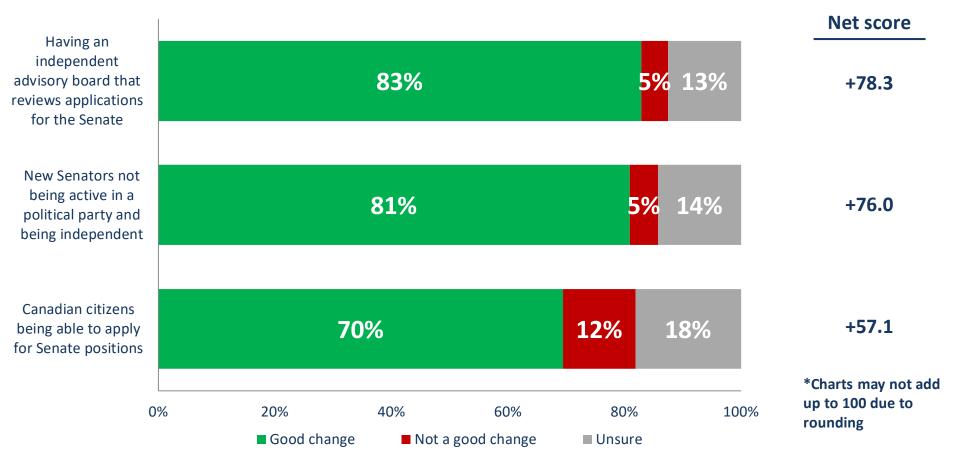
QUESTION – Have you heard anything about independent Senators?

Impressions of changes to the Senate



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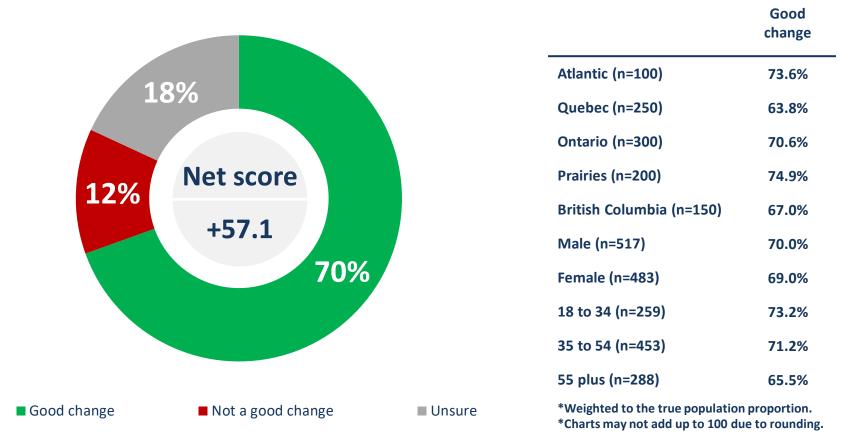
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QUESTION – Please tell me if you think each of the following is a good change, or not a good change? [RANDOMIZE]

Canadian citizens being able to apply for Senate positions

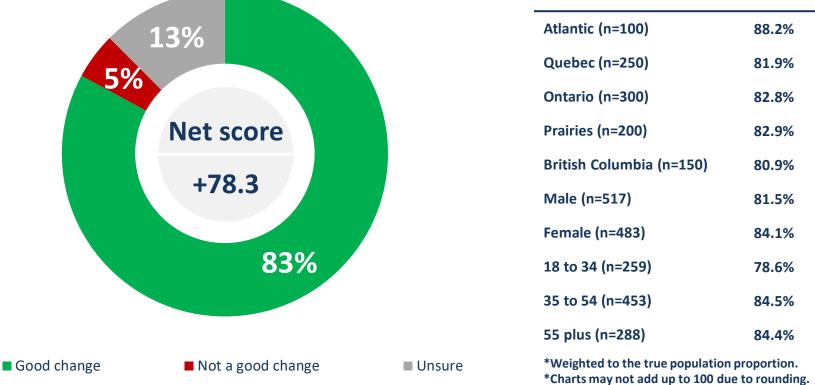




QUESTION – Please tell me if you think each of the following is a good change, or not a good change? [RANDOMIZE] **Canadian citizens can now APPLY for Senate positions that come open.**

