## **Ever wonder how Canadians feel about punishment for leaks of secret documents?**

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### **SUMMARY**

Only spending the time and money to identify and potentially punish officials who leak information if they were motivated by personal gain is the most popular approach in terms of response when government secrets are leaked for Canadians Only spending the time and money to identify and potentially punish officials who leak information if they were motivated by personal gain is the most popular approach for Canadians in terms of response when government secrets are leaked for Canadians.

Just over one in two Canadians say only spending the time and money to identify and potentially punish officials who leak information if they were motivated by personal gain is the best approach in terms of response when government secrets are leaked – Asked which approach they think is best in terms of a response when government secrets are leaked, just over one in two Canadians (52%) say the best approach is to only spend the time and money to identify and potentially punish officials who leak information if they were motivated by personal gain, while close to one in four (24%), say the best approach is to accept leaks as part of governing and not expend energy prosecuting them. Just over one in ten (12%) say the best approach is doing everything possible to identify and criminally punish those who leak the information to the media regardless of how much time and money it costs. Eleven per cent are unsure.

These observations are based on 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 May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as part of an omnibus survey.

This study was commissioned by CTV News and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

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# Response to leak of government secrets



Only spend the time and



	money if they were motivated by personal gain
Atlantic (n=100)	53.2%
Quebec (n=250)	43.4%
Ontario (n=300)	56.1%
Prairies (n=200)	54.0%
British Columbia (n=150)	55.9%
Male (n=519)	50.9%
Female (n=481)	53.4%
18 to 34 (n=263)	55.8%
35 to 54 (n=385)	50.8%
55 plus (n=352)	50.9%
*Weighted to the true population	proportion.

\*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

- Doing everything possible to identify and criminally punish those who leak the information to the media regardless of how much time and money it costs
- Only spend the time and money to identify and potentially punish officials who leak information if they were motivated by personal gain
- Accept leaks as part of governing and not expend energy prosecuting them

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**QUESTION** – As you may know, government secrets are sometimes leaked to the public, which of the following do you think is the best approach in terms of a response when government secrets are leaked. [RANDOMIZE]

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, n=1000, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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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 May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 4<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 this survey is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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This is report two of four, the other reports are about Canada-China relations, managing waste and climate change.

### **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 Censu information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for ful weighting disclosure					
Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals.		Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market					
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Screening	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 Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access 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 th sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled allow for a minimum regional sample.					
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.	Estimated Response Rate	11 percent, consistent with industry norms.					
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire. This is report two of four, the other reports are about Canada-China relations, managing waste and climate change.					
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.	Question Content	This was module one of an omnibus survey.					
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-	Question content	This was module one of an omnibus survey.					
Field Dates	9:30pm local time for the respondent. May 31 <sup>st</sup> to June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.					
		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					
Standards	This report exceeds the standards set forth by CRIC, ESOMAR and AAPOR.	Contact	questions. <u>http://www.nanos.co</u> Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.					

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### **TABULATIONS**







#### 2019-1443 - CTV/Nanos Survey - Government Secrets - STAT SHEET

		-	Region						Gender			Age		
			Canada 2019-05	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	34 to 54	55 plus	
Question - As you may know, government secrets are sometimes leaked to the public, which of the following do you think is the best approach in terms of a response when government secrets are leaked?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	519	481	263	385	352	
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389	
	Doing everything possible to identify and criminally punish those who leak the information to the media regardless of how much time and money it costs	%	12.3	11.1	14.2	12.2	12.3	10.2	14.5	10.2	8.7	15.1	12.4	
	Only spend the time and money to identify and potentially punish officials who leak information if they were motivated by personal gain	%	52.2	53.2	43.4	56.1	54.0	55.9	50.9	53.4	55.8	50.8	50.9	
	Accept leaks as part of governing and not expend energy prosecuting them	%	24.4	28.6	31.2	21.1	20.1	22.4	24.7	24.0	24.8	22.3	25.9	
	Unsure	%	11.2	7.1	11.2	10.7	13.7	11.5	9.8	12.5	10.7	11.9	10.8	

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