

Views of Canadians on environmental policies

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Canadians more likely to support than oppose a tax on carbon and approval of Trans Mountain pipeline

A majority of Canadians agree or somewhat agree that Canada should proceed with placing a tax on carbon in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions even if it means moving in a different direction than the US. A majority also support or somewhat support approving the Trans Mountain pipeline that carry Alberta heavy oil for markets in Asia.

- **Nearly six in ten Canadians agree or somewhat agree that Canada should proceed with placing a tax on carbon to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions** – Nearly six out of ten Canadians agree (38%) or somewhat agree (20%) that Canada should proceed with placing a tax on carbon to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions even if the incoming Trump administration moves in a different direction which is not as focused on reducing greenhouse gases in the US. Close to four out of ten Canadians disagree (30%) or somewhat disagree (nine per cent) with this. Three per cent are unsure.
- **A comfortable majority of Canadians support or somewhat support the decision to approve the Trans Mountain pipeline that carry Alberta heavy oil to the port of Vancouver** – Almost seven out of ten Canadians support (47%) or somewhat support (19%) the decision to approve the Trans Mountain pipeline that carries Alberta heavy oil to the port of Vancouver for markets in Asia. Nearly three out of ten Canadians disagree (18%) or somewhat disagree (10%) with this. Six per cent are unsure.

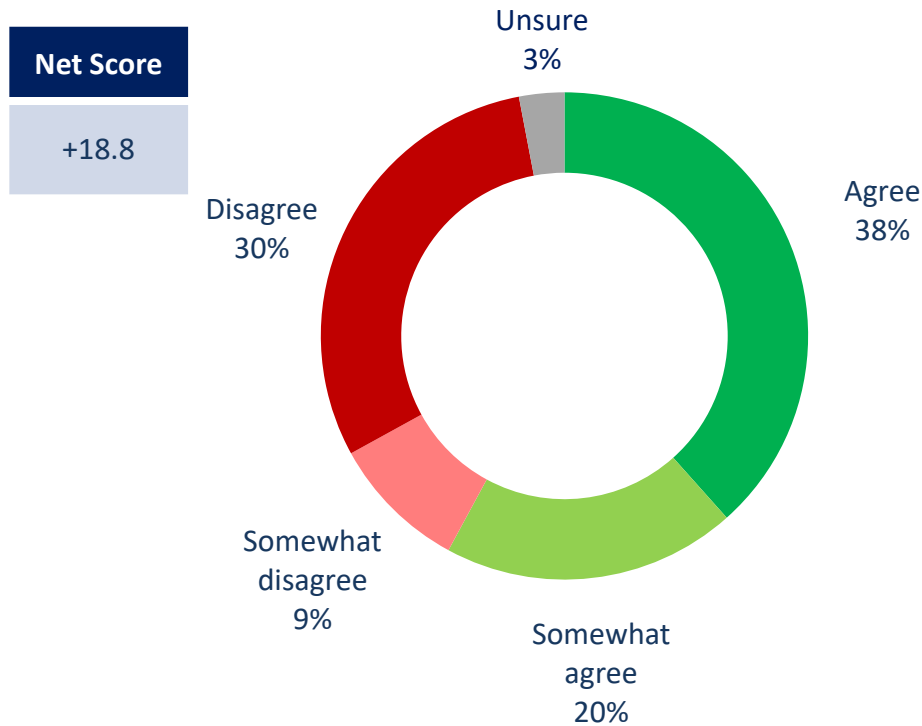
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The study was commissioned by the Globe and Mail.



Carbon tax to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Source: The Globe and Mail/Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, December 16th to 19th, 2016, n=1000, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



Subgroups	Agree/ Somewhat agree
Atlantic (n=100)	73.7%
Quebec (n=250)	69.5%
Ontario (n=300)	55.0%
Prairies (n=200)	38.4%
British Columbia (n=150)	59.5%
Male (n=488)	51.1%
Female (n=512)	64.3%
18 to 29 (n=153)	60.5%
30 to 39 (n=122)	56.8%
40 to 49 (n=212)	55.4%
50 to 59 (n=207)	53.3%
60 plus (n=306)	61.6%

