

Majority of Canadians prefer an independent Senate

Senate of Canada Survey Summary

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Summary

A strong majority of Canadians believe that the Senate of Canada should be a non-partisan body where Senators are independent and not required to vote along party lines. Canadians hold generally positive impressions Members of Parliament, while they hold more negative opinions of Senators. Representing all of Canada's interests is the most important element to maintaining a strong democracy. The most mentioned recommendations for the Senate are to make the position of Senator an elected position or to abolish the Senate.

Canadians and Federal Politics

- **Eight out of ten Canadians report following federal politics closely or somewhat closely** – When asked if they follow federal politics, eight out of ten of Canadians say they follow it closely (33%) or somewhat closely (48%). While fourteen per cent say they follow somewhat not closely and four per cent say they do not follow closely at all.
- **Just over half of Canadians have positive or somewhat positive impressions of Members of Parliament** – When asked of their impression of someone who is a Member of Parliament, over one in five of Canadians say their impressions are positive (11%, down from 19% in 2016) or somewhat positive (41%). Nearly one in four Canadians say they have negative (24%) or somewhat negative (14%, an increase from 8% in 2016) impressions. Ten per cent are unsure.
- **The most cited reason for their positive impressions of MPs related to their ridings** – Canadians most frequently stated that MPs worked hard for their ridings (15%). The next most cited reason is that it's not an easy job and MPs are under a lot of public scrutiny (13%). The most cited reason for negative impressions is that they do not like/or agree with their MP (48%) followed by that MPs are being paid too much/entitled/in it for themselves (10%).

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Senate of Canada

- **Ineffective and a waste of money come to mind for Canadians when thinking of the Senate –** When asked what words come to mind when thinking of the Senate of Canada, unprompted, 21 per cent of Canadians said ineffective/pointless, followed by a waste of money (12%), outdated (seven per cent), and a place of balance of power and second thought on laws (seven per cent).

Keeping democracy strong in Canada

Canadians were asked how important specific elements were to keeping democracy strong in Canada, and rated them from 1 (not at all important) to 5 (very important).

- **Just under seven in ten Canadians rated having government legislation and policies independently reviewed as important** - When asked, 68 per cent say that independent reviews are important (4-5), while 18 per cent say it is of average importance (3) and 10 per cent say it is not important (1-2). Five per cent are unsure. The mean score is four out of five. There are no significant differences with previous waves of the research.
- **More than half of Canadians say having reasonable representation of women and minorities is important** - When asked how important it is to have reasonable representation of women and minorities in parliament, 57 per cent say it is important (4-5), while 20 per cent say it is of average importance (3), and 22 per cent say it is not important (1-2). One per cent are unsure. The mean score is 3.6 out of five. No significant differences were recorded from previous waves of research.
- **A majority of Canadians say that giving voice to Canada's regions is important to a strong democracy** – When asked, Canadians said that giving a voice is important (4-5) (78%) , while 13 per cent say it is of average importance (3), and seven say it is not important (1-2). Two per cent are unsure. The mean score is 4.2 out of five. Results are consistent with previous waves of research.

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Keeping democracy strong in Canada

- **A strong majority of Canadians say that representing the interests of all Canadians is important –** When asked if representing all Canadian interests is important to a strong democracy, 85 per cent say that it is important (4-5 on a five point scale). Only nine per cent say it is of average importance (3 out of five), while five per cent say it is not important (1-2 out of five). One per cent is unsure. The mean score is 4.4 out of five. There are no significant differences from the previous wave's score.
- **Just over six in ten Canadians say that allowing more free votes will keep Canada's democracy strong-** Sixty-four per cent of Canadians (compared to 74% in 2016) say that allowing more free votes is important (4-5 out of five), while 16 per cent say it is of average importance (3 out of five) and nine per cent say it is not important (1-2 on a five point scale). Eleven per cent are unsure. The mean score is four out of five.

Canadians' impressions of the Senate

- **Three quarters of Canadians say that they are familiar or somewhat familiar with the role of the Senate –** When asked about their familiarity with the Senate's role, three in four Canadians say they are familiar (28%) or somewhat familiar (47%). The rest say they are unfamiliar (nine per cent) or somewhat not familiar (16%). This is consistent with the findings of the 2016 wave.
- **Just under six in ten Canadians say that they hold a negative or somewhat negative impression of someone who is a Senator –** When asked what impression they have about someone who is a Senator, three in eight Canadians say that they have a negative (21%) or somewhat negative (37%) impression about someone who is a Senator. A quarter say that they have a positive (four per cent) or somewhat positive (21%), while 18 per cent are unsure.
- **The most frequently cited reasons for their impressions of Senators is that the Senate is too partisan, not useful, and is appointed –** The most frequently cited reason is that it is too partisan/unaccountable/ entitled (21%), followed by the opinion that the Senate is not useful and that it doesn't accomplish much (11%), and that because the Senate is an unelected and/ or an appointed body (nine per cent).

Summary

Senate of Canada working well

- **A majority of Canadians say they prefer a Senate where the Senators are independent and are able to vote independently** – When asked which three paths the Senate should take, 71 per cent of Canadians say that being independent and voting independently is the path the Senate should take, followed by Senators are members of a Party Caucus and vote independently of their party (13%), and Senators are members of a Party Caucus and vote consistently with their Party (six per cent). Ten per cent are unsure of which path is best to take. There are no significant differences from the previous waves.
- **Nearly half of Canadians say that the Senate is functioning the same as it did five years ago** – When asked to compare the Senate’s functioning compared to five years ago, 48 per cent of Canadians say that the Senate is functioning the same, while 18 per cent say it is functioning better, and 15 per cent say it is functioning worse. Twenty per cent are unsure.
- **One in five Canadians recommend that Senators be elected** – When asked unprompted, if they had one recommendation to improve the Senate, the top three most mentioned recommendations are to make the Senators electable (20%), followed by abolishing the Senate (19%), and change the appointment criteria/ process/ enforce term limits (12%). Also recommended are: mandate that Senators sit as independents/ Make sure Senators are not affiliated with parties (9%), ensure that the Senate is more accountable/ transparent (five per cent), have better communication/ education to the public about what they do and their activities (two per cent), have effective enforcement of Senators’ codes of ethics and conduct, their rules and discipline (two per cent), that it needs a complete reform or overhaul (one per cent), and to increase or change the Senate’s powers (one per cent). Two per cent don’t know enough about the Senate to make recommendations or had none. Twenty-three per cent are unsure. This is consistent with the previous wave.

Summary

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 7th and 12th, 2018 as part of an omnibus survey. 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. The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

This study was commissioned by Senator McCoy and the research was conducted by Nanos Research



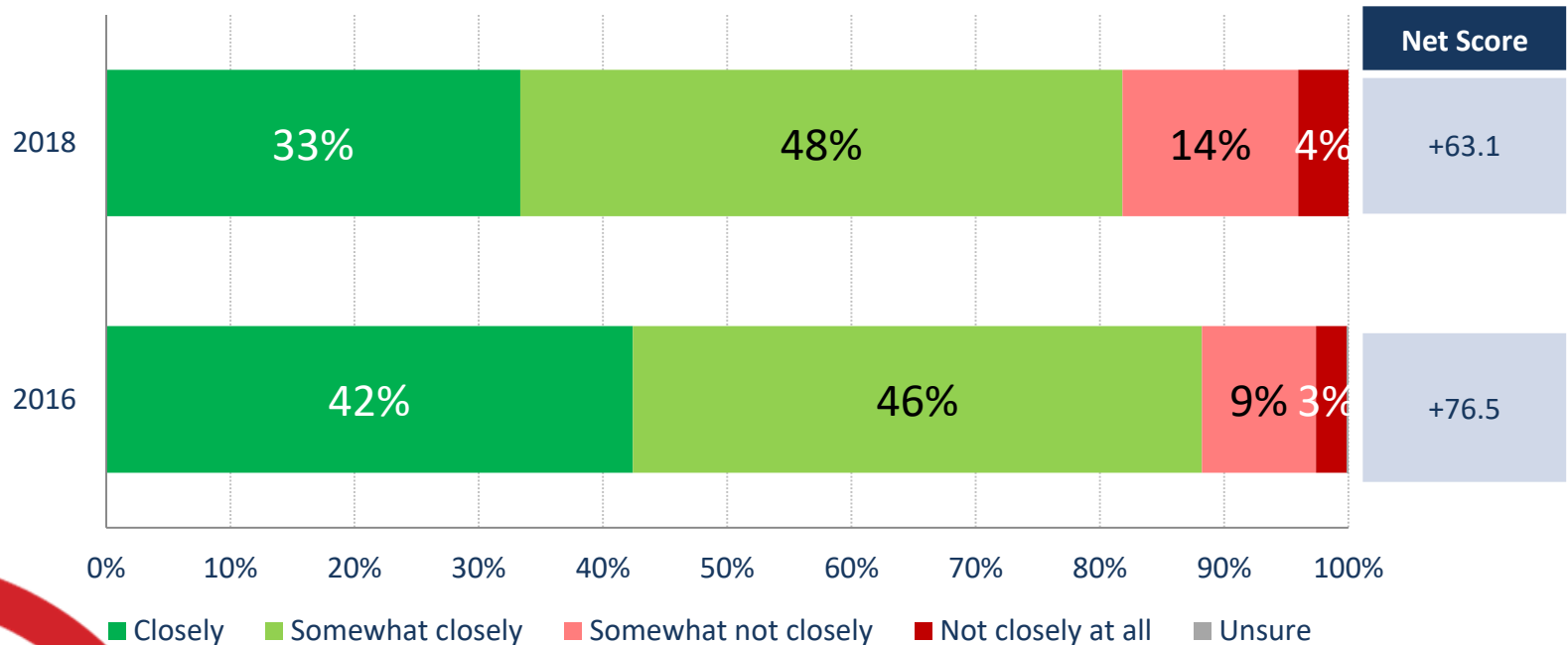
Canadians and federal politics



Following federal politics

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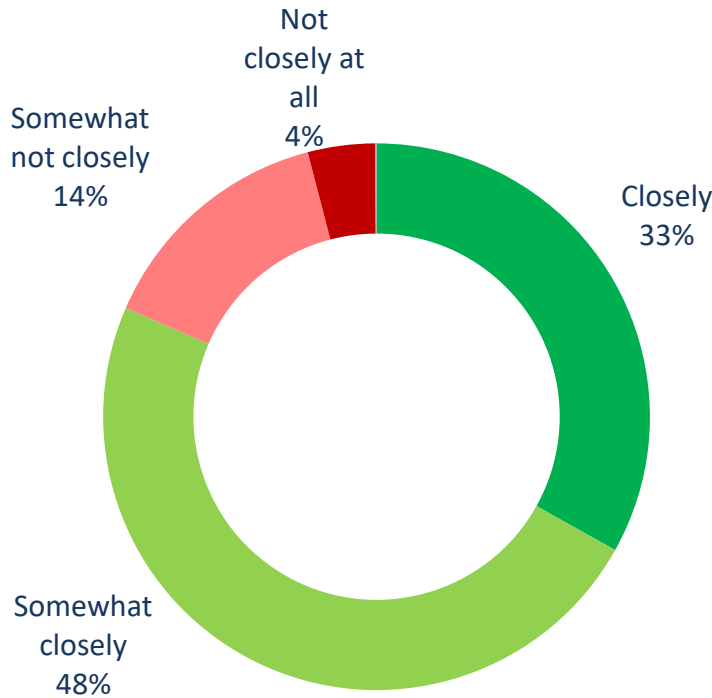
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Following federal politics

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 7th to 12th, 2018, n=1000 accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Net Score
+ 63.1