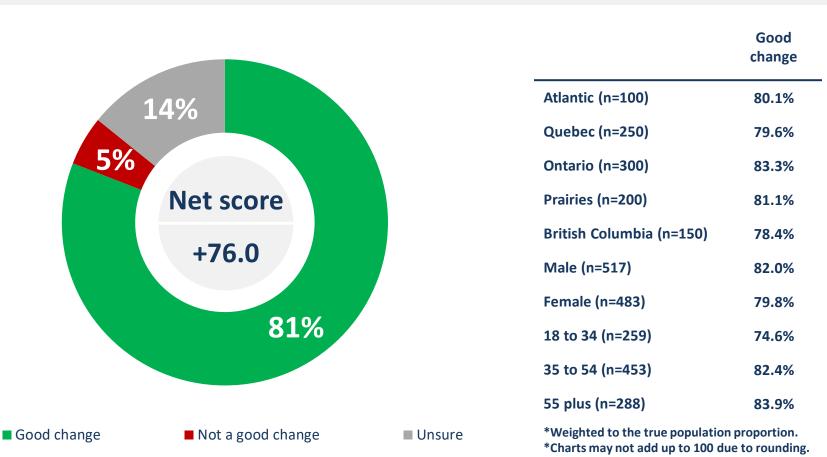
Having an independent advisory board that reviews applications for the Senate





QUESTION – Please tell me if you think each of the following is a good change, or not a good change? [RANDOMIZE] **An independent advisory board reviews and assesses the applications for the Senate that are received.**

New Senators not being active in a political party and being independent



QUESTION – Please tell me if you think each of the following is a good change, or not a good change? [RANDOMIZE] New Senators are not active in a political party and sit as independent members in the Senate.

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 29th to April 1st, 2019, n=1000, accurate 3.1percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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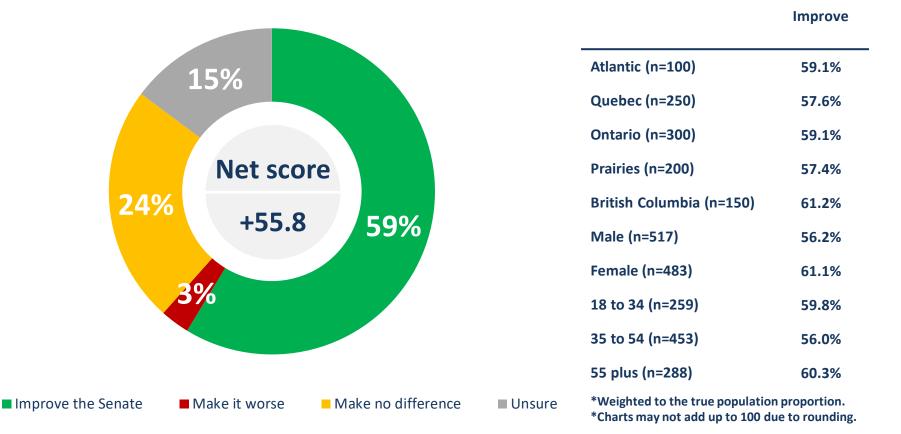
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Impact of changes on the Senate

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QUESTION – Taken together, do you think these changes will improve the Senate, make it worse, or will they make no difference?