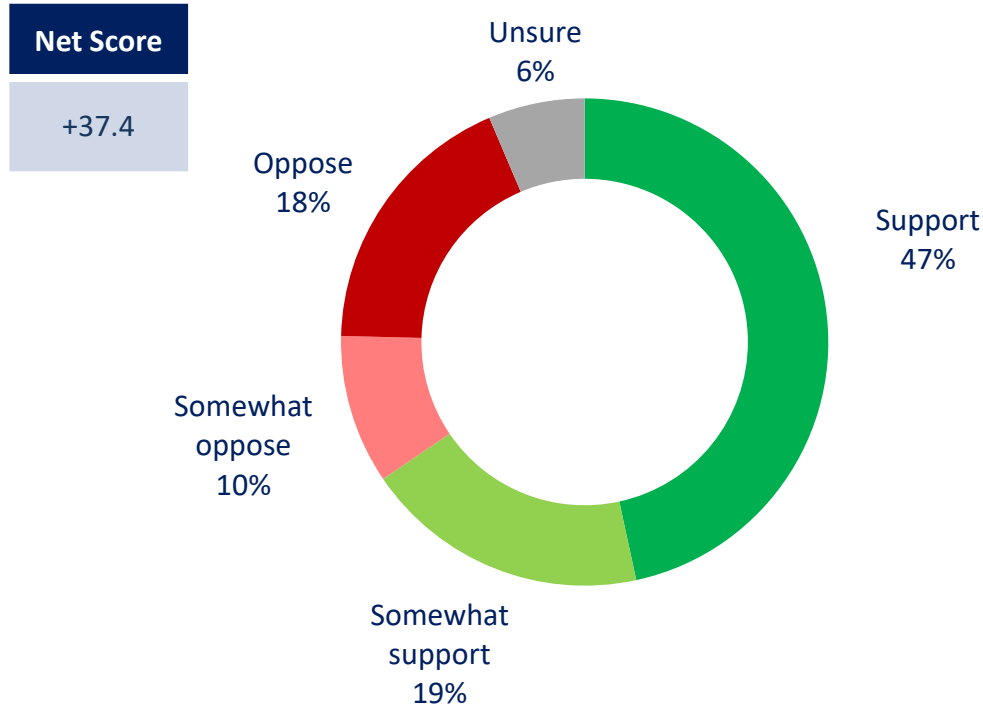
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QUESTION – Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with each of the following?
[RANDOMIZE]

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Approval of Trans Mountain pipeline

Source: The Globe and Mail/Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, December 16th to 19th, 2016, n=1000, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



Subgroups	Support/ Somewhat support
Atlantic (n=100)	65.9%
Quebec (n=250)	62.6%
Ontario (n=300)	62.2%
Prairies (n=200)	81.9%
British Columbia (n=150)	54.4%
Male (n=488)	75.1%
Female (n=512)	56.3%
18 to 29 (n=153)	52.3%
30 to 39 (n=122)	62.8%
40 to 49 (n=212)	65.8%
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QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the decision by the federal government to approve the Trans Mountain pipeline that carry Alberta heavy oil to the port of Vancouver for markets in Asia?



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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 ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The data presented in this research is part of a joint project by The Globe and Mail and Nanos Research.

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Technical Note

Element	Description	Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	Globe and Mail	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals.	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.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) 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.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Estimated Response Rate	14 percent, consistent with industry norms.
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.	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	Question Content	This was module three of an omnibus survey. Previous modules related to unprompted top national issues of concern, economic priorities and trade agreements.
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Number of Calls/	Maximum of five call backs.	Survey Company	Nanos Research
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanosresearch.com Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. Email: info@nanosresearch.com.
Field Dates	December 16 th to 19 th , 2016.		
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		

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Tabulations



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			Region					Gender		Age					
			Canada	Atlantic	British			Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
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Question - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with each of the following? Canada should proceed with placing a tax on carbon to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions even if the incoming Trump administration moves in a different direction which is not as focused on reducing greenhouse gases in the US.	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	488	512	153	122	212	207	306
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	487	513	197	163	187	189	265
	Agree	%	38.4	54.1	41.8	35.8	28.3	40.7	34.0	42.5	40.5	34.7	35.7	34.7	43.6
	Somewhat agree	%	19.5	19.6	27.7	19.2	10.1	18.8	17.1	21.8	20.0	22.1	19.7	18.6	18.0
	Somewhat disagree	%	9.1	7.2	8.7	9.1	9.7	10.2	9.7	8.5	9.2	9.1	9.0	11.2	7.5
	Disagree	%	30.0	16.5	19.3	31.4	50.4	27.0	36.1	24.3	27.7	32.6	34.6	30.3	26.9
	Unsure	%	3.0	2.6	2.5	4.4	1.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.5	1.5	1.0	5.3	4.1

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	Support	%	46.6	40.4	41.3	40.6	70.2	40.0	57.5	36.2	37.8	47.1	47.0	45.8	53.0
	Somewhat support	%	18.9	25.5	21.3	21.6	11.7	14.4	17.6	20.1	14.5	15.7	18.8	20.1	23.3
	Somewhat oppose	%	9.9	7.1	11.1	12.2	8.0	7.6	6.8	12.8	14.8	8.6	11.7	9.1	6.3
	Oppose	%	18.2	20.0	16.0	17.4	8.1	35.8	15.3	20.9	24.5	19.2	15.8	21.3	12.4
	Unsure	%	6.4	7.0	10.2	8.2	2.0	2.2	2.8	9.9	8.4	9.4	6.6	3.7	5.0

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