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A Report To
**The Globe and
Mail and CTV**

**Canadians' Views on the
'Mulroney-Schreiber' Affair**

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Introduction and Methodology

- ◆ *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 November 12th and November 13th, 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

	November 12-13, 2007	
National Sample Regions	Sample Size	Margin of Error (±)
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																						
n=		2006										2007										
2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 12-15	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	July 12-15	Aug 10-12	Oct 11-14	Nov 8-11	Nov 12-13
%	%	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	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	30	31	31	31	33	29	32	31
Conservative candidate	30	36	39	39	35	36	37	38	35	32	31	31	34	36	39	36	34	34	31	33	34	34
NDP candidate	16	18	19	14	16	19	18	15	19	17	14	15	14	15	13	13	16	13	17	17	15	12
Bloc Quebecois candidate	12	11	9	11	10	9	11	11	12	11	11	11	11	9	8	9	10	11	10	10	10	11
Green Party candidate	4	5	5	7	9	9	8	7	8	9	7	8	12	10	9	12	9	11	10	8	12	13

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

Rest of Canada*																						
n=		2006										2007										
2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 12-15	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	July 12-15	Aug 10-12	Oct 11-14	Nov 8-11	Nov 12-13
%	%	753	753	753	753	753	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	33	36	34	37
Conservative candidate	37	40	41	43	36	39	41	43	41	37	36	36	40	39	43	40	39	40	36	36	37	36
NDP candidate	19	21	22	17	19	21	22	18	21	20	17	17	16	17	14	15	19	15	20	19	17	14
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	5	5	6	7	10	10	8	7	9	10	7	9	13	11	9	11	9	11	11	9	12	14

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 12-15	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	July 12-15	Aug 10-12	Oct 11-14	Nov 8-11	Nov 12-13	
			379	379	379	379	379	379	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	41	40	40	47	44
	Conservative candidate	32	35	36	36	34	36	34	41	35	33	32	32	34	34	40	33	37	35	34	35	33	29	30
	NDP candidate	18	20	20	15	16	20	21	16	19	19	15	14	14	15	13	16	15	11	13	17	14	12	17
	Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Green Party candidate	4	5	6	9	9	9	9	5	9	11	5	9	13	10	7	11	9	12	12	8	14	12	9

		West																						
		2006										2007												
n=	2004	2006	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	June 7-8	July 12-15	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	July 12-15	Aug 10-12	Oct 11-14	Nov 8-11	Nov 12-13	
			297	297	297	297	297	297	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	25	25	27	24	26
	Conservative candidate	46	49	49	53	42	45	51	50	50	42	45	42	48	50	50	50	42	44	40	46	41	43	48
	NDP candidate	20	22	25	19	21	22	20	20	23	22	18	23	18	18	14	14	26	21	24	21	21	16	20
	Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Green Party candidate	5	5	5	8	12	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	13	13	12	13	10	13	11	8	12	18	6

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?

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Base: Total sample

Have Canadians heard about Harper’s appointment of a special advisor to look into the ‘Mulroney-Schreiber’ allegations?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	70	59	73	73	73
No	30	41	26	26	27
DK/NA/Ref	<1	<1	1	1	<1

	Canada	Party Vote				
		Liberal Vote	Cons. Vote	NDP Vote	Bloc Vote	Green Vote
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	249	276	125	90	66
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	70	72	77	67	55	63
No	30	27	23	32	45	37
DK/NA/Ref	<1	1	-	1	-	-

Q. Have you heard anything about Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s recent announcement that he was going to appoint a special advisor to look into recent allegations regarding a sum of money paid to former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney by a German-Canadian businessman, Karlheinz Schreiber?

Base: Total sample

Has Harper done a good or poor job in handling the ‘Mulroney-Schreiber’ affair? *(among those aware of issue)*

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	696	145	551	278	215
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL GOOD JOB	51	58	49	45	53
Very good job	8	10	7	8	8
Good job	43	49	41	37	45
Poor job	23	21	23	25	21
Very poor job	8	6	8	11	5
TOTAL POOR JOB	30	27	31	35	25
DK/NA/Ref	19	15	21	20	22

	Canada	Party Vote				
		Liberal Vote	Cons. Vote	NDP Vote	Bloc Vote	Green Vote
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	696	181	214	84	49 ^c	41 ^c
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL GOOD JOB	51	41	75	36	49	37
TOTAL POOR JOB	30	38	11	45	33	51

Q. Overall, how good a job do you think Stephen Harper has done in handling this issue? Has he done a very good job, a good job, a poor job, or a very poor job?

Base: Those who have heard of issue

c Caution, small base size

Is the appointment of a special advisor a good or a poor decision? *(among those not aware of issue)*

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	304	102	202	101	82
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL GOOD DECISION	56	54	57	57	57
Very good decision	6	8	5	5	7
Good decision	50	47	52	53	50
Poor decision	13	19	10	12	9
Very poor decision	6	6	6	3	8
TOTAL POOR DECISION	19	25	16	15	17
DK/NA/Ref	25	21	27	28	26

Q. In fact, last Friday, the Prime Minister announced that he is going to appoint a special advisor to look into these allegations. Do you think this is a very good decision, good decision, poor decision, or a very poor decision?