Subgroups	Closely/ Somewhat closely
Atlantic (n=100)	84.8%
Quebec (n=250)	76.2%
Ontario (n=300)	83.3%
Prairies (n=200)	80.4%
British Columbia (n=150)	86.1%
Male (n=510)	84.4%
Female (n=490)	78.8%
18 to 34 (n=214)	76.1%
35 to 54 (n=376)	78.6%
55 plus (n=410)	87.8%

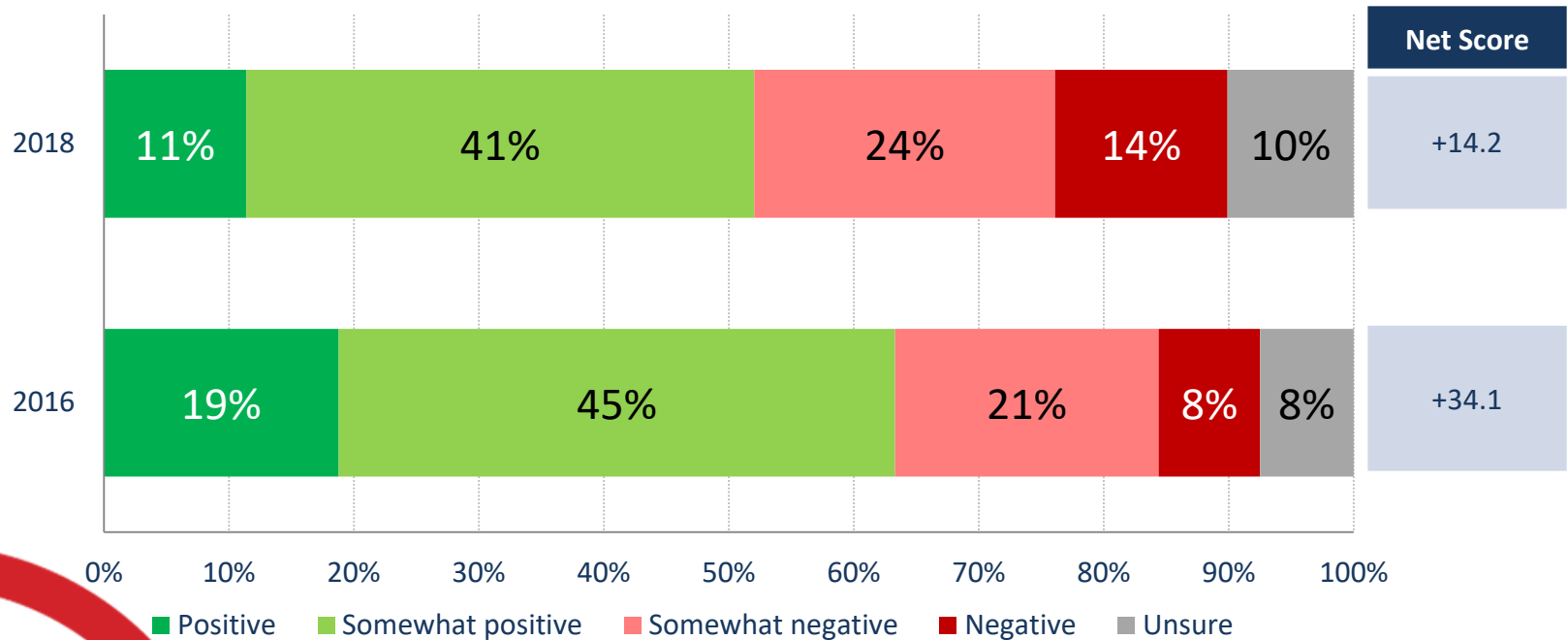
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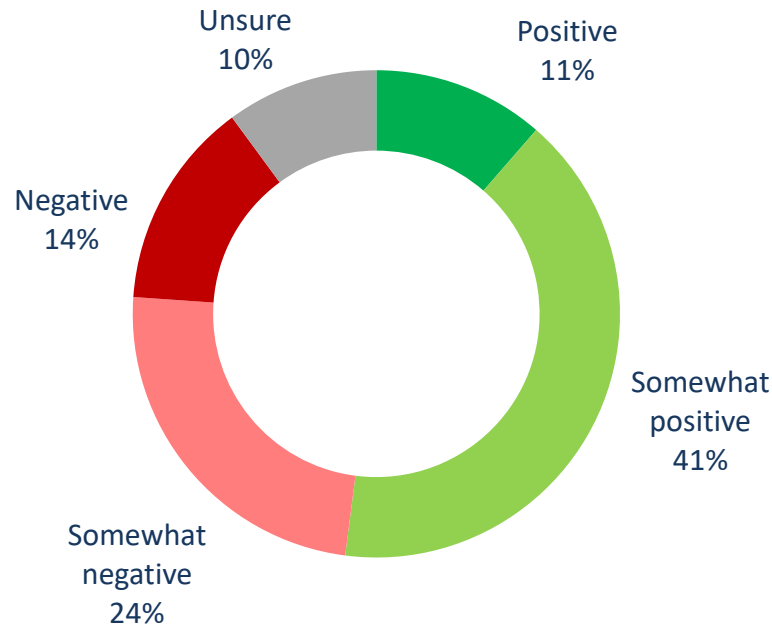
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Net Score
+14.2



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Subgroups	Positive/ Somewhat positive
Atlantic (n=100)	53.1%
Quebec (n=250)	62.9%
Ontario (n=300)	47.0%
Prairies (n=200)	43.5%
British Columbia (n=150)	54.6%
Male (n=510)	46.3%
Female (n=490)	57.6%
18 to 34 (n=214)	51.3%
35 to 54 (n=376)	50.5%
55 plus (n=410)	53.9%

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Reasons for impression

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	Positive/ Somewhat positive		Negative/ Somewhat negative		Unsure		Total	
	2016 (n=255)	2018 (n=469)	2016 (n=652)	2018 (n=363)	2016 (n=95)	2018 (n=75)	2016 (n=1002)	2018 (n=907)
Most work hard for their ridings/Canada	89.7%	59.0%	-	1.6%	1.3%	-	26.6%	15.1%
It's not an easy job/under a lot of public scrutiny	19.1%	54.0%	-	1.3%	1.3%	2.7%	6.4%	13.3%
They are paid too much/entitled/in it for themselves	6.5%	1.4%	42.9%	41.1%	1.3%	5.3%	9.8%	9.5%
It depends on the person	17.4%	16.3%	4.0%	4.5%	42.1%	40.0%	10.5%	9.5%
I do not like/agree with my MP	0.7%	1.1%	13.7%	47.9%	-	2.7%	1.9%	9.2%
I trust their judgement/respect them	5.7%	36.5%	0.9%	-	-	-	1.9%	8.3%
No transparency/hard to tell if they're doing anything/ distrust	1.6%	4.7%	5.8%	29.5%	2.5%	5.3%	1.3%	7.7%
They are too partisan/forced to toe the party line	5.9%	4.0%	35.2%	24.5%	5.3%	2.7%	8.5%	6.7%

QUESTION – Why do you have that opinion? [Open-ended]

Reasons for impression- continued

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Too much corruption/scandals	2.0%	3.3%	29.7%	19.6%	1.3%	1.3%	5.2%	5.30
They have little power/cannot get things done	-	1.1%	-	7.5%	-	2.7%	-	2.3%
They make promises they don't plan to keep	0.5%	-	17.30%	9.2%	1.3%	-	2.5%	2.1%
I know/have met an MP/MPs	-	4.2%	-	0.4%	-	-	-	1.5%
It's important for democracy/big responsibility	19.1%	4.8%	-	1.3%	1.3%	-	5.0%	1.4%
They don't get the issues of regular Canadians	0.9%	0.3%	8.7%	5.9%	1.3%	-	1.7%	1.2%
I don't really know what MPs do	0.5%	-	0.9%	-	7.9%	5.3%	1.0%	0.4%
Too much spending/spend on their own ridings only	0.2%	0.3%	7.2%	0.7%	1.3%	-	1.4%	0.2%
Other	4.1%	8.5%	12.4%	4.9%	1.3%	6.7%	2.6%	3.9%
Unsure/no answer	23.1%	0.5%	21.1%	-	31.6%	25.3%	13.2%	2.3 %

QUESTION – Why do you have that opinion? [Open-ended]

Senate of Canada



Thoughts on the Senate of Canada

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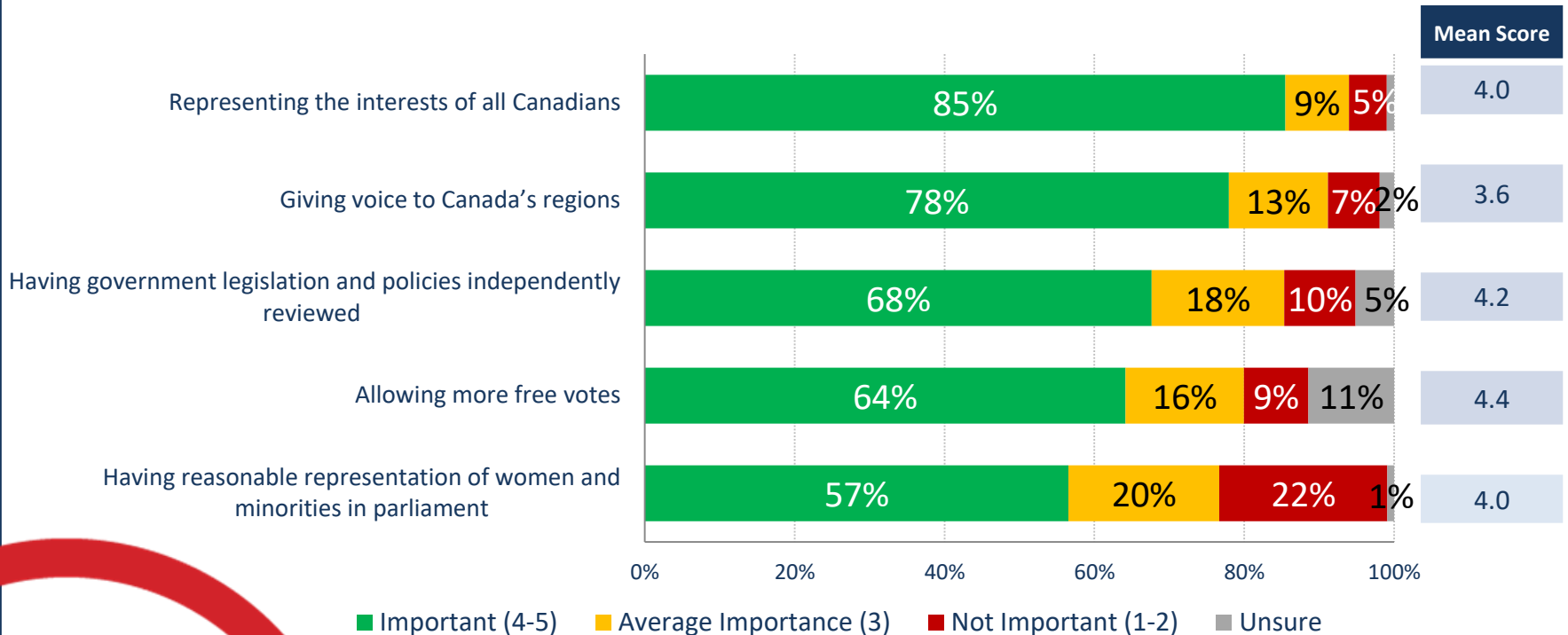
	2018 (n=1000)	2016 (n=1000)	2009 (n=1,003)
Ineffective/pointless	21.2%	15.5%	14.7%
Waste of money	12.1%	10.1%	5.6%
Outdated	7.2%	4.2%	1.9%
Balance of power/second thought on laws	7.0%	6.4%	3.4%
Full of old people/old men	6.1%	1.7%	3.9%
In need of reform	6.0%	13.6%	4.8%
It's good/does important work	5.9%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