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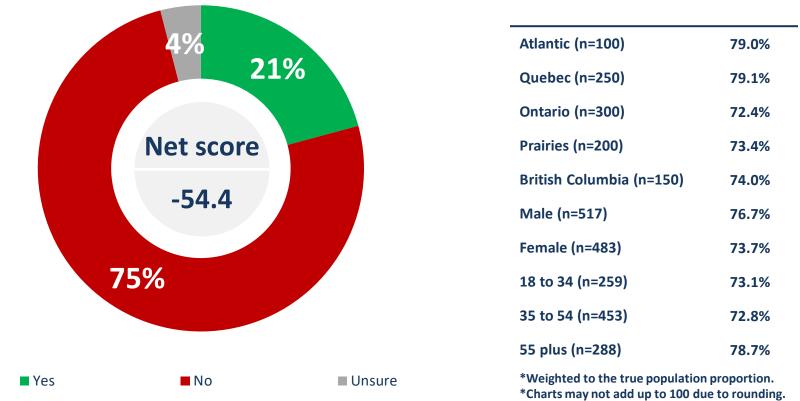
			Keep changes
		Atlantic (n=100)	80.1%
0%		Quebec (n=250)	79.4%
		Ontario (n=300)	75.6%
		Prairies (n=200)	75.1%
		British Columbia (n=150)	74.1%
		Male (n=517)	76.2%
77%		Female (n=483)	77.2%
11/0		18 to 34 (n=259)	71.9%
		35 to 54 (n=453)	76.9%
		55 plus (n=288)	79.8%
back to the previous ways of appointing	Unsure	*Weighted to the true populatio *Charts may not add up to 100 d	

QUESTION – And looking ahead, do you think a future government should keep these changes or go back to the previous ways of appointing Senators?

Watching television broadcasts of the Canadian Senate committee meetings



No

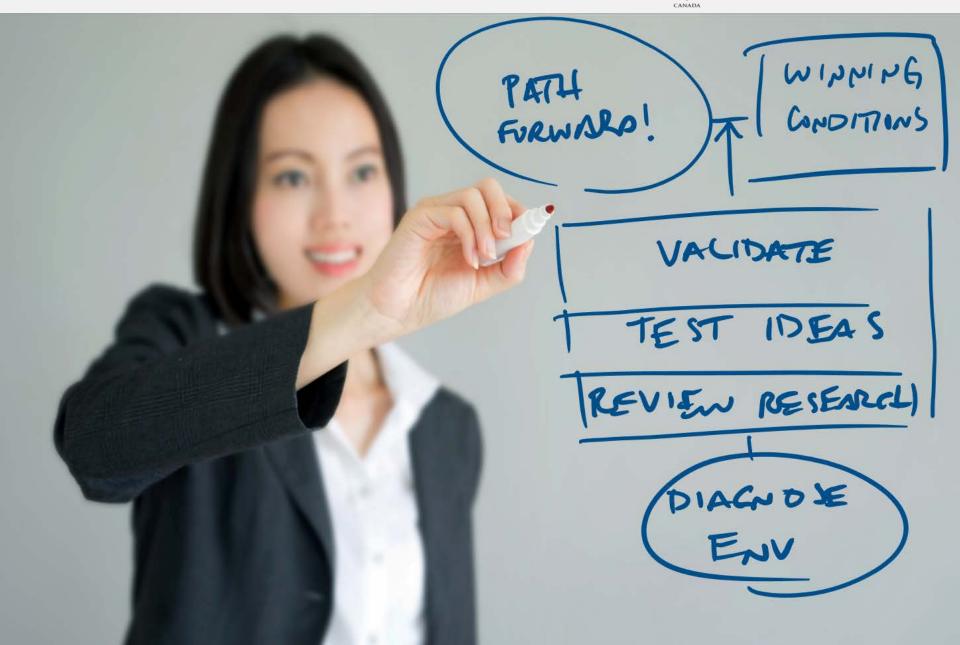


QUESTION – Have you ever watched television broadcasts of Canadian Senate committee meetings or meetings in the Senate chamber?









METHODOLOGY

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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 March 29th and April 1st, 2019 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. 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 were 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 ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by Senator Dasko and was conducted by Nanos Research.

Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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Element	Description	Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	Senator Dasko	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
Final Sample Size	1000 Randomly selected individuals.	Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the
Margin of Error	± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	5	media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) random telephone omnibus survey	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines could not participate.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	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.
	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British	Estimated Response Rate	Twelve percent, consistent with industry norms.
Demographics (Captured)	Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.		This was module seven of an omnibus survey. Module one was about air safety and SNC Lavalin, module two was about the
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.	Question Content	federal budget, module three was about the relationship with the U.S. president, module four was about personal budgeting, module five was about healthcare and module six was about
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30- 9:30pm local time for the respondent.		medical cannabis.
Field Dates	March 29 th to April 1 st , 2019.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
inclu butes		Survey Company	Nanos Research
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions.
Standards	This report exceeds the standards set forth by CRIC, ESOMAR and AAPOR.	Contact	http://www.nanos.co Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.

