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A Report To The Globe and Mail and CTV

Canadians' Evaluation of the January 27th Federal Budget

January 30th, 2009

Introduction and Methodology

- ◆ *The Strategic Counsel* is pleased to present findings of a national online survey of 1,000 Canadians 18 years of age or older. This survey was conducted using the Research Now Web Perspectives online panel.
- ◆ Respondents completed web-based surveys between Wednesday January 28th and Thursday January 29th, 2009.
- ◆ The results of this poll are based on a sample where quota sampling and weighting are employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to Census data. Quota samples with weighting from the online panel provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample.
- ◆ Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online polls.
- ◆ Note: Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Detailed Tables

Are Canadians aware of the federal budget?

	Canada		Region							
			Quebec		Rest of Canada*		Ontario		West	
	Mar 20-21 2007+	Jan 28-29 2009	Mar 20-21 2007+	Jan 28-29 2009	Mar 20-21 2007+	Jan 28-29 2009	Mar 20-21 2007+	Jan 28-29 2009	Mar 20-21 2007+	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	1000	247	243	753	757	379	383	297	300
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	67	82	69	83	66	82	65	82	68	81
No	33	18	31	17	34	18	35	18	32	19

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+2007 tracking data from The Strategic Counsel/Globe and Mail/CTV national telephone survey

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 Base: All respondents

Are Canadians aware of the federal budget?

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		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
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n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	82	88	90	74	81	77	68
No	18	12	10	26	19	23	32

Q 3. As you may know, the Federal Government tabled its budget in the House of Commons on Tuesday of this week. Have you heard, read or seen anything about it?

Base: All respondents

What are Canadians' overall impressions of the federal budget?

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	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	822	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
NET Positive	62	47	67	69	67
Very positive	4	2	4	5	4
Positive	36	26	40	41	40
Leaning positive	22	19	23	23	23
Leaning negative	14	15	14	14	15
Negative	20	31	17	15	17
Very negative	4	8	3	2	2
NET Negative	38	53	34	31	33

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Q 4a. And from what you have heard, read or seen, would you say your overall impression toward the federal budget is positive or negative?

Q 4b. In that case, would you say your overall impression is leaning more towards positive or more towards negative?

Base: Those who have heard, read or seen anything about the federal budget

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		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET Positive	62	90	57	47	28	42	54
Very positive	4	11	1	1	-	-	-
Positive	36	59	33	29	11	18	25
Leaning positive	22	20	24	17	16	24	29
Leaning negative	14	5	18	19	16	26	15
Negative	20	4	23	32	43	25	23
Very negative	4	1	3	3	14	7	9
NET Negative	38	10	43	53	72	58	46

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Does the budget give Canadians confidence in Harper's ability to manage the economy?

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n=	822	201	621	314	244
	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Confidence	52	37	57	60	59
Much more confidence	7	4	7	6	9
Somewhat more confidence	46	34	50	54	49
Somewhat less confidence	30	36	28	25	29
Much less confidence	18	27	15	15	12
NET Less Confidence	48	63	43	40	41

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Q 5. Does the Tuesday Federal budget give you more or less confidence in Stephen Harper's ability to manage the economy?

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n=	822	249	244	104	73	55	97
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Confidence	52	92	39	35	15	33	42
Much more confidence	7	18	3	-	-	-	1
Somewhat more confidence	46	74	36	35	15	33	41
Somewhat less confidence	30	7	37	39	48	48	38
Much less confidence	18	1	25	26	37	20	20
NET Less Confidence	48	8	61	65	85	67	58

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Who do Canadians believe will benefit MOST from the budget?

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	%	%	%	%	%
Large Corporations	49	64	44	43	42
Wealthy Canadians	41	53	37	37	35
Middle Class Canadians	35	23	39	45	36
People living in Ontario	32	48	27	19	34
Unemployed Canadians	31	28	32	35	32
People living in Cities	24	8	29	29	31
Small businesses	21	15	23	25	21
Older/retired Canadians	17	17	17	17	19
Poor Canadians	16	8	18	21	17
Westerners	11	16	9	12	4
Quebecers	9	3	11	7	16
Atlantic Canadians	6	10	4	3	5
Students	5	3	5	4	7
People living in Rural Areas	4	5	4	4	3

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Q 6. Which three of the following types of Canadians will benefit the most from the federal budget?