Keeping democracy strong in Canada



Elements of strong democracy

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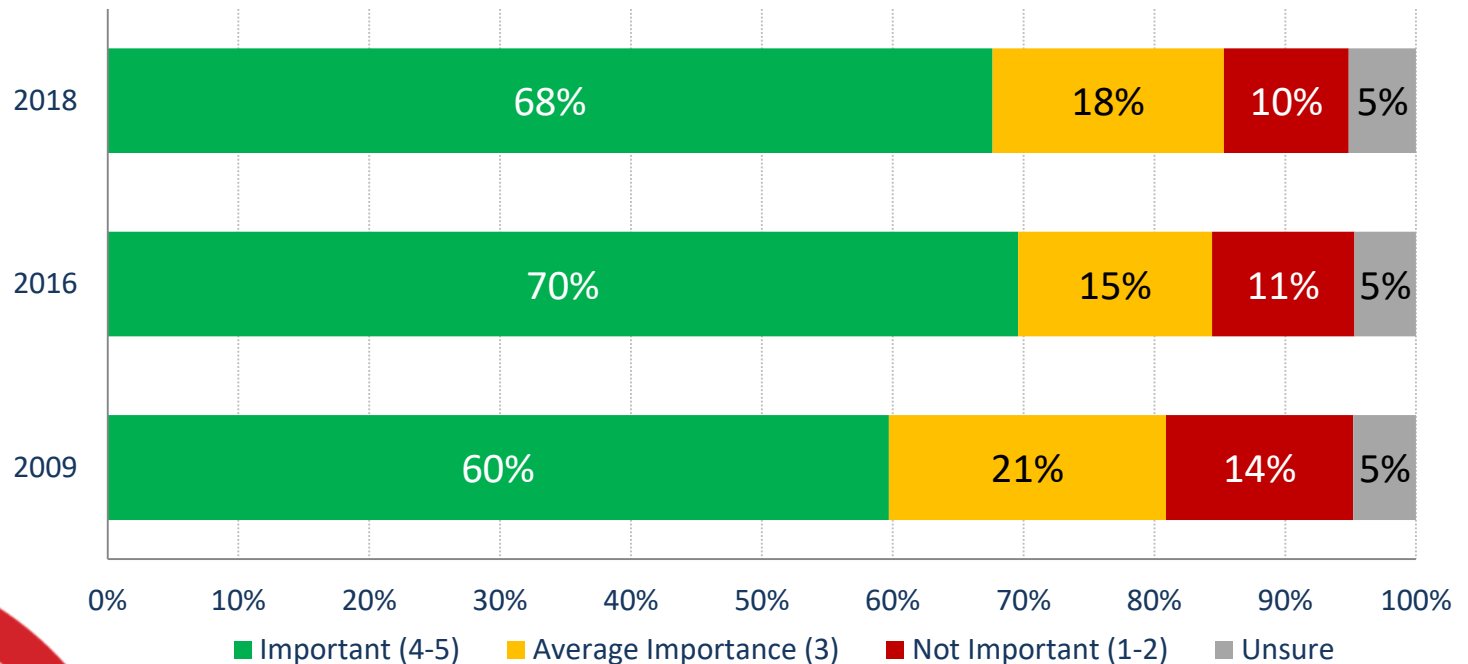
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Independent reviews of government policies

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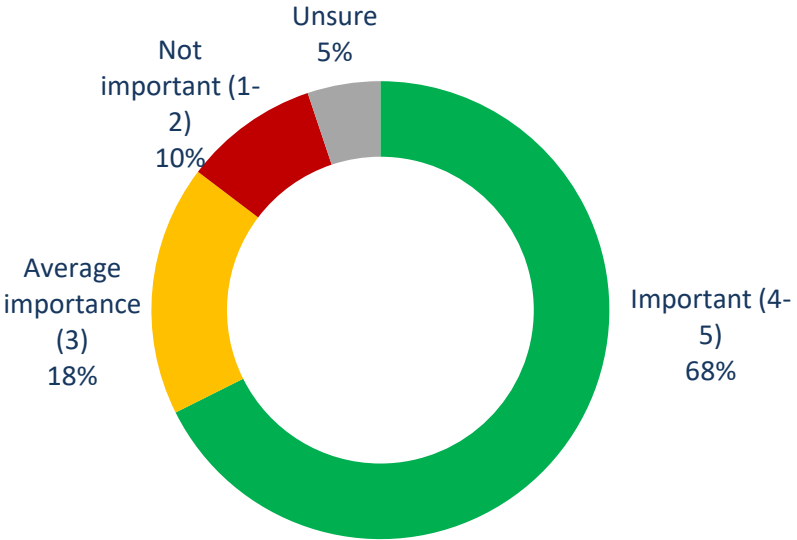
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Mean Score
4.0



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Atlantic (n=100)	4.1
Quebec (n=250)	4.1
Ontario (n=300)	3.9
Prairies (n=200)	3.8
British Columbia (n=150)	4.0
Male (n=510)	3.9
Female (n=490)	4.1
18 to 34 (n=214)	3.9
35 to 54 (n=376)	4.0
55 plus (n=410)	3.9

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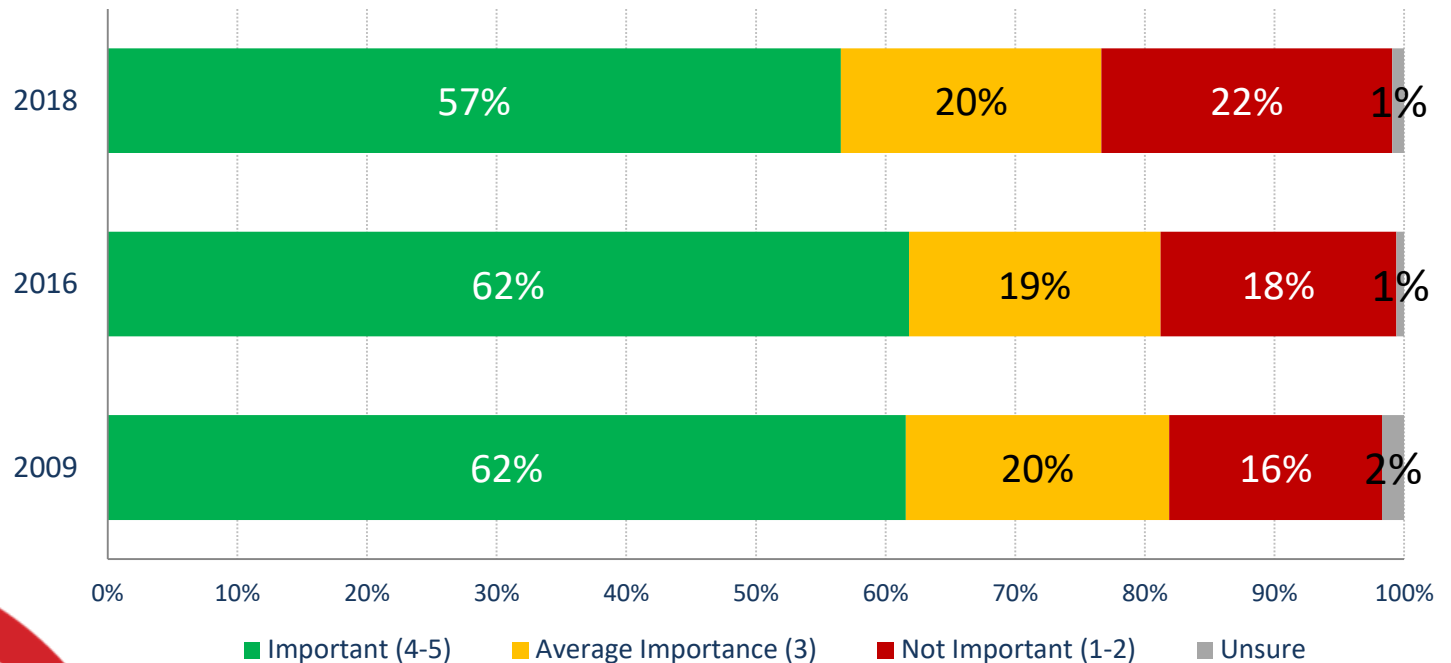
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Representation of women and minorities

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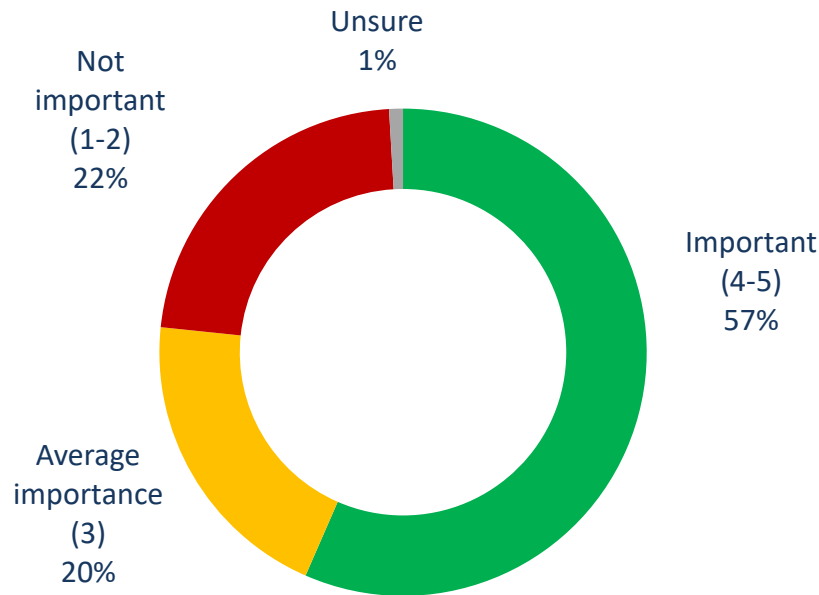
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Having reasonable representation of women and minorities in parliament