Base: Those who have not heard of issue

What's the right course of action: Independent advisor or full judicial inquiry?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Independent advisor is the right action	39	33	41	43	40
Should be full judicial inquiry	46	60	42	40	43
DK/NA/Ref	15	7	17	17	17

	Canada	Party Vote				
		Liberal Vote	Cons. Vote	NDP Vote	Bloc Vote	Green Vote
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	249	276	125	90	66
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Independent investigator is the right action	39	43	59	24	20	29
Should be full judicial inquiry	46	49	29	61	74	64
DK/NA/Ref	15	9	12	15	6	7

Q. At present, Prime Minister Harper has appointed a special advisor to look into the allegations and make recommendations regarding any possible next steps. From your point of view, is this the right action or would you have preferred Stephen Harper to announce a full judicial inquiry looking into the affair as the opposition is asking for?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians believe the allegations are related to the current government?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Allegations are related to the government of Stephen Harper	19	16	19	20	20
Issue is totally unrelated to the current government	66	69	64	62	66
DK/NA/Ref	16	14	17	19	14

	Canada	Party Vote				
		Liberal Vote	Cons. Vote	NDP Vote	Bloc Vote	Green Vote
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	249	276	125	90	66
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Allegations are related to the government of Stephen Harper	19	26	6	25	15	25
Issue is totally unrelated to the current government	66	59	84	56	66	63
DK/NA/Ref	16	15	10	19	19	12

Q. From your point of view, are the allegations about former Prime Minister Mulroney in any way related to the government of Stephen Harper or do you see this as an issue totally unrelated to the current government?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians believe that the Prime Minister is covering up when he knew about the allegations?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL BELIEVE	51	56	49	51	46
Strongly believe	17	18	17	19	13
Somewhat believe	34	38	32	32	33
Somewhat disbelieve	19	20	19	19	18
Strongly disbelieve	14	16	14	13	17
TOTAL DISBELIEVE	34	36	33	31	35
DK/NA/Ref	16	8	18	17	19

Q. There have also been questions raised by the Opposition parties that Prime Minister Harper knew of these new allegations in the spring and that there has been a cover up to protect a former Conservative Prime Minister. Do you strongly believe, somewhat believe, somewhat disbelieve or strongly disbelieve the claims that the Prime Minister is covering up when he knew about the allegations?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians think that the Prime Minister is covering up when he knew about the allegations? – by Party Vote

	Canada	Region				
		Liberal Vote	Cons. Vote	NDP Vote	Bloc Vote	Green Vote
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	249	276	125	90	66
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL BELIEVE	51	65	30	67	68	50
Strongly believe	17	23	5	22	22	26
Somewhat believe	34	42	25	45	46	24
Somewhat disbelieve	19	16	27	18	14	28
Strongly disbelieve	14	7	32	5	10	9
TOTAL DISBELIEVE	34	23	58	23	24	37
DK/NA/Ref	16	13	11	10	8	12

Q. There have also been questions raised by the Opposition parties that Prime Minister Harper knew of these new allegations in the spring and that there has been a cover up to protect a former Conservative Prime Minister. Do you strongly believe, somewhat believe, somewhat disbelieve or strongly disbelieve the claims that the Prime Minister is covering up when he knew about the allegations?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians think the new allegations should be investigated?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Any new allegations should be investigated	67	73	65	65	63
The matter was settled years ago and should not be re-opened	22	21	22	20	26
DK/NA/Ref	12	7	14	15	11

	Canada	Party Vote				
		Liberal Vote	Cons. Vote	NDP Vote	Bloc Vote	Green Vote
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	249	276	125	90	66
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Any new allegations should be investigated	67	74	57	78	79	61
The matter was settled years ago and should not be re-opened	22	17	32	15	16	22
DK/NA/Ref	12	9	11	8	5	17

Q. Some people say that these new allegations are coming from a man who is about to be deported and this is a desperate attempt to stay in Canada and the matter was settled years ago and should not be re-opened. Other people say that the affair has always raised serious issues, even though the Liberal government paid Mr. Mulroney two million dollars in compensation, and that any new allegations should be investigated. Thinking of these two points of view, which one comes closest to your own?

Base: Total sample

Do Canadians think that Mulroney should repay the \$2.1 million he received in 1997?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	57	61	56	57	55
No	26	27	26	26	27
DK/NA/Ref	16	11	18	18	18

	Canada	Party Vote				
		Liberal Vote	Cons. Vote	NDP Vote	Bloc Vote	Green Vote
	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13	Nov 12-13
n=	1000	249	276	125	90	66
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	57	65	49	56	63	58
No	26	21	37	25	26	32
DK/NA/Ref	16	14	15	19	11	10

Q. In view of these developments, do you think that Mr. Mulroney should be asked to re-pay the 2.1 million dollars he received from the Government in 1997?
 Base: Total sample