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## A Report To The Globe and Mail and CTV

**Native Land Claim Issues,  
Government Spending**

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# Introduction and Methodology

- ◆ Gregg, Kelly, Sullivan & Woolstencroft: *The Strategic Counsel* is pleased to present findings of a national survey of 1000 Canadians.
- ◆ Results are based on tracking among a proportionate national sample of Canadians 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Interviews were conducted between June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- ◆ The following table outlines the sample distribution and associated margin of error.
- ◆ Note: Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

# Sample Distribution and Margin of Error

	June 8-11	
Region	Sample Size	Margin of Error ( $\pm$ )
Canada	1000	3.1%
Quebec	247	6.3%
Rest of Canada	753	3.6%
Ontario	379	5.0%
West	297	5.7%

Detailed Tables

# How would Canadians vote today?

		Canada																
		2006										2007						
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24	May 14-17	Jun 8-11
			1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	37	30	28	29	31	27	26	29	26	32	37	35	29	31	31	30	31	31
Conservative candidate	30	36	39	39	35	36	37	38	35	32	31	31	34	36	39	36	34	34
NDP candidate	16	18	19	14	16	19	18	15	19	17	14	15	14	15	13	13	16	13
Bloc Quebecois candidate	12	11	9	11	10	9	11	11	12	11	11	11	11	9	8	9	10	11
Green Party candidate	4	5	5	7	9	9	8	7	8	9	7	8	12	10	9	12	9	11

  

		Quebec																
		2006										2007						
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24	May 14-17	Jun 8-11
			247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	34	21	19	19	16	17	16	21	18	28	28	25	22	22	24	19	24	23
Conservative candidate	9	25	31	29	30	25	24	23	16	16	16	15	18	26	24	21	20	16
NDP candidate	5	8	10	4	6	12	5	6	11	6	6	9	8	9	8	9	6	6
Bloc Quebecois candidate	49	42	37	42	40	39	50	43	48	44	44	46	43	36	33	39	41	45
Green Party candidate	3	4	3	5	8	7	6	8	7	6	6	5	9	7	11	12	9	10

  

		Rest of Canada*																
		2006										2007						
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24	May 14-17	Jun 8-11
			753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	38	33	31	33	35	30	29	32	29	33	40	38	31	33	34	34	33	34
Conservative candidate	37	40	41	43	36	39	41	43	41	37	36	36	40	39	43	40	39	40
NDP candidate	19	21	22	17	19	21	22	18	21	20	17	17	16	17	14	15	19	15
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	5	5	6	7	10	10	8	7	9	10	7	9	13	11	9	11	9	11

Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Q. In that case, which party's candidate in your local area would you be leaning towards at this time? Would it be the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Base: Total sample

# How would Canadians vote today? (cont'd)

		Ontario																
		2006									2007							
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24	May 14-17	Jun 8-11
			379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	45	40	38	40	42	35	36	39	37	36	48	45	39	41	40	41	40	42
Conservative candidate	32	35	36	36	34	36	34	41	35	33	32	32	34	34	40	33	37	35
NDP candidate	18	19	20	15	16	20	21	16	19	19	15	14	14	15	13	16	15	11
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	4	5	6	9	9	9	9	5	9	11	5	9	13	10	7	11	9	12

		West																
		2006									2007							
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 13-16	July 27-30	Sep 14-17	Oct 12-15	Dec 3	Jan 11-14	Feb 15-18	Mar 10-13	Mar 20-21	Apr 21-24	May 14-17	Jun 8-11
			297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	27	23	21	20	25	23	21	20	17	27	28	26	21	19	24	23	22	22
Conservative candidate	46	49	49	53	42	45	51	50	50	42	45	42	48	50	50	50	42	44
NDP candidate	20	22	25	19	21	22	20	20	23	22	18	23	18	18	14	14	26	21
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	5	5	5	8	12	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	13	13	12	13	10	13

Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Q. In that case, which party's candidate in your local area would you be leaning towards at this time? Would it be the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Base: Total sample

# Native Land Claims: Why are the negotiations taking so long?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
The federal government is simply stalling and does not really want to make a deal because of the land and money involved	43	43	43	49	35
The land claim negotiations are complicated and a great deal of money and land is at stake and that this is why the negotiations are taking so long	38	38	38	34	44
DK/NA/Ref	19	18	19	17	20

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Now, I would like to ask some questions about native land claims issues. The federal government says the land claim negotiations are complicated and a great deal of money and land is at stake and that this is why the negotiations are taking so long. Aboriginal groups say that the federal government is simply stalling and does not really want to make a deal because of the land and money involved. Which of these two points of view comes closest to your own?