Representation of women and minorities

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Mean Score
3.6



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Quebec (n=250)	3.8
Ontario (n=300)	3.6
Prairies (n=200)	3.1
British Columbia (n=150)	3.6
Male (n=510)	3.2
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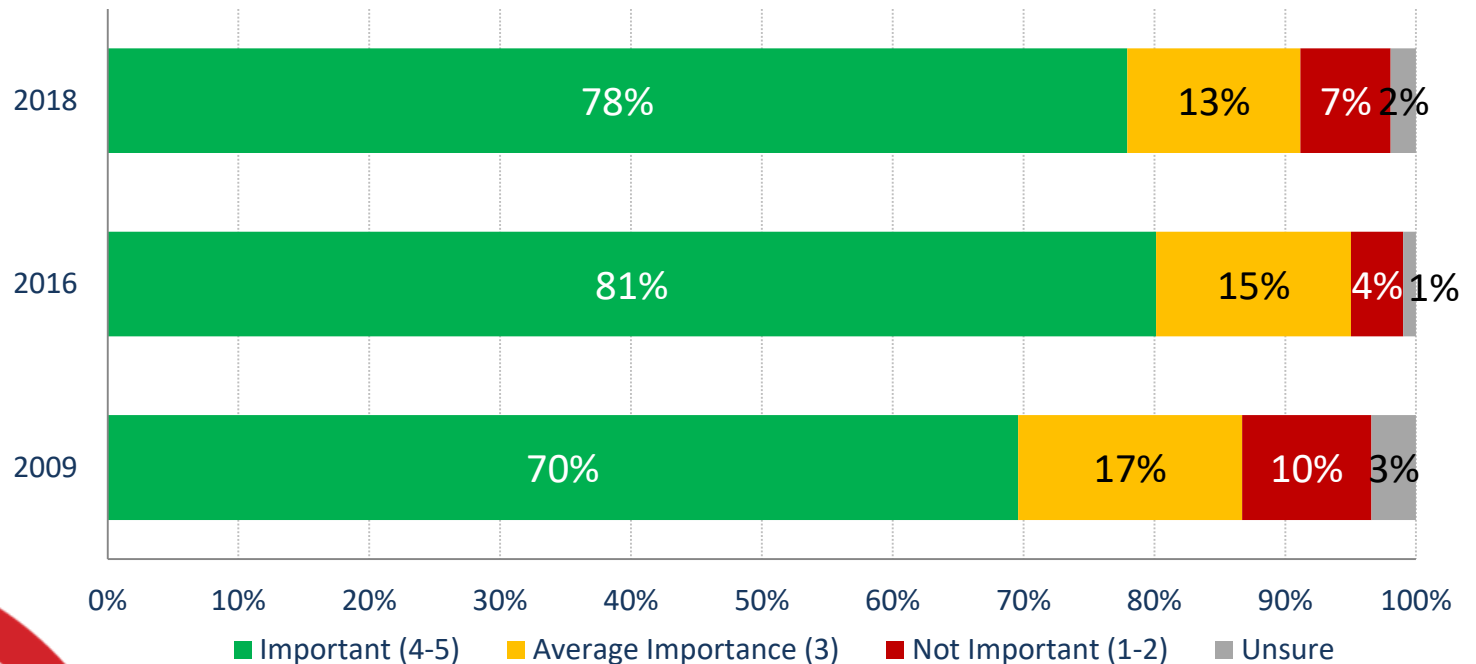
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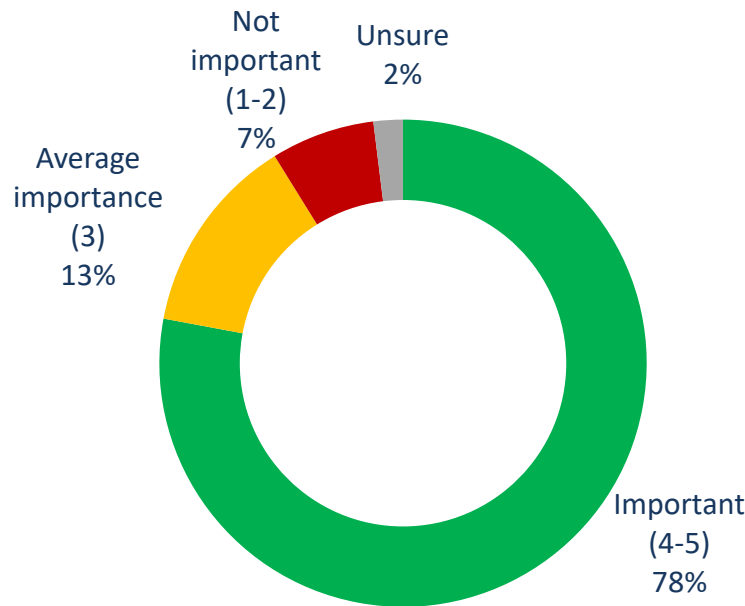
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Mean Score
4.2



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Quebec (n=250)	4.4
Ontario (n=300)	4.0
Prairies (n=200)	4.2
British Columbia (n=150)	4.2
Male (n=510)	4.1
Female (n=490)	4.3
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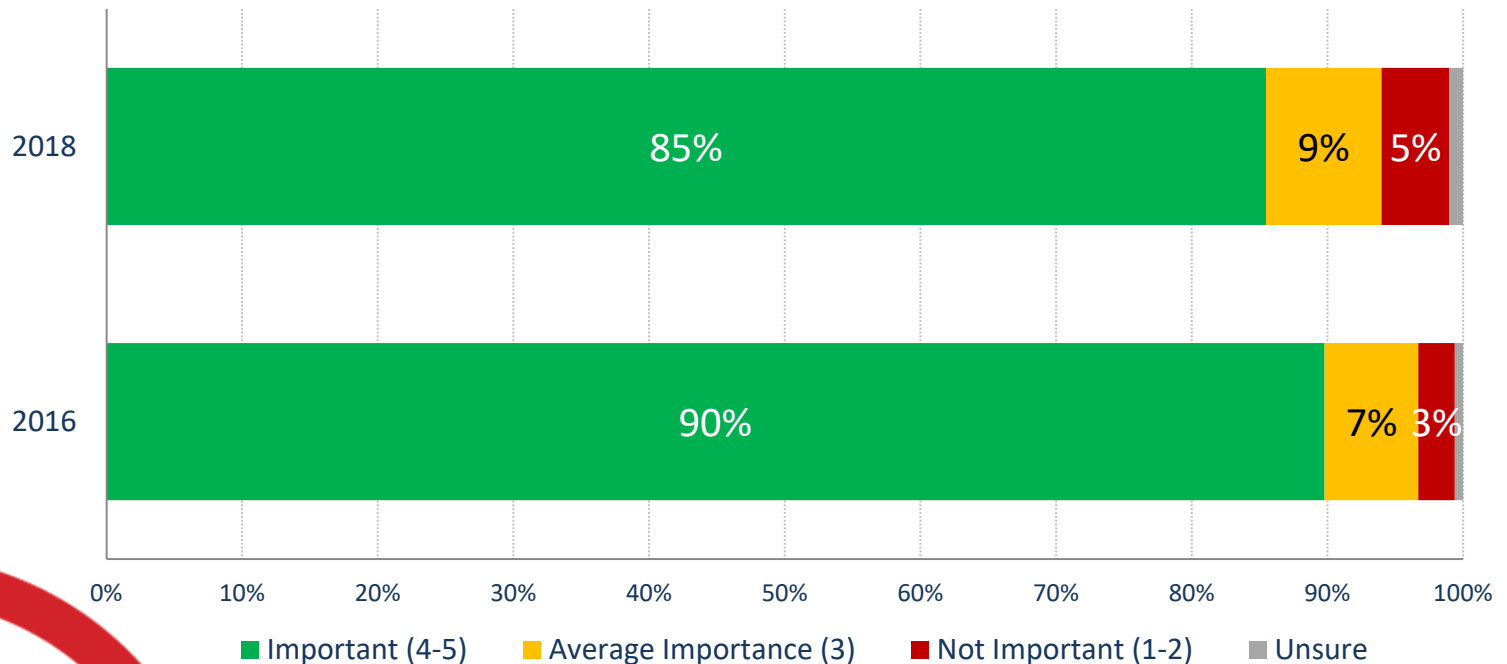
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Representing Canada's interests

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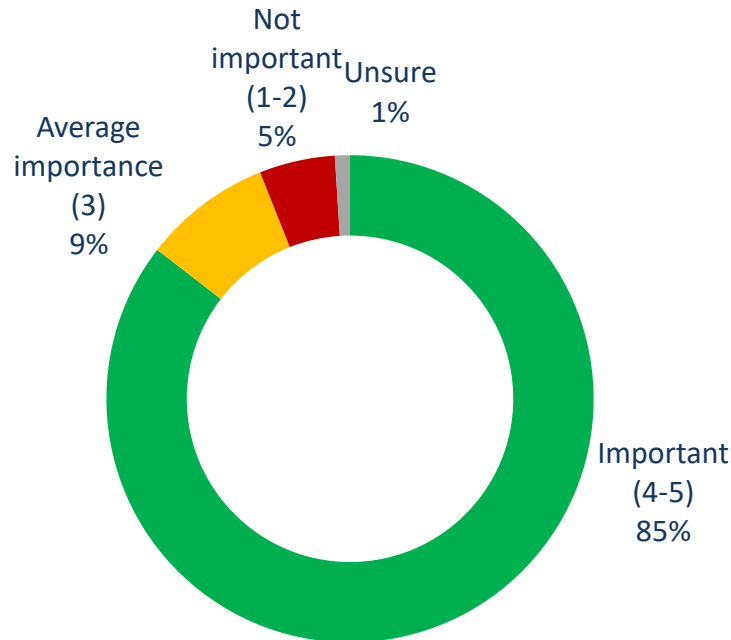
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Representing the interests of all Canadians

Representing Canadians' interests

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4.4



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Quebec (n=250)	4.5
Ontario (n=300)	4.4
Prairies (n=200)	4.4
British Columbia (n=150)	4.3
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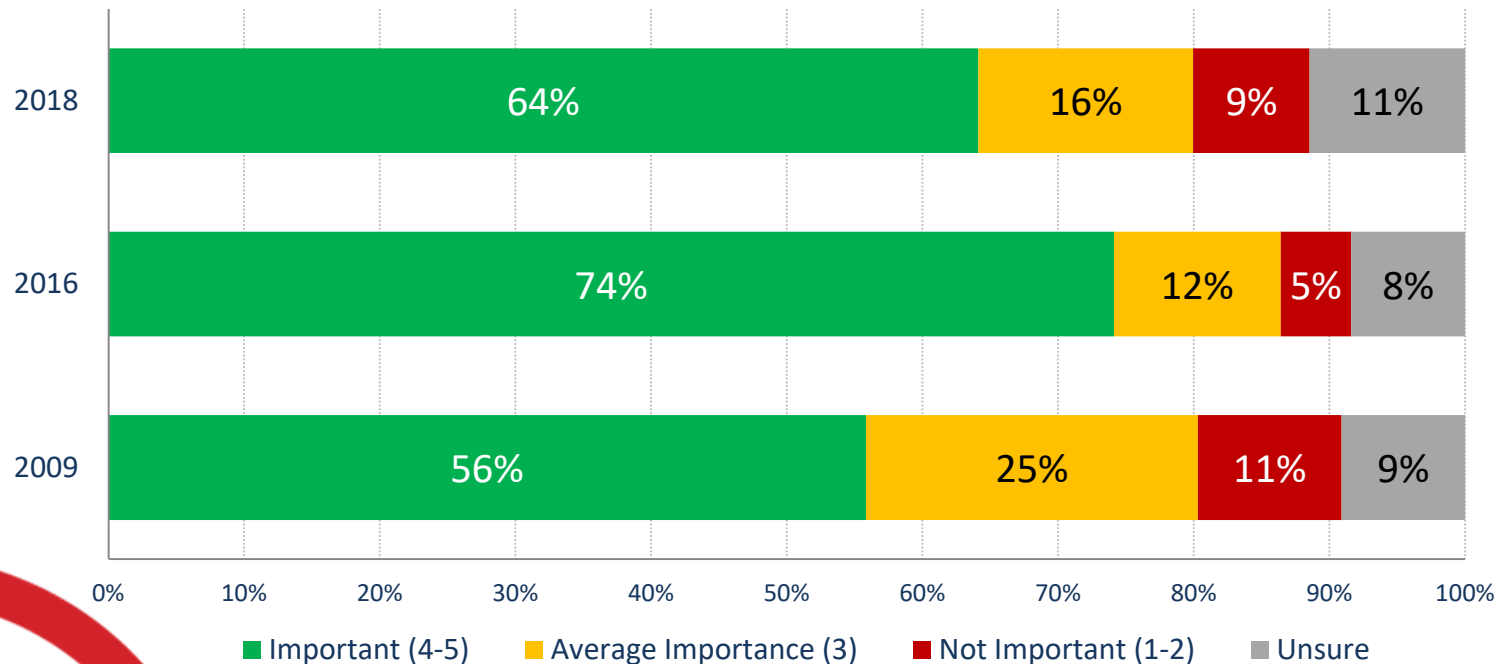
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Allowing more free votes

