### Most Canadians agree or somewhat agree that companies should commit to maintaining jobs in Canada if they accept financial assistance

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### **SUMMARY**



Seven in ten agree that companies should commit to keeping jobs in Canada before accepting financial aid

More than nine in ten Canadians say that they agree or somewhat agree that companies should make a legal commitment to maintain a certain number of jobs in Canada for a certain number of years before accepting financial assistance from the government. Over six in ten say Crown corporations should factor all aspects when making purchasing decisions, compared to less than a third who say they should be obligated to buy from Canadian companies. Over half oppose or somewhat oppose spending tax dollars on energy companies. A similar number say government should provide incentives to attract new investors to the Cape Breton call centre.

- More than half of Canadians oppose or somewhat oppose spending tax dollars on energy companies Just over half of Canadians oppose (26%) or somewhat oppose (29%) the government spending tax dollars to support energy companies. Almost two in five support (13%) or somewhat support (25%) such spending. Seven per cent are unsure.
- Over half of Canadians say government should provide new financial incentives to attract new investors to the Cape Breton call centre Asked which of three approaches the government should take given the closure of a call centre in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, 56 per cent say the government should give new financial incentives to attract new investors to take over the call centre, 21 per cent say the government should do nothing to keep the business open and six per cent say the government should provide more loans and other incentives to the US based owners of the business to allow it to keep the 700 jobs in Cape Breton. Sixteen per cent are unsure.
- More than nine in ten Canadians agree or somewhat agree that companies should accept legal commitment to maintain jobs in Canada before accepting government financial assistance Over nine in ten Canadians agree (70%) or somewhat agree (22%) that companies should have to accept a legal commitment to maintain a certain number of jobs in Canada for a certain number of years before accepting government financial assistance. Three per cent somewhat disagree and two per cent disagree. Three per cent are unsure.

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Over three in five say Crown corporations should factor all aspects during procurement

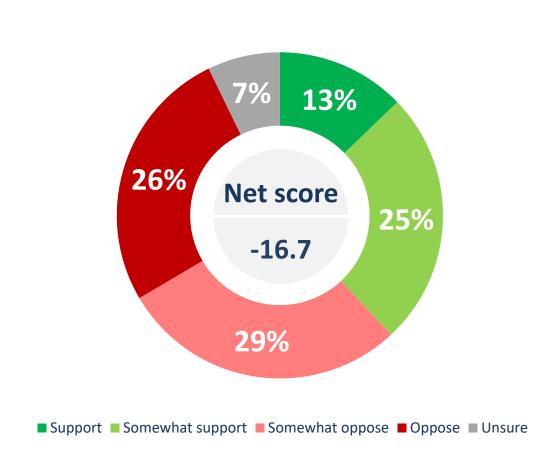
More than six in ten Canadians say Crown corporations should consider all aspects when
purchasing – Just over three in five Canadians (62%) say Crown corporations like VIA rail should
factor in all aspects of a potential purchase including price, value and ability to deliver even if it
means not purchasing from a Canadian company, while 29 per cent say Crown corporations like
VIA Rail should be obligated to buy from Canadian companies regardless of any other outstanding
issues. Nine per cent are unsure.

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

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# Spending tax dollars on energy companies





	Oppose/ Somewhat oppose
Atlantic (n=100)	47.7%
Quebec (n=250)	64.0%
Ontario (n=300)	48.1%
Prairies (n=200)	48.8%
British Columbia (n=150)	65.6%
Male (n=522)	58.0%
Female (n=478)	51.7%
18 to 34 (n=256)	52.1%
35 to 54 (n=392)	56.3%
55 plus (n=352)	55.2%

<sup>\*</sup>Weighted to the true population proportion.

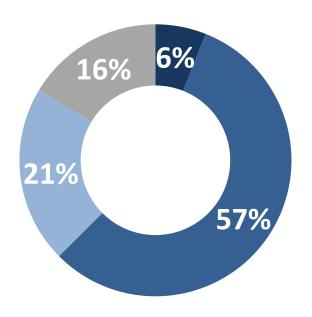
**QUESTION** – The federal government has announced plans to provide 1.5 billion dollars in support for the Canadian energy sector because of the negative impact of the low price of oil. Do you support, somewhat oppose or oppose the government spending tax dollars to support energy companies?