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					Reg	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Do you follow federal politics in Canada	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
closely, somewhat closely, somewhat not closely or not closely at all?	Closely	Wgt N %	1000 34.2	100 27.7	250 22.8	300 44.3	200 35.6	150 35.8	491 39.1	509 29.5	271 21.5	340 30.6	389 46.2
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	Somewhat not closely	%	14.7	12.7	22.2	13.3	11.9	9.8	11.3	17.9	22.8	15.9	7.9
	Not closely at all	%	4.6	10.2	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.4	3.1	6.1	6.0	5.2	3.2
	Unsure	%	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0	2.0	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.9



					Re	gion			Gender			Age	
			Canada 2019- 03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - When you think	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
of the Senate of Canada,		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
what words come to mind? [OPEN]	Ineffective/pointless	%	17.7	19.2	19.8	16.4	19.5	13.6	20.2	15.3	17.4	17.1	18.5
[OPEN]	Waste of money	%	7.7	11.9	6.3	6.9	7.0	9.8	10.9	4.7	5.2	8.9	8.5
	Outdated	%	4.9	6.0	7.2	4.2	2.5	4.6	5.5	4.2	2.5	6.4	5.1
	Balance of power/second thought on laws	%	11.4	17.8	8.2	12.0	12.1	10.4	10.0	12.9	7.9	10.6	14.6
	Full of old people/old men	%	3.9	1.7	3.7	5.0	2.8	5.1	3.4	4.5	5.5	4.4	2.4
	In need of reform	%	3.3	1.6	3.4	3.5	4.6	1.8	3.1	3.5	2.1	2.4	4.8
	It's good/does important work	%	5.1	4.7	5.5	5.9	4.0	4.6	4.8	5.4	2.7	4.9	6.9
	Corruption/not trustworthy	%	4.4	7.2	3.4	2.8	7.1	3.8	3.9	4.9	5.7	3.9	4.0
	Should be elected	%	2.9	0.9	3.1	2.9	2.3	4.6	4.4	1.4	2.8	2.8	3.0
	It should be abolished	%	4.1	4.6	3.7	5.5	2.0	4.7	5.9	2.4	1.8	4.9	5.1
	Overpaid	%	1.7	2.9	1.6	2.3	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.2	0.0	2.1	2.6
	Don't know what they do/pay no attention	%	2.3	0.6	3.9	2.7	1.6	0.6	1.9	2.6	3.8	2.3	1.1
	A private club	%	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.0
	A dysfunctional mess/a joke	%	2.6	1.7	2.4	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.0	4.0	2.6	1.7
	Too partisan	%	2.5	2.6	1.9	2.5	1.4	4.8	2.4	2.6	3.8	2.6	1.5
	Traditional/formal	%	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.0
	It's a level of government	%	2.4	1.8	2.4	1.6	3.3	3.5	1.7	3.2	3.5	2.0	2.1
	Lazy	%	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.0	2.5	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.0
	Childish actions	%	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.0
	Other	%	6.5	5.5	9.5	4.6	7.7	4.3	5.5	7.4	6.4	5.7	7.3
	Democratic/protects our freedoms	%	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.0
	It's changing/improving	%	2.9	0.6	3.5	2.5	3.9	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.3	2.5	3.8
	Appointments/patronage	%	3.3	2.6	1.5	4.5	4.6	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	2.6
	Unsure	%	8.4	4.5	7.9	9.7	7.5	10.4	5.9	10.8	15.8	7.0	4.4