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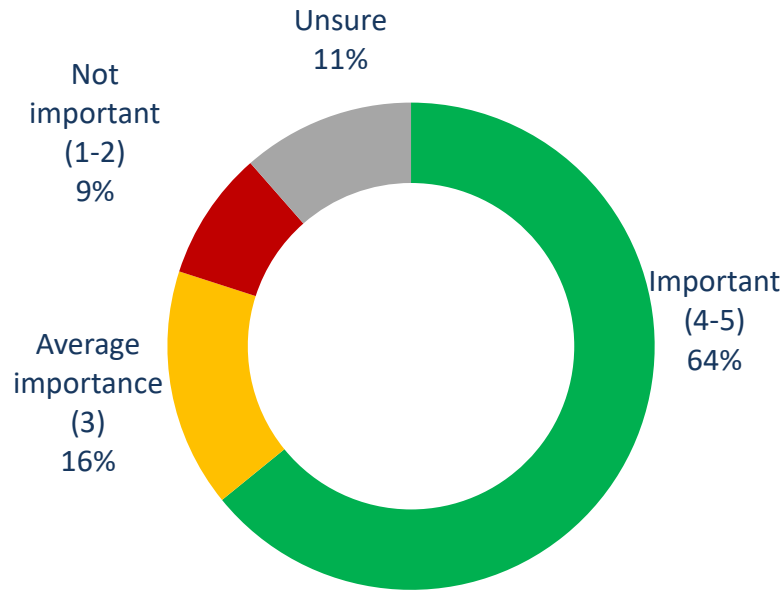
QUESTION – For each of the following elements, I'd like you to tell me how important or unimportant they are to keeping democracy strong in Canada. Please rate each from 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all important and 5 is very important. [ROTATE]

Allowing more free votes

Allowing more free votes

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 7th to 12th, 2018, n=1000 accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Mean Score
4.0



Subgroups	Mean
Atlantic (n=100)	5.7
Quebec (n=250)	1.9
Ontario (n=300)	5.0
Prairies (n=200)	5.4
British Columbia (n=150)	5.4
Male (n=510)	4.3
Female (n=490)	4.6
18 to 34 (n=214)	3.4
35 to 54 (n=376)	4.4
55 plus (n=410)	5.2

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

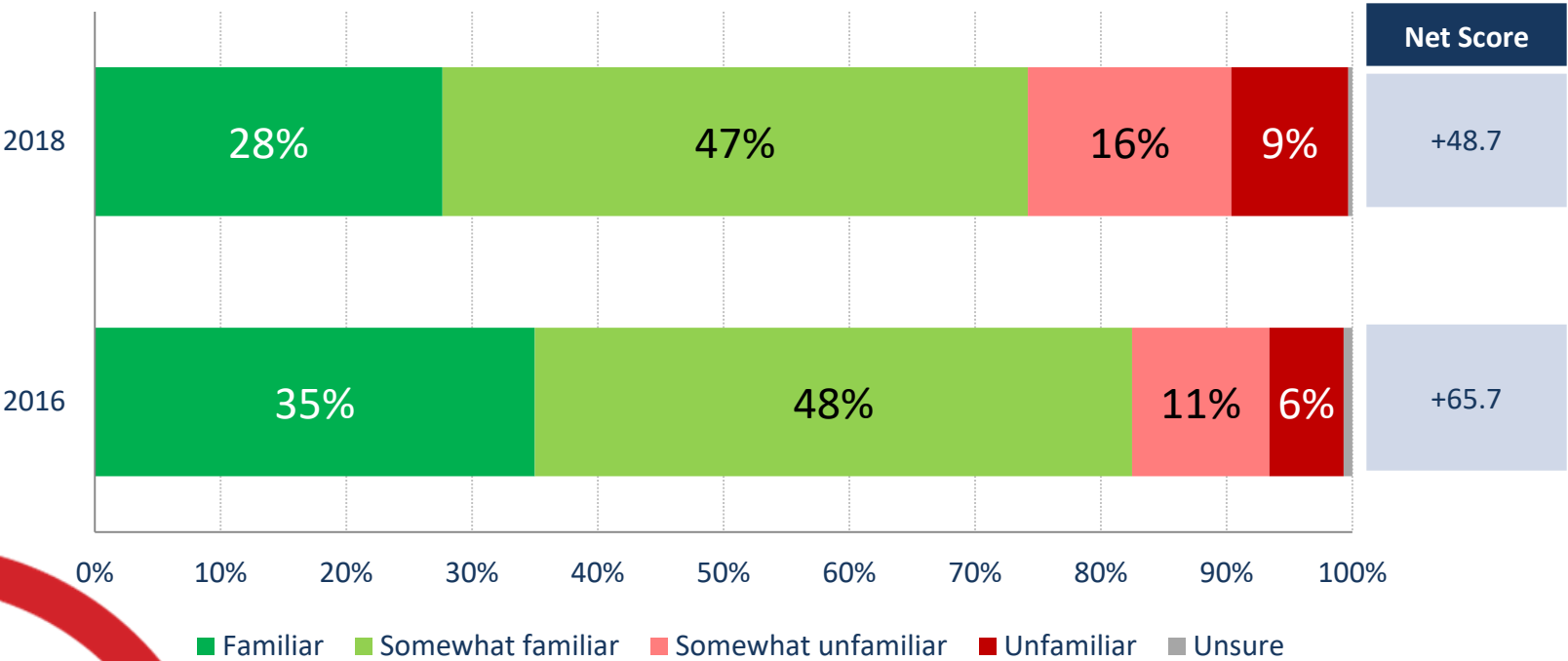
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Allowing more free votes

Familiarity with role of the Senate

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 7th to 12th, 2018, n=1000 accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 31st to April 4th, 2016, n=1000, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



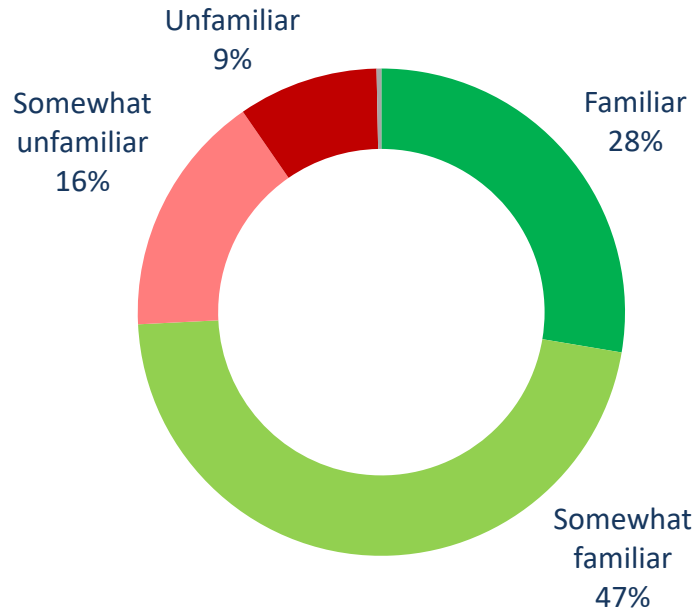
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QUESTION – Would you say that you are familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar or unfamiliar with the role of the Senate of Canada in the federation?

Familiarity with role of the Senate

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 7th to 12th, 2018, n=1000 accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Net Score
+48.7



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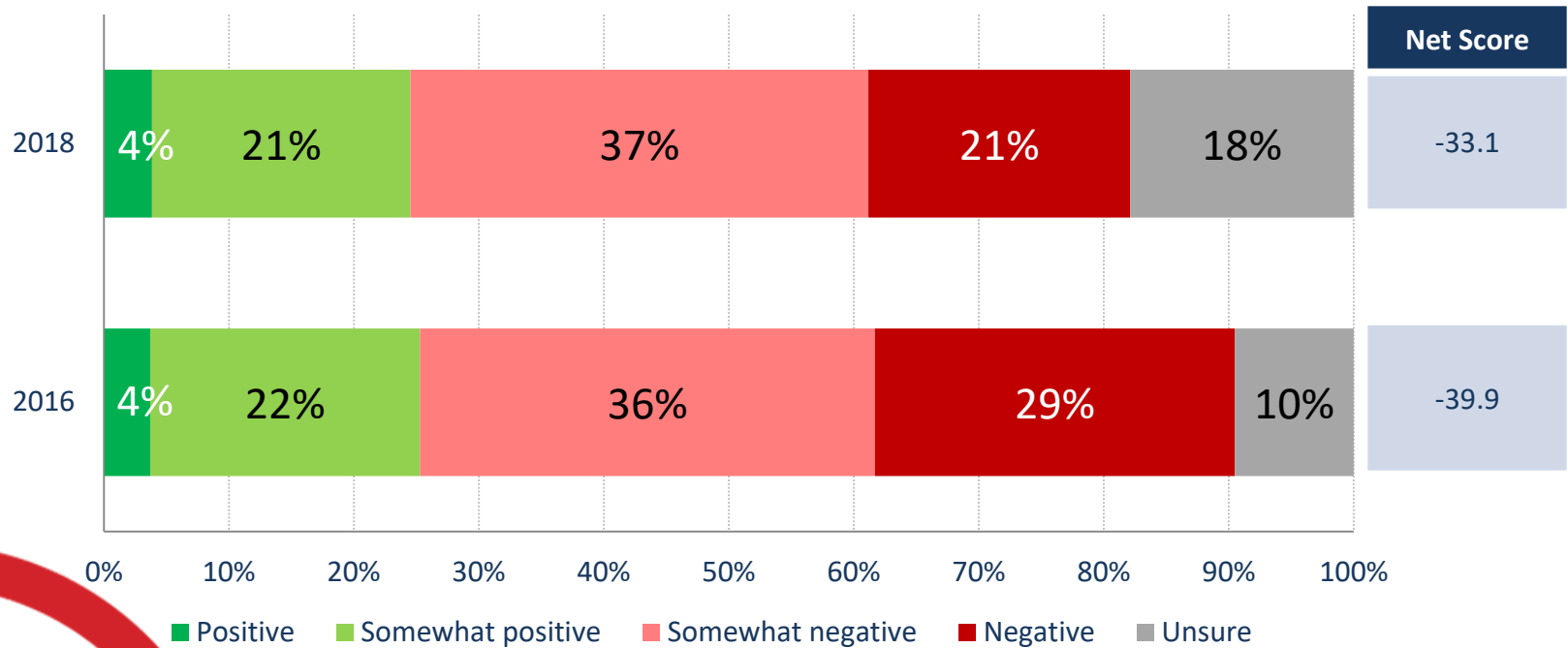
Subgroups	Familiar/ Somewhat familiar
Atlantic (n=100)	81.0%
Quebec (n=250)	62.5%
Ontario (n=300)	78.1%
Prairies (n=200)	79.3%
British Columbia (n=150)	74.6%
Male (n=510)	82.4%
Female (n=490)	66.3%
18 to 34 (n=214)	62.5%
35 to 54 (n=376)	75.1%
55 plus (n=410)	81.6%

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?