<sup>\*</sup>Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

# Government loans to Cape Breton call centre employees



Government



■ Government should provide more loans and other incentives to the
company to allow it to keep the 700 jobs in Cape Breton

- Government give new financial incentives to attract new investors to take over the call centre
- The government should do nothing to keep the business open or attract new investors
- Unsure

	incentives to attract new investors
Atlantic (n=100)	56.2%
Quebec (n=250)	53.4%
Ontario (n=300)	61.9%
Prairies (n=200)	58.3%
British Columbia (n=150)	47.4%
Male (n=522)	50.5%
Female (n=478)	61.9%
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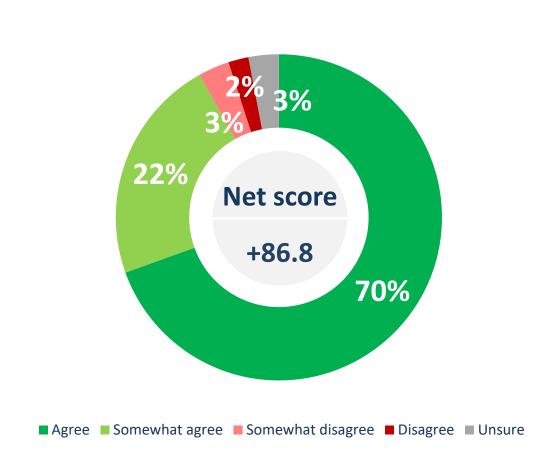
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**QUESTION** – Almost 700 workers at a call centre in financially depressed Cape Breton Nova Scotia lost their jobs when the US based owners of the business declared bankruptcy. The centre has received loans from the Government of Canada and payroll tax rebates to encourage the business to operate. Which of the following would be the best approach for governments to take with the closure and loss of jobs?

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# Legal commitment to maintain Canadian jobs





	Agree/ Somewhat agree
Atlantic (n=100)	89.8%
Quebec (n=250)	96.6%
Ontario (n=300)	92.4%
Prairies (n=200)	89.0%
British Columbia (n=150)	87.6%
Male (n=522)	92.2%
Female (n=478)	91.4%
18 to 34 (n=256)	88.2%
35 to 54 (n=392)	91.1%
55 plus (n=352)	94.9%

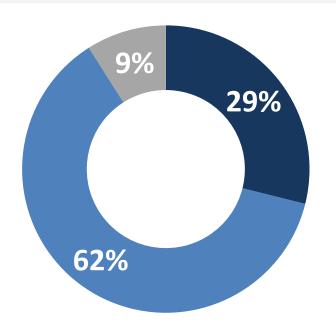
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**QUESTION** – Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that companies should have to accept a legal commitment to maintain a certain number of jobs in Canada for a certain number of years before accepting government financial assistance?

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## Crown corporations contracts





■ Crown corporations like VIA Rail should be obligated to buy from Canadian companies	
regardless of any other outstanding issues	

■ Crown corporations like VIA rail should factor in all aspects of a potential purchase including
price, value and ability to deliver even if it means not purchasing from a Canadian company

■ Unsure

	Factor all aspects
Atlantic (n=100)	52.1%
Quebec (n=250)	50.3%
Ontario (n=300)	70.4%
Prairies (n=200)	71.1%
British Columbia (n=150)	59.8%
Male (n=522)	66.7%
Female (n=478)	57.6%
18 to 34 (n=256)	64.3%
35 to 54 (n=392)	63.0%
55 plus (n=352)	59.7%

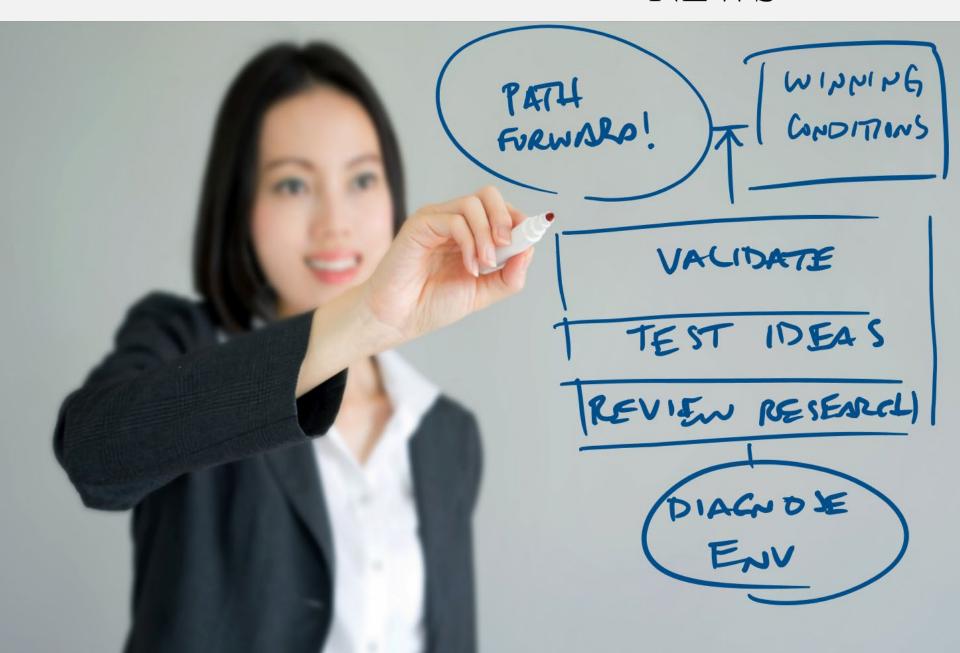
<sup>\*</sup>Weighted to the true population proportion.