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n=	822	249	244	104	73	55	97
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Large Corporations	49	30	55	58	70	67	48
Wealthy Canadians	41	19	46	48	66	62	46
Middle Class Canadians	35	49	32	27	23	23	29
People living in Ontario	32	28	27	33	56	29	35
Unemployed Canadians	31	39	30	25	22	15	38
People living in Cities	24	24	26	28	7	28	27
Small businesses	21	28	19	15	14	20	19
Older/retired Canadians	17	23	16	12	8	16	16
Poor Canadians	16	23	17	15	5	2	12
Westerners	11	5	15	12	19	11	8
Quebecers	9	13	7	10	1	14	8
Atlantic Canadians	6	8	4	4	7	5	7
Students	5	6	3	8	-	6	5
People living in Rural Areas	4	6	4	5	3	2	2

Q 6. Which three of the following types of Canadians will benefit the most from the federal budget?

Base: Those who have heard, read or seen anything about the federal budget

Who do Canadians believe will benefit LEAST from the budget?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	822	201	621	314	244
	%	%	%	%	%
Poor Canadians	45	49	43	41	44
Older/retired Canadians	36	30	38	37	39
Students	34	35	34	35	34
Unemployed Canadians	29	21	31	32	29
Middle Class Canadians	26	34	23	23	21
Wealthy Canadians	21	11	25	28	23
People living in Rural Areas	20	15	22	19	25
Small businesses	20	25	18	16	21
Quebecers	20	57	8	10	6
Large Corporations	14	8	16	19	15
Westerners	12	5	14	7	25
Atlantic Canadians	11	5	13	9	8
People living in Cities	7	6	8	10	7
People living in Ontario	7	2	8	13	5

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Q 7. Which three of the following types of Canadians will benefit the least from the federal budget?

Base: Those who have heard, read or seen anything about the federal budget

Who do Canadians believe will benefit LEAST from the budget?

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n=	822	249	244	104	73	55	97
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Poor Canadians	45	30	46	56	57	60	47
Older/retired Canadians	36	38	41	31	31	31	28
Students	34	30	37	31	38	42	33
Unemployed Canadians	29	24	31	34	22	35	30
Middle Class Canadians	26	17	26	32	26	31	36
Wealthy Canadians	21	37	18	15	3	7	16
People living in Rural Areas	20	25	19	19	19	15	19
Small businesses	20	20	15	17	27	23	27
Quebecers	20	14	14	13	68	18	20
Large Corporations	14	24	9	14	3	4	14
Westerners	12	18	13	6	1	7	8
Atlantic Canadians	11	8	14	19	-	13	9
People living in Cities	7	7	9	6	5	5	7
People living in Ontario	7	7	7	9	-	11	6

Q 7. Which three of the following types of Canadians will benefit the least from the federal budget??

Base: Those who have heard, read or seen anything about the federal budget

Who do Canadians believe are the net winners and losers from the budget?

Difference: % who say Benefit Most minus % who say Benefit Least

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	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	822	201	621	314	244
	%	%	%	%	%
Large Corporations	35	56	28	24	27
People living in Ontario	25	46	19	6	29
Wealthy Canadians	20	42	12	9	12
People living in Cities	17	2	21	19	24
Middle Class Canadians	9	-11	16	22	15
Unemployed Canadians	2	7	1	3	3
Small businesses	1	-10	5	9	0
Westerners	-1	11	-5	5	-21
Atlantic Canadians	-5	5	-9	-6	-3
Quebecers	-11	-54	3	-3	10
People living in Rural Areas	-16	-10	-18	-15	-22
Older/retired Canadians	-19	-13	-21	-20	-20
Poor Canadians	-29	-41	-25	-20	-27
Students	-29	-32	-29	-31	-27

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Large Corporations	35	6	46	44	67	63	34
People living in Ontario	25	21	20	24	56	18	29
Wealthy Canadians	20	-18	28	33	63	55	30
People living in Cities	17	17	17	22	2	23	20
Middle Class Canadians	9	32	6	-5	-3	-8	-7
Unemployed Canadians	2	15	-1	-9	0	-20	8
Small businesses	1	8	4	-2	-13	-3	-8
Westerners	-1	-13	2	6	18	4	0
Atlantic Canadians	-5	0	-10	-15	7	-8	-2
Quebecers	-11	-1	-7	-3	-67	-4	-12
People living in Rural Areas	-16	-19	-15	-14	-16	-13	-17
Older/retired Canadians	-19	-15	-25	-19	-23	-15	-12
Poor Canadians	-29	-7	-29	-41	-52	-58	-35
Students	-29	-24	-34	-23	-38	-36	-28

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Do Canadians think the federal budget went too far or did not do enough?

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		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	822	201	621	314	300
	%	%	%	%	%
The federal budget does not go far enough in stimulating the Canadian economy.	35	45	32	36	23
The federal budget goes too far by creating a federal deficit that is too big.	36	34	36	32	42
The federal budget strikes the right balance	30	21	32	32	35

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Q 8. Some people say that the federal budget does not go far enough in stimulating the Canadian economy. Other people say that the budget goes too far by creating a federal deficit that is too big. Still, others say that it