Impression of Senators

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 7th to 12th, 2018, n=1000 accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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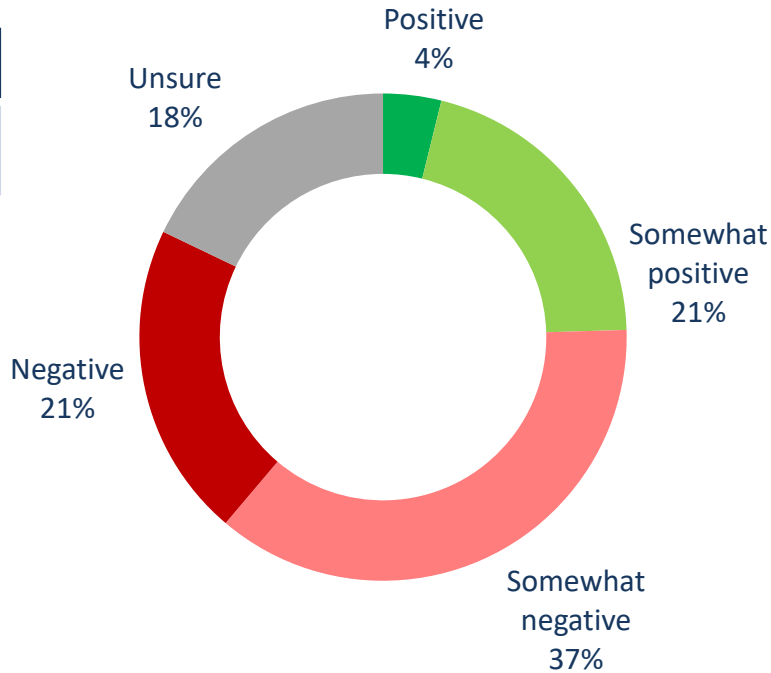
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QUESTION – Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Senator of Canada?

Impression of Senators

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 7th to 12th, 2018, n=1000 accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Net Score
-33.1



Subgroups	Negative/ Somewhat negative
Atlantic (n=100)	58.5%
Quebec (n=250)	54.3%
Ontario (n=300)	56.9%
Prairies (n=200)	62.2%
British Columbia (n=150)	57.6%
Male (n=510)	62.1%
Female (n=490)	53.2%
18 to 34 (n=214)	57.7%
35 to 54 (n=376)	58.0%
55 plus (n=410)	57.2%

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

Canadians' impressions of the Senate



Reasons for impression

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 Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 31st to April 4th, 2016, n=1000, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

	Positive/ Somewhat positive		Negative/ Somewhat negative		Unsure		Total	
	2016 (n=255)	2018 (n=222)	2016 (n=652)	2018 (n=511)	2016 (n=95)	2018 (n=113)	2016 (n=1002)	2018 (n=846)
It is too partisan/unaccountable/entitled	6.0%	11.4%	43.4%	58.6%	2.1%	5.3%	15.7%	20.7%
It's not useful / It doesn't accomplish much	1.8%	2.7%	29.1%	35.6%	5.3%	3.5%	10.1%	11.3%
It is an unelected/appointed body	4.1%	3.7%	26.4%	26.2%	1.1%	1.8%	9.5%	9.0%
Many Senators are hard-working public servants / They're not all bad	77.8%	61.0%	2.2%	1.2%	24.2%	7.1%	14.2%	8.6%
I don't know enough about the Senate to have an opinion	-	1.1%	1.5%	2.7%	17.9%	45.1%	2.2%	7.2%
Too many Senators involved in scandal/corruption	5.5%	1.1%	65.0%	20.7%	2.1%	3.5%	22.5%	6.9%
The Senate's purpose and the work it does/has done before is valuable	49.7%	42.5%	-	0.6%	-	0.9%	4.0%	6.1%
It's a waste of (tax-payers') money, public funds/cost too much	5.5%	1.1%	65.0%	19.6%	2.1%	0.9%	22.5%	5.6%

QUESTION – Why do you have that opinion? [Open-ended]

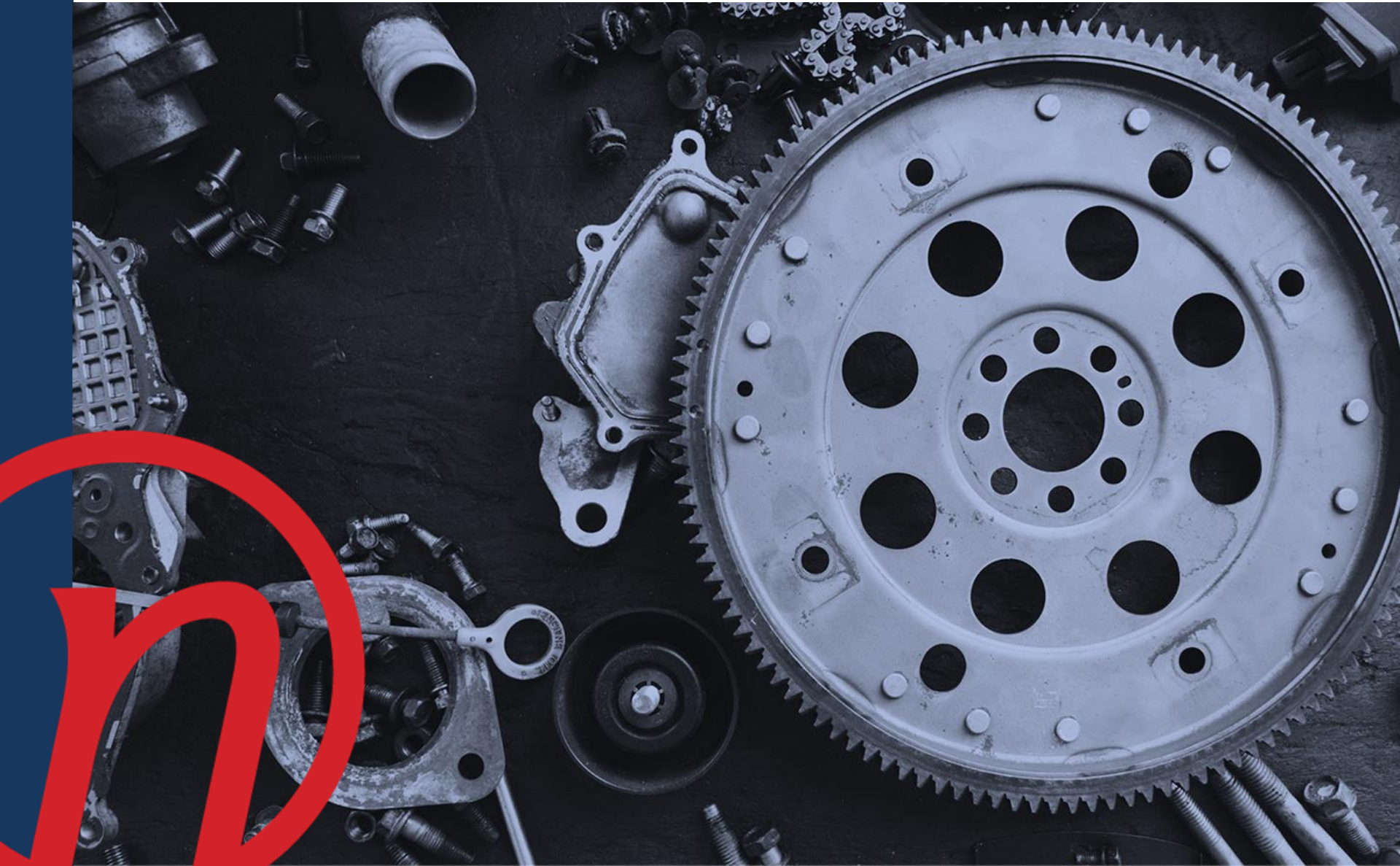
Reasons for impression

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	Positive/ Somewhat positive		Negative/ Somewhat negative		Unsure		Total	
	2016 (n=255)	2018 (n=222)	2016 (n=652)	2018 (n=511)	2016 (n=95)	2018 (n=113)	2016 (n=1002)	2018 (n=846)
It depends on the senator/ I know one/worked for one	6.0%	19.3%	43.4%	1.5%	2.1%	6.2%	15.7%	4.0%
It has a lot of bad press / I've seen media stories that reflect poorly on it	1.4%	-	10.5%	8.9%	4.2%	1.8%	4.3%	3.3%
The recent changes have improved my opinion/ increased Independents	4.1%	15.0%	26.4%	0.9%	1.1%	1.8%	9.5%	2.4%
The appointment criteria and process are flawed/ term limits	49.7%	1.6%	-	6.3%	-	0.9%	4.0%	2.4%
They are lazy/ out of touch/too old / obscures the good work done by others	77.8%	1.6%	2.2%	4.8%	24.2%	-	14.2%	2.0%
Not representative of Canadians/ don't have Canadian interests in mind	1.8%	3.9%	29.1%	4.3%	5.3%	1.8%	10.1%	1.9%
There isn't enough education/communication to the public about activities	1.4%	-	10.5%	2.6%	4.2%	8.0%	4.3%	1.9%
Other	20.9%	33.0%	8.6%	5.2%	14.7%	5.3%	6.9%	5.6%
Unsure	32.7%	1.1%	13.3%	0.3%	28.4%	6.2%	10.8%	1.2%

QUESTION – Why do you have that opinion? [Open-ended]