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					Reg	gion			Ge	ender		Age	
			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Would you say that you are familiar, somewhat	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
familiar, somewhat unfamiliar or unfamiliar with the role of		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
the Senate of Canada in the federation?	Familiar	%	27.4	19.3	15.8	35.9	28.8	33.4	37.0	18.2	21.7	26.9	31.9
	Somewhat familiar	%	48.5	61.4	43.9	45.6	52.6	47.8	45.6	51.2	42.6	48.1	52.9
	Somewhat unfamiliar	%	15.8	13.4	27.4	12.4	11.1	11.3	11.3	20.2	20.1	17.7	11.2
	Unfamiliar	%	7.3	5.1	12.3	5.4	6.8	4.8	5.4	9.1	14.4	6.1	3.3
	Unsure	%	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.8	0.6	1.4	1.1	1.3	0.7

					Re	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
somewhat negative or a		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
negative impression of omeone who is a Senator of Canada?	Positive	%	8.2	9.9	9.1	4.8	10.6	9.2	7.5	8.8	4.7	7.5	11.3
Callaua	Somewhat positive	%	29.3	28.4	29.8	30.1	31.9	24.1	28.4	30.2	28.1	26.2	32.9
	Somewhat negative	%	33.7	33.8	32.8	33.4	31.3	39.1	33.4	34.0	32.6	35.3	33.2
	Negative	%	12.2	15.8	8.8	13.0	12.5	13.5	17.0	7.5	8.7	15.9	11.4
	Unsure	%	16.5	12.0	19.5	18.7	13.6	14.1	13.6	19.4	25.9	15.1	11.3



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			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN]	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	It is an unelected/appointed body	%	10.7	5.0	11.5	13.7	9.3	9.3	13.0	8.6	8.0	12.8	10.8
	Many Senators are hard-working, esteemed public servants / They're not all bad	%	15.1	12.5	15.9	14.7	18.2	11.7	13.3	16.8	13.5	12.9	18.0
	Too many Senators involved in scandal/corruption	%	7.2	14.5	3.7	5.0	9.3	9.4	6.9	7.4	5.1	9.0	7.0
	It is too partisan/unaccountable/entitled	%	3.1	0.8	2.6	4.9	3.6	1.5	4.6	1.8	2.8	3.2	3.4
	It has a lot of bad press / I've seen media stories that reflect poorly on it	%	1.8	2.2	1.5	2.6	0.7	1.8	0.7	2.8	1.5	1.8	1.9
	It's not useful / It doesn't accomplish much	%	6.4	6.4	6.7	5.8	8.5	4.6	9.2	3.8	7.1	7.0	5.5
	The Senate's purpose and the work is does/has done before is valuable	%	4.7	5.2	7.2	2.4	5.7	3.5	4.4	5.0	2.4	5.8	5.3
	I don't know enough about the Senate to have an opinion	%	6.5	2.4	10.4	7.5	2.2	6.6	4.4	8.6	9.5	5.5	5.4
	It's a waste of (tax-payers') money, public funds/ cost too much	%	4.3	6.1	3.2	3.8	4.7	5.1	4.1	4.4	2.2	5.7	4.5
	It depends on the senator/ I know one/worked for one	%	7.4	9.0	4.6	7.6	8.6	8.9	7.9	6.8	6.4	6.1	9.2
	They are lazy/ out of touch/too old / obscures the good work done by others	%	4.1	2.6	2.1	5.1	4.1	6.4	5.2	3.0	2.4	3.7	5.6
	Not representative of Canadians/ don't have Canadian interests in mind	%	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.0	4.2	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.8
	The recent changes have improved my opinion/ increased Independents	%	1.8	1.9	3.0	0.4	1.2	3.4	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.8	2.2
	There isn't enough education/communication to the public about activities	%	0.8	0.0	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.8
	The appointment criteria and process are flawed/ term limits	%	2.8	3.7	3.4	2.7	0.8	4.3	3.0	2.7	2.2	3.1	3.0
	Other	%	6.6	9.7	9.9	4.9	5.4	4.1	7.5	5.8	6.6	6.1	7.1
	Unsure	%	15.7	18.0	12.3	17.1	17.6	14.5	12.6	18.6	26.9	13.8	9.5