Base: Total sample

# Are Canadians aware of the day of protest planned for June 29<sup>th</sup>?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	34	15	40	42	39
No	65	85	59	56	60
DK/NA/Ref	1	<1	1	2	1

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Have you seen, read, or heard anything about a day of protest on June 29th organized by aboriginal groups to complain about the federal government's unwillingness to address land claims issues in a speedy manner and in which protestors plan to block rail lines and major highways, like the Trans Canada highway?

Base: Total sample

# Are the aboriginal groups justified in blocking rail lines and major highways in protest on June 29<sup>th</sup>?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>TOTAL Justified</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>
Very justified	9	7	10	14	6
Somewhat justified	28	28	27	26	28
Not too justified	17	17	17	15	19
Not at all justified	38	42	37	36	37
<b>TOTAL Not Justified</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>56</b>
DK/NA/Ref	8	6	9	9	10

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Overall, how justified or unjustified do you feel aboriginal groups are in blocking rail lines and major highways on June 29 to protest what they believe is a lack of commitment on the part of the federal government to settling outstanding land claims. Do you feel they are very justified, somewhat justified, not too justified, or not at all justified?

Base: Total sample

# How should the federal government respond to the protest?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
They prosecute aboriginal protestors who block rail lines and highways	50	59	47	42	50
They should accept the blockages as a negotiating tactic and let them happen	34	30	35	40	31
DK/NA/Ref	16	11	18	18	19

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. If aboriginal groups do block rail lines and major highways on June 29, how should the federal government respond, should they accept the blockages as a negotiating tactic and let them happen or should they prosecute aboriginal protestors who block rail lines and highways?

Base: Total sample

# How should the surplus be utilized?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Increased spending on health care	35	40	34	33	30
Tax cuts	15	14	16	17	14
Increased spending on education	15	16	14	15	15
Reducing national debt	13	13	12	12	15
Increased spending on the environment	13	10	14	15	14
Increased spending on infrastructure	5	4	6	4	9
DK/NA/Ref	4	3	5	5	4

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. At the present time the federal government is running a surplus. Would you sooner see this surplus returned to Canadians in the form of ... ?

Base: Total sample

# Do Canadians support increased military spending for new tanks, helicopters and heaving lifting aircraft?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>TOTAL Supportive</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>
Very supportive	24	8	30	31	28
Somewhat supportive	29	20	32	30	33
Not too supportive	20	29	17	18	16
Not at all supportive	24	40	19	19	20
<b>TOTAL Not Supportive</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>
DK/NA/Ref	3	3	2	2	2

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. How supportive are you of the federal government increasing spending on the Canadian military in order to purchase new tanks, helicopters and heavy lifting aircraft, would you say that you are very supportive, somewhat supportive, not too supportive or not at all supportive?

Base: Total sample

# Would Canadians want to see Stephane Dion become Prime Minister?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	20	18	21	23	17
No	52	58	50	48	53
DK/NA/Ref	28	23	29	29	30

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. Would you want to see Stephane Dion become Prime Minister of Canada?

Base: Total sample

# Who would Canadians vote for if they were voting in the 2008 US Presidential election?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11	Jun 8-11
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Hillary Clinton	36	51	31	32	29
Rudy Giuliani	12	6	14	16	10
Barack Obama	11	6	13	14	12
John Edwards	4	2	4	4	5
John McCain	4	1	5	5	4
Mitt Romney	1	-	1	1	1
None of them (vol.)	9	13	7	6	8
Wouldn't vote (vol.)	3	2	4	4	4
DK/NA/Ref	21	21	22	20	27

\*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. If you were voting in the 2008 US Presidential election, which one of the following candidates would you be most likely to vote for ... ?

Base: Total sample