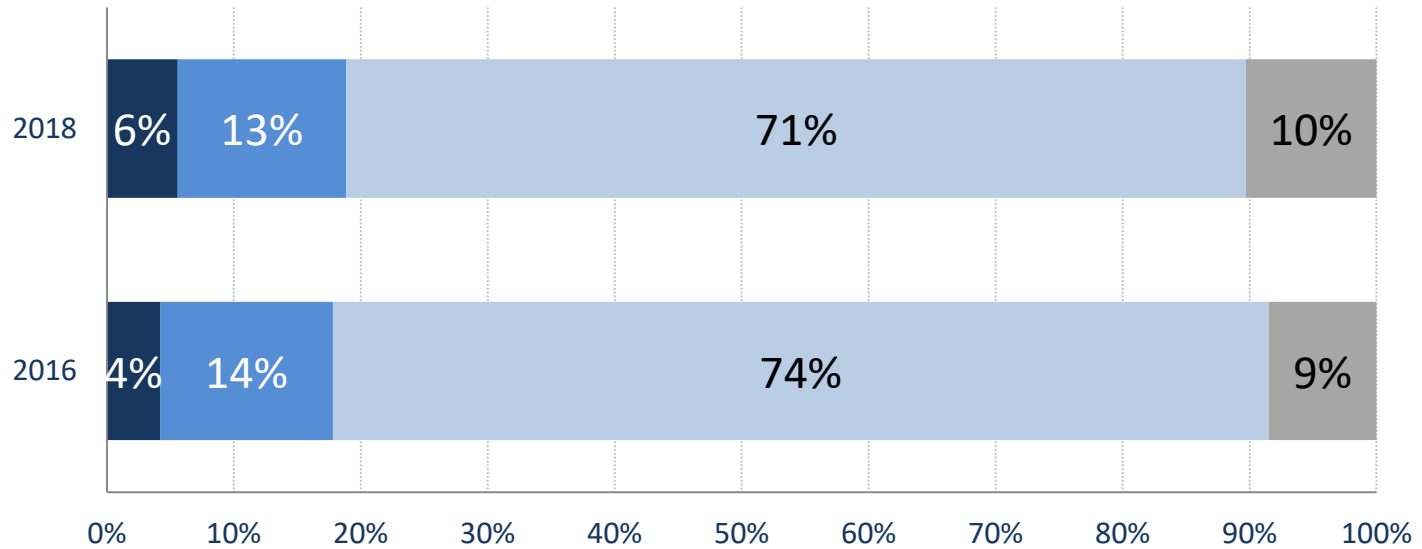
Senate of Canada working well



Preferred path for Senate

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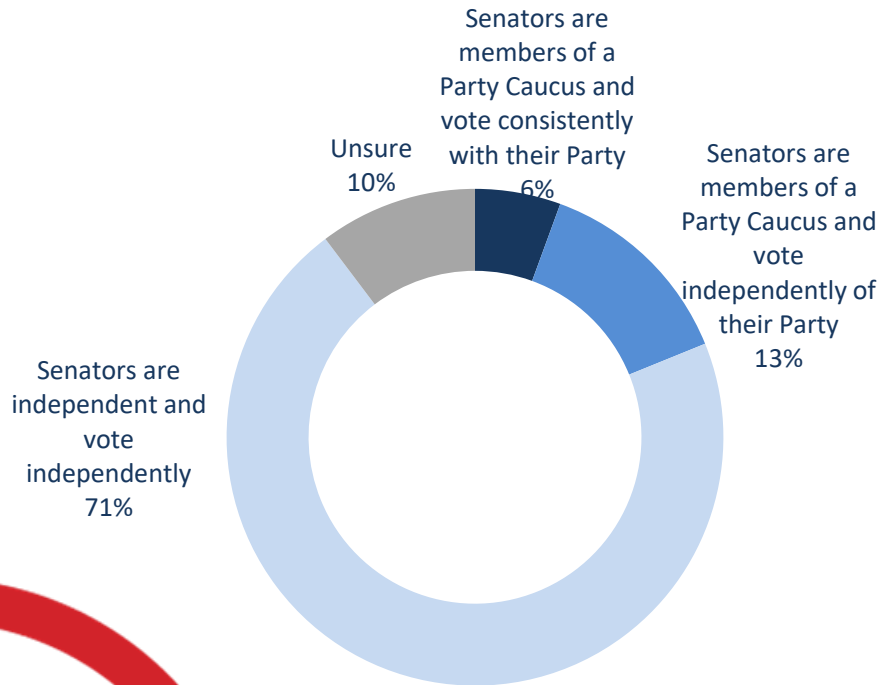
- Senators are members of a Party Caucus and vote consistently with their Party
- Senators are members of a Party Caucus and vote independently of their Party
- Senators are independent and vote independently
- Unsure

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

QUESTION – Thinking about the Senate in general and how it could function, which of three possible paths would you personally prefer [RANDOMIZE]

Preferred path for Senate

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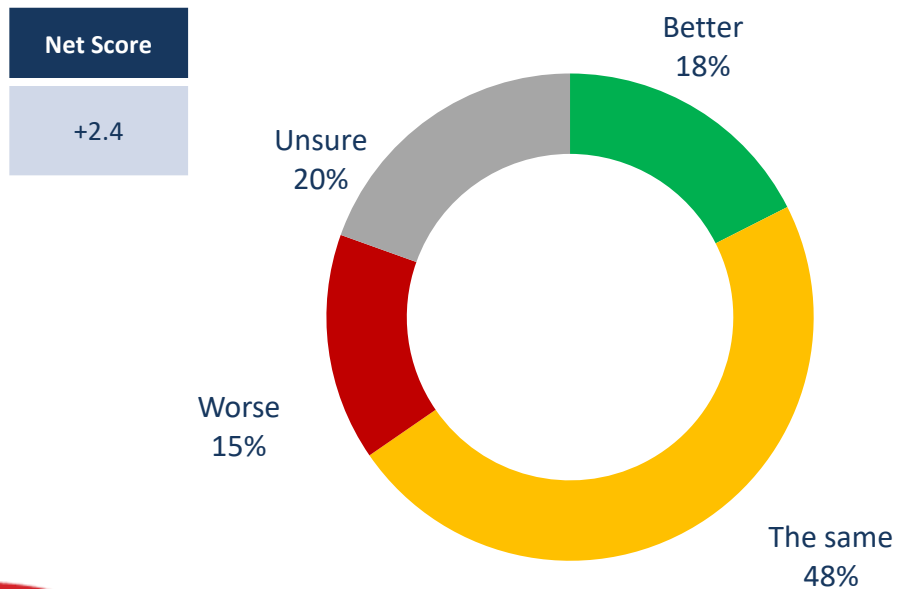
Subgroups	Senators are independent and vote independently
Atlantic (n=100)	76.7%
Quebec (n=250)	70.4%
Ontario (n=300)	67.4%
Prairies (n=200)	74.2%
British Columbia (n=150)	70.3%
Male (n=510)	71.2%
Female (n=490)	70.5%
18 to 34 (n=214)	68.3%
35 to 54 (n=376)	72.7%
55 plus (n=410)	71.0%

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QUESTION – Thinking about the Senate in general and how it could function, which of three possible paths would you personally prefer [RANDOMIZE]

Improvement of the Senate's functionality

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 7th to 12th, 2018, n=1000 accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



Subgroups	Same
Atlantic (n=100)	49.4%
Quebec (n=250)	51.4%
Ontario (n=300)	46.3%
Prairies (n=200)	45.6%
British Columbia (n=150)	47.0%
Male (n=510)	48.9%
Female (n=490)	46.8%
18 to 34 (n=214)	48.9%
35 to 54 (n=376)	46.5%
55 plus (n=410)	48.4%

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QUESTION – Based on what you have heard or seen, would you say that the Senate of Canada is functioning better, the same or worse compared to five years ago?

Recommendations to improve the Senate

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Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 31st to April 4th, 2016, n=1000, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

	2018 (n=802)	2016 (n=1000)
Make Senators electable	24.9%	20.8%
Abolish the Senate	23.7%	19.9%
Change the appointment criteria/process / Enforce term limits	14.5%	16.5%
Mandate Senators sit as independents / Make sure Senators are not affiliated with parties	11.3%	7.5%
Ensure the Senate is more accountable/transparent	5.9%	10%
Have better communication/education to public about what they do, their activities	2.8%	-
I don't know enough about the Senate to say / I have no recommendations	2.4%	1.6%
Effective enforcement of Senators' codes of ethics and conduct, their rules, discipline	2.0%	-
Reduce the number/salaries of Senators / Change the work the senate does	1.8%	1.9%
Reduce the number/salaries of Senators / Change the work the senate does	1.8%	1.9%
It needs a complete reform/ overhaul	1.8%	-
Increase/Change the Senate's powers	1.0%	-
Other	4.7%	7.7%
Unsure	3.3%	14.2%

QUESTION – If you had one recommendation to make to help improve the Senate of Canada, what would it be? [Open-ended]



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 7th and 12th, 2018 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 McCoy and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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Previous wave: Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,003 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between March 31st and April 4th, 2016, 2016 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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Technical Note

Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	Senator McCoy
Final Sample Size	1000 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.
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct
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	March 7 th to 12 th , 2018.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.

Element	Description
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 lines 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	Thirteen percent, 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 five of an omnibus survey. The preceding modules related to top issues of national concern, on the Minister of Finance's performance, healthcare, the performance of the federal government, trade, the Prime Minister's recent trip to India, and Homeowner Insurance.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
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			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 1 - Do you follow federal politics in Canada closely, somewhat closely, somewhat not closely or not closely at all?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Closely	%	33.1	27.5	25.7	38.0	36.1	35.4	40.3	26.2	26.0	32.6	38.5
	Somewhat closely	%	48.4	57.3	50.5	45.2	44.4	50.7	44.0	52.6	50.1	46.0	49.3
	Somewhat not closely	%	14.4	13.3	20.1	11.9	15.2	9.6	12.5	16.3	18.3	16.7	9.8
	Not closely at all	%	4.0	1.9	3.7	4.5	4.4	4.3	3.0	4.9	5.6	4.5	2.4
	Unsure	%	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0

			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 2 - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Member of Parliament?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Positive	%	11.4	11.0	10.8	12.0	10.1	13.1	8.7	14.0	8.8	12.4	12.3
	Somewhat positive	%	40.7	42.2	52.1	35.0	33.4	41.5	37.6	43.6	42.5	38.2	41.6
	Somewhat negative	%	24.1	27.8	20.5	27.5	25.0	19.3	26.9	21.3	27.3	23.7	22.1
	Negative impression	%	13.8	12.2	5.0	17.4	18.6	16.0	17.9	9.9	8.4	15.5	16.1
	Unsure	%	10.1	6.9	11.5	8.0	12.9	10.2	8.9	11.2	13.0	10.2	8.0

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Question 3 - Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN] * Question 2 - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Member of Parliament?

			Question 2 - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Member of Parliament?					
			Positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Negative impression	Unsure	Total
Question 3 – Why do you have that opinion? [Open]	It's not an easy job/under a lot of public scrutiny	Count	32	84	3	0	2	121
			31.1%	23.0%	1.3%	0.0%	2.7%	13.3%
	Most work hard for their ridings/Canada	Count	32	102	2	1	0	137
			31.1%	27.9%	0.9%	0.7%	0.0%	15.1%
	It's important for democracy/big responsibility	Count	3	7	3	0	0	13
			2.9%	1.9%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
	Too much corruption/scandals	Count	0	12	21	14	1	48
			0.0%	3.3%	9.2%	10.4%	1.3%	5.3%
	I do not like/agree with my MP	Count	0	4	31	46	2	83
			0.0%	1.1%	13.5%	34.3%	2.7%	9.2%
It depends on the person	Count	5	42	7	2	30	86	
		4.9%	11.5%	3.1%	1.5%	40.0%	9.5%	
They are paid too much/entitled/in it for themselves	Count	0	5	53	24	4	86	
		0.0%	1.4%	23.1%	17.9%	5.3%	9.5%	
Too much spending/spend on their own ridings only	Count	0	1	0	1	0	2	
		0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	
I trust their judgement/respect them/ I like my MP	Count	23	52	0	0	0	75	
		22.3%	14.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	
	Count	0	0	16	3	0	19	

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Question 2 - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Member of Parliament?

		Positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Negative impression	Unsure	Total
They make promises they don't plan to keep		0.0%	0.0%	7.0%	2.2%	0.0%	2.1%
They don't get the issues of regular Canadians	Count	0	1	5	5	0	11
		0.0%	0.3%	2.2%	3.7%	0.0%	1.2%
No transparency/hard to tell if they're doing anything/distrust	Count	2	10	35	19	4	70
		1.9%	2.7%	15.3%	14.2%	5.3%	7.7%
They are too partisan/forced to toe the party line	Count	1	11	34	13	2	61
		1.0%	3.0%	14.8%	9.7%	2.7%	6.7%
I don't really know what MPs do	Count	0	0	0	0	4	4
		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.4%
They have little power/cannot get things done	Count	0	4	12	3	2	21
		0.0%	1.1%	5.2%	2.2%	2.7%	2.3%
I know/have met an MP/MPs	Count	1	12	1	0	0	14
		1.0%	3.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%
Other	Count	4	17	6	3	5	35
		3.9%	4.6%	2.6%	2.2%	6.7%	3.9%
Unsure	Count	0	2	0	0	19	21
		0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	25.3%	2.3%
Total	Count	103	366	229	134	75	907
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Question 4 – When you think of the Senate of Canada, what words come to mind? [Open]	Ineffective/pointless	207	20.7	21.2	21.2
	Waste of money	118	11.8	12.1	33.3
	Outdated	71	7.1	7.2	40.6
	Balance of power/second thought on laws	68	6.8	7.0	47.5
	Full of old people/old men	59	5.9	6.1	53.6
	In need of reform	59	5.9	6.0	59.6
	It's good/does important work	58	5.8	5.9	65.5
	Corruption/not trustworthy	56	5.6	5.7	71.3
	Should be elected	48	4.8	5.0	76.2
	It should be abolished	35	3.5	3.6	79.8
	Unsure	33	3.3	3.4	83.2
	Overpaid	33	3.3	3.4	86.6
	Don't know what they do/pay no attention	28	2.8	2.8	89.4
	A private club	24	2.4	2.4	91.8
	A dysfunctional mess/a joke	24	2.4	2.4	94.2
	Other	23	2.3	2.4	96.6
	Too partisan	10	1.0	1.1	97.7
	Traditional/formal	10	1.0	1.1	98.7
	It's a level of government	5	0.5	0.5	99.3
	Lazy	4	0.4	0.4	99.7
Childish actions	2	0.2	0.2	99.9	
Democratic/protects our freedoms	1	0.1	0.1	100.0	
	Total	975	97.5	100.0	
Missing	No answer	25	2.5		
Total		1000	100.0		