Why do you have that opinion [OPEN] * Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Senator of Canada? Cross-tabulation

			Do you have a posi	tive, somewhat pos	sitive, a somewhat negative	or a negative impression of	someone who is a Sen	ator of Canada?
			Canada 2019-03	Positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Negative	Unsure
Question - Why do you have that	Total	Unwgt N	1000	77	290	333	130	170
ppinion? [OPEN]		Wgt N	1000	82	293	337	122	165
	It is an unelected/appointed body	%	10.7	0.0	4.9	17.3	24.6	2.8
	Many Senators are hard-working, esteemed public servants / They're not all bad	%	15.1	43.5	37.0	0.3	0.9	2.6
	Too many Senators involved in scandal/corruption	%	7.2	0.0	1.7	15.3	11.2	0.8
	lt is too partisan/unaccountable/entitled	%	3.1	0.0	0.8	6.5	5.8	0.0
	It has a lot of bad press / I've seen media stories that reflect poorly on it	%	1.8	0.0	1.1	3.4	0.7	1.2
	lt's not useful / It doesn't accomplish much	%	6.4	0.0	0.6	10.7	17.5	3.2
	The Senate's purpose and the work is does/has done before is valuable	%	4.7	17.3	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	I don't know enough about the Senate to have an opinion	%	6.5	0.0	1.8	3.6	3.6	26.4
	lt's a waste of (tax-payers') money, public funds/ cost too much	%	4.3	0.0	0.0	7.7	13.6	0.0
	It depends on the senator/ I know one/worked for one	%	7.4	16.7	8.8	1.2	0.7	17.6
	They are lazy/ out of touch/too old / obscures the good work done by others	%	4.1	0.0	0.7	7.8	9.2	0.8
	Not representative of Canadians/ don't have Canadian interests in mind	%	1.0	0.0	0.3	2.4	1.3	0.0
	The recent changes have improved my opinion/ increased Independents	%	1.8	3.8	4.7	0.4	0.0	0.0
	There isn't enough education/communication to the public about activities	%	0.8	0.0	1.7	0.3	0.0	1.0
	The appointment criteria and process are flawed/ term limits	%	2.8	0.0	1.6	6.1	2.0	0.5
	Other	%	6.6	7.7	6.7	7.9	7.0	3.1
	Unsure	%	15.7	11.0	16.7	9.1	1.9	40.0



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			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Have you heard or read about any changes that	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
have been made to the Senate of Canada over the		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
past few years?	Yes, heard about	%	38.5	35.6	32.5	44.0	37.0	41.6	45.5	31.8	29.7	32.7	49.7
	No, have not heard about	%	42.5	39.7	47.0	38.8	41.9	45.1	40.3	44.6	54.4	45.5	31.6
	Unsure	%	19.0	24.8	20.6	17.2	21.1	13.3	14.2	23.6	15.9	21.8	18.7

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			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question – [IF "Yes, heard about" in Q6] What changes have you heard or read about? [OPEN]	Total	Unwgt N	369	31	78	126	69	65	229	140	73	150	146
		Wgt N	385	36	81	132	74	62	223	162	81	111	193
	Independent Liberal Senators	%	21.3	23.9	17.0	22.6	23.0	20.8	29.1	10.6	21.3	21.2	21.4
	Changes to appointment process	%	11.2	16.7	12.8	8.9	6.8	15.8	9.7	13.2	17.6	9.6	9.4
	More independent, non-partisan in general	%	37.8	47.5	42.4	36.3	35.8	32.2	32.3	45.4	26.0	31.9	46.2
	More accountability, expense control	%	7.2	0.0	4.5	8.6	12.9	5.1	7.9	6.2	1.4	8.7	8.8
	Term limitation	%	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.7
	Elected Senators	%	4.5	9.5	5.1	2.0	5.2	5.2	4.3	4.8	2.1	6.6	4.3
	Meetings are televised	%	2.7	0.0	3.0	4.4	3.1	0.0	4.0	0.9	6.4	4.8	0.0
	Abolishing the Senate	%	2.2	0.0	4.0	1.7	0.0	4.9	2.4	2.0	3.8	3.0	1.1
	Other	%	7.7	2.4	11.3	7.4	6.9	7.9	5.3	11.1	10.6	9.3	5.6
	Unsure	%	4.7	0.0	0.0	6.2	6.2	8.3	4.3	5.1	9.5	4.9	2.5