**QUESTION** – As you may know, Montreal based Bombardier was not selected for a recent VIA Rail contract to supply rail cars due in part to production problems on other projects. Which of the following is closer to your view?

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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 December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

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

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

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# **TECHNICAL NOTE**



Element	Description	Element	Description				
Organization who commissioned the research	CTV News	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	1,000 Randomly selected individuals.		Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the				
Margin of Error	$\pm 3.1$ percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Screening	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.				
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Excluded	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or				
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Demographics	cell line could not participate.  By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and				
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.	Stratification	the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.				
		Estimated Response Rate	Nine percent, consistent with industry norms.				
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.				
Fieldwork/Validation  Number of Calls	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work  Maximum of five call backs.	Question Content	This was module one of an omnibus survey. This is report one (1) of two (2). The other report contains questions about the Canadian economy.				
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.				
Field Dates	December 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 to January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.	Survey Company	Nanos Research				
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co				
Standards	This report meets the standards set forth by ESOMAR.	Collidet	Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.				

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# **TABULATIONS**





					Reg	gion	Gender				Age		
			Canada 2018-12	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - The federal government has announced plans to provide 1.5 billion	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	522	478	256	392	352
dollars in support for the Canadian energy sector		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
because of the negative impact of the low price of oil.  Do you support, somewhat	Support	%	12.8	15.1	6.8	14.6	20.7	6.8	14.7	10.9	14.0	11.6	12.9
support, somewhat oppose or oppose the government	Somewhat support	%	25.3	29.8	22.6	28.7	25.3	19.7	23.3	27.1	24.9	23.5	27.0
spending tax dollars to support energy companies?	Somewhat oppose	%	28.5	25.9	36.5	25.0	27.5	25.4	28.7	28.4	24.3	29.0	31.0
	Oppose	%	26.3	21.8	27.5	23.1	21.3	40.2	29.3	23.3	27.8	27.3	24.2
	Unsure	%	7.2	7.5	6.7	8.6	5.2	7.8	4.0	10.3	9.0	8.5	4.8

			Region							ender		Age		
			Canada 2018-12	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus	
Question - Almost 700 workers at a call centre in financially depressed Cape Breton Nova Scotia lost their jobs when the	Total	Unwgt N Wgt N	1000	100	250 250	300 300	200	150 150	522 491	478 509	256 271	392 340	352 389	
US based owners of the business declared bankruptcy. The centre has received loans from the Government of Canada and payroll tax rebates to encourage the business to operate. Which of the following would be the best approach for governments to take with the closure and loss	Government should provide more loans and other incentives to the company to allow it to keep the 700 jobs in Cape Breton	%	6.0	8.9	8.4	4.1	2.6	8.5	5.5	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.1	
of jobs? [Randomize]	Government give new financial incentives to attract new investors to take over the call centre	%	56.3	56.2	53.4	61.9	58.3	47.4	50.5	61.9	59.8	56.4	53.7	
	The government should do nothing to keep the business open or attract new investors	%	21.4	21.2	17.4	21.0	24.6	24.8	29.5	13.6	20.3	19.7	23.6	
	Unsure	%	16.3	13.8	20.8	13.0	14.5	19.3	14.6	17.9	13.9	17.8	16.6	

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			Canada 2018-12	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Do you agree,	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	522	478	256	392	352
somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that companies should have to		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
accept a legal commitment to maintain a certain number of jobs in Canada for a certain	Agree	%	69.5	80.5	69.9	68.9	67.9	64.4	70.0	68.9	64.7	71.9	70.7
number of years before accepting government	Somewhat agree	%	22.4	9.3	26.7	23.5	21.1	23.2	22.2	22.5	23.5	19.2	24.2
financial assistance?	Somewhat disagree	%	3.1	7.1	1.4	2.1	3.1	5.6	2.6	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.6
	Disagree	%	2.0	0.7	0.0	2.7	3.6	2.7	2.9	1.2	2.8	2.3	1.2
	Unsure	%	3.0	2.3	1.9	2.8	4.3	4.1	2.3	3.8	5.4	3.2	1.3

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Question - As you may know, Montreal based Bombardier	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	522	478	256	392	352
was not selected for a recent VIA Rail contract to supply rail cars due in part to production		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
problems on other projects. Which of the following is closer to your view? [Rotate]	Crown corporations like VIA Rail should be obligated to buy from Canadian companies regardless of any other outstanding issues	%	28.9	37.4	40.9	21.8	22.0	26.6	26.8	31.0	26.1	27.5	32.1
	Crown corporations like VIA rail should factor in all aspects of a potential purchase including price, value and ability to deliver even if it means not purchasing from a Canadian company	%	62.1	52.1	50.3	70.4	71.1	59.8	66.7	57.6	64.3	63.0	59.7
	Unsure	%	9.0	10.5	8.8	7.8	6.9	13.6	6.5	11.4	9.6	9.5	8.2