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			Region					Gender		Age			
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 5 - Having government legislation and policies independently reviewed	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
		Mean	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9
	Not at all important (1)	%	3.0	1.7	0.9	5.2	3.6	2.5	4.0	2.1	2.0	3.1	3.6
	2	%	6.5	3.9	3.9	6.3	11.3	6.6	8.3	4.8	5.9	5.6	7.7
	3	%	17.7	16.9	16.4	18.9	17.1	18.7	17.9	17.5	18.3	17.6	17.4
	4	%	31.3	35.5	29.8	33.1	31.2	27.9	32.3	30.4	37.8	28.9	28.9
	Very important (5)	%	36.3	40.0	39.8	32.9	34.0	37.7	33.8	38.7	30.5	38.8	38.1
	Unsure	%	5.1	2.0	9.2	3.6	2.8	6.6	3.6	6.6	5.4	6.0	4.2

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			Region					Gender		Age			
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 6 - Having reasonable representation of women and minorities in parliament	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
		Mean	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.2	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.5
	Not at all important (1)	%	11.5	9.9	8.8	8.7	21.1	9.8	15.3	7.8	10.5	10.9	12.8
	2	%	10.9	2.7	11.4	11.6	14.4	9.9	13.8	8.2	13.2	8.8	11.2
	3	%	20.1	21.3	13.0	22.8	22.2	22.9	25.5	14.9	17.6	21.8	20.3
	4	%	23.4	27.0	28.1	21.4	20.7	20.5	25.7	21.1	22.0	23.4	24.3
	Very important (5)	%	33.2	39.1	37.6	34.1	21.7	35.3	18.8	47.0	35.8	34.2	30.5
	Unsure	%	0.9	0.0	1.1	1.4	0.0	1.6	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9

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			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 7 - Giving voice to Canada's regions	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
		Mean	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2
	Not at all important (1)	%	3.3	2.7	1.2	4.6	4.0	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.5	3.5	3.6
	2	%	3.6	2.6	3.9	2.9	5.1	3.3	5.1	2.2	5.0	2.9	3.2
	3	%	13.2	6.9	11.0	18.6	11.1	13.2	15.6	11.0	10.2	16.1	12.9
	4	%	28.4	34.3	24.4	33.8	25.0	24.6	30.0	26.8	32.9	28.7	24.9
	Very important (5)	%	49.6	52.3	58.5	38.5	51.6	52.2	43.5	55.4	47.0	47.5	53.2
	Unsure	%	1.9	1.0	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.1	2.0	1.9	2.4	1.3	2.2

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			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 8 - Representing the interests of all Canadians	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
		Mean	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4
	Not at all important (1)	%	2.7	3.6	1.1	1.7	5.3	3.6	2.4	3.1	2.1	2.0	3.9
	2	%	2.3	0.8	3.6	2.3	1.8	1.8	2.9	1.7	2.6	3.2	1.2
	3	%	8.5	7.4	6.6	8.8	8.3	12.2	9.3	7.8	8.3	7.2	9.8
	4	%	21.6	15.3	21.4	24.0	20.6	22.6	22.8	20.5	27.6	20.9	18.0
	Very important (5)	%	63.9	71.9	66.4	62.1	63.6	58.5	61.4	66.2	58.6	65.9	65.8
	Unsure	%	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.5	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.3

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			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 9 - Allowing more free votes	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
		Mean	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1
	Not at all important (1)	%	4.4	5.7	1.9	5.0	5.4	5.4	4.3	4.6	3.4	4.4	5.2
	2	%	4.1	2.0	2.2	6.1	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.3	6.4	4.7	2.1
	3	%	15.8	15.8	13.8	19.7	12.5	16.0	14.7	16.9	18.0	15.0	15.1
	4	%	22.3	22.4	19.5	22.3	23.7	25.2	25.5	19.3	21.1	22.1	23.3
	Very important (5)	%	41.8	44.7	53.3	33.7	41.9	36.9	44.8	38.9	35.8	41.0	46.7
	Unsure	%	11.5	9.4	9.2	13.3	11.9	12.4	6.7	16.1	15.3	12.8	7.6

			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 10 - Would you say that you are familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar or unfamiliar with the role of the Senate of Canada in the federation?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Familiar	%	27.6	33.2	18.8	33.9	24.5	30.4	35.5	20.1	22.6	30.4	28.7
	Somewhat familiar	%	46.6	47.8	43.6	44.2	54.9	44.1	47.0	46.2	39.9	44.6	52.9
	Somewhat unfamiliar	%	16.2	14.3	22.6	14.3	12.3	15.6	13.0	19.3	23.0	14.7	12.8
	Unfamiliar	%	9.3	4.6	14.4	7.5	8.0	9.2	4.5	14.0	14.6	9.8	5.2
	Unsure	%	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4

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			Region					Gender		Age			
			Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question 11 - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Senator of Canada?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Positive	%	3.9	4.8	4.0	4.7	3.1	2.2	4.0	3.8	1.8	4.5	4.7
	Somewhat positive	%	20.7	20.4	21.3	20.5	20.9	19.8	21.1	20.2	20.4	18.2	23.0
	Somewhat negative	%	36.7	29.9	40.3	35.0	38.2	36.2	38.0	35.4	39.5	37.0	34.3
	Negative	%	20.9	28.6	14.0	21.9	24.0	21.4	24.1	17.9	18.2	20.9	22.8
	Unsure	%	17.9	16.3	20.4	17.8	13.7	20.4	12.8	22.8	20.1	19.3	15.1

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Question 12 - Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN] * Question 11 - Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Senator of Canada?

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			Positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Negative	Unsure	Total
Question 12 – Why do you have that opinion? [Open]	It is an unelected/appointed body	Count	0	7	43	24	2	76
			0.0%	3.7%	13.1%	13.0%	1.8%	9.0%
	Many Senators are hard-working public servants / They're not all bad	Count	12	50	2	1	8	73
			34.3%	26.7%	0.6%	0.5%	7.1%	8.6%
	Too many Senators involved in scandal/corruption	Count	0	2	32	20	4	58
			0.0%	1.1%	9.8%	10.9%	3.5%	6.9%
	It is too partisan/unaccountable/entitled	Count	1	16	101	51	6	175
			2.9%	8.6%	30.9%	27.7%	5.3%	20.7%
	It has a lot of bad press / I've seen media stories that reflect poorly on it	Count	0	0	22	4	2	28
			0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	2.2%	1.8%	3.3%
It's not useful / It doesn't accomplish much	Count	0	5	49	38	4	96	
		0.0%	2.7%	15.0%	20.7%	3.5%	11.3%	
The Senate's purpose and the work it does/has done before is valuable	Count	7	42	2	0	1	52	
		20.0%	22.5%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	6.1%	
I don't know enough about the Senate to have an opinion	Count	0	2	7	1	51	61	
		0.0%	1.1%	2.1%	0.5%	45.1%	7.2%	
It's a waste of (tax-payers') money, public funds/ cost too much	Count	0	2	18	26	1	47	
		0.0%	1.1%	5.5%	14.1%	0.9%	5.6%	

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		Positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Negative	Unsure	Total
It depends on the senator/ I know one/worked for one	Count	3	20	3	1	7	34
		8.6%	10.7%	0.9%	0.5%	6.2%	4.0%
They are lazy/ out of touch/too old / obscures the good work done by others	Count	0	3	12	2	0	17
		0.0%	1.6%	3.7%	1.1%	0.0%	2.0%
Not representative of Canadians/ don't have Canadian interests in mind	Count	1	2	7	4	2	16
		2.9%	1.1%	2.1%	2.2%	1.8%	1.9%
The recent changes have improved my opinion/ increased Independents	Count	3	12	3	0	2	20
		8.6%	6.4%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	2.4%
There isn't enough education/communication to the public about activities	Count	0	0	5	2	9	16
		0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%	8.0%	1.9%
The appointment criteria and process are flawed/ term limits	Count	0	3	10	6	1	20
		0.0%	1.6%	3.1%	3.3%	0.9%	2.4%
Other	Count	8	19	10	4	6	47
		22.9%	10.2%	3.1%	2.2%	5.3%	5.6%
Unsure	Count	0	2	1	0	7	10
		0.0%	1.1%	0.3%	0.0%	6.2%	1.2%
Total	Count	35	187	327	184	113	846
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Question 13 - Thinking about the Senate in general and how it could function, which of three possible paths would you personally prefer?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Senators are members of a Party Caucus and vote consistently with their Party	%	5.6	2.0	8.2	5.9	3.4	5.8	6.6	4.6	7.5	5.6	4.2
	Senators are members of a Party Caucus and vote independently of their Party	%	13.3	12.4	10.9	14.9	14.6	12.8	12.9	13.6	12.7	11.3	15.4
	Senators are independent and vote independently	%	70.9	76.7	70.4	67.4	74.2	70.3	71.2	70.5	68.3	72.7	71.0
	Unsure	%	10.3	8.9	10.5	11.8	7.8	11.1	9.3	11.2	11.6	10.3	9.4

		Region							Gender		Age		
		Canada 2018-02	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus	
Question 14 - Based on what you have heard or seen, would you say that the Senate of Canada is functioning better, the same or worse compared to five years ago?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	510	490	214	376	410
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Better	%	17.5	15.9	19.0	19.3	15.1	15.8	19.2	16.0	14.8	14.9	21.7
	The same	%	47.9	49.4	51.4	46.3	45.6	47.0	48.9	46.8	48.9	46.5	48.4
	Worse	%	15.1	16.0	7.4	18.4	22.2	11.3	17.5	12.8	11.7	15.7	16.9
	Unsure	%	19.5	18.6	22.3	16.0	17.0	25.9	14.4	24.4	24.5	23.0	13.0

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Question 15 – If you had one recommendation to make to help improve the Senate of Canada, what would it be? [Open]	Make Senators electable	200	20.0	24.9	24.9
	Abolish the Senate	190	19.0	23.7	48.6
	Change the appointment criteria/process / Enforce term limits	116	11.6	14.5	63.1
	Mandate Senators sit as independents / Make sure Senators are not affiliated with parties	91	9.1	11.3	74.4
	Ensure the Senate is more accountable/transparent	47	4.7	5.9	80.3
	Other	38	3.8	4.7	84.9
	Unsure	27	2.7	3.3	88.3
	Have better communication/education to public about what they do, their activities	23	2.3	2.8	91.1
	I don't know enough about the Senate to say / I have no recommendations	19	1.9	2.4	93.5
	Effective enforcement of Senators' codes of ethics and conduct, their rules, discipline	16	1.6	2.0	95.4
	Reduce the number/salaries of Senators / Change the work the senate does	15	1.5	1.8	97.3
	It needs a complete reform/ overhaul	14	1.4	1.8	99.0
	Increase/Change the Senate's powers	8	0.8	1.0	100.0
	Total	802	80.2	100.0	
Missing	No answer	198	19.8		
Total		1000	100.0		

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