					Reg	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Have you heard anything about independent	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
Senators?		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Yes, heard about	%	56.0	58.7	52.8	60.0	53.4	54.7	64.6	47.7	45.6	50.3	68.2
	No, have not heard about	%	35.9	38.2	38.4	31.9	36.1	38.2	30.4	41.3	46.6	39.4	25.6
	Unsure	%	8.1	3.0	8.8	8.1	10.5	7.1	5.0	11.0	7.9	10.3	6.3

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			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
uestion - Canadian citizens n now APPLY for Senate ositions that come open	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Good change	%	69.5	73.6	63.8	70.6	74.9	67.0	70.0	69.0	73.2	71.2	65.5
	Not a good change	%	12.4	7.2	13.3	14.0	13.8	9.5	12.8	12.0	9.2	13.1	14.1
	Unsure	%	18.1	19.2	23.0	15.4	11.2	23.5	17.1	19.0	17.6	15.8	20.4



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			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - An independent advisory board reviews and	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
dvisory board reviews and ssesses the applications for ne Senate that are received		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Good change	%	82.9	88.2	81.9	82.8	82.9	80.9	81.5	84.1	78.6	84.5	84.4
	Not a good change	%	4.6	3.7	4.3	6.2	3.3	4.2	5.8	3.5	5.7	4.6	3.8
	Unsure	%	12.5	8.1	13.7	11.0	13.8	14.9	12.7	12.4	15.7	10.9	11.8

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			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - New Senators are not active in a political party and sit as independent members in the Senate	Total	Unwgt N Wgt N	1000	100 100	250 250	300 300	200 200	150 150	517 491	483 509	259 271	453 340	288 389
	Good change	%	80.9	80.1	79.6	83.3	81.1	78.4	82.0	79.8	74.6	82.4	83.9
	Not a good change	%	4.9	3.6	6.3	6.3	1.9	4.5	5.1	4.7	4.5	5.9	4.2
	Unsure	%	14.2	16.3	14.0	10.5	17.0	17.1	13.0	15.5	20.9	11.7	11.8

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			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Taken together, do you think these changes will	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
improve the Senate, make it worse, or will they make no		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
difference?	Improve the Senate	%	58.7	59.1	57.6	59.1	57.4	61.2	56.2	61.1	59.8	56.0	60.3
	Make it worse	%	2.9	0.9	1.6	4.6	4.3	1.3	3.1	2.8	2.5	4.7	1.7
	Make no difference	%	23.5	23.4	20.6	24.5	22.5	28.0	30.6	16.8	21.7	24.1	24.4
	Unsure	%	14.8	16.6	20.2	11.8	15.8	9.5	10.1	19.3	16.0	15.2	13.7
					Re	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
					Ke	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - And looking ahead, do you think a future	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
government should keep these changes or go back to		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
the previous ways of	Keep changes	%	76.7	80.1	79.4	75.6	75.1	74.1	76.2	77.2	71.9	76.9	79.8
	Go back to previous ways of appointing	%	3.4	1.9	2.6	4.0	4.7	2.5	4.2	2.6	3.9	4.3	2.2



			_		Re	gion			Ge	nder		Age	
			Canada 2019-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Have you ever watched television broadcasts	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	517	483	259	453	288
of Canadian Senate committee meetings or		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
meetings in the Senate chamber?	Yes	%	20.8	17.7	17.3	22.5	23.9	21.2	20.1	21.5	21.9	24.1	17.2
	No	%	75.2	79.0	79.1	72.4	73.4	74.0	76.7	73.7	73.1	72.8	78.7
	Unsure	%	4.0	3.4	3.6	5.1	2.7	4.8	3.2	4.8	5.1	3.1	4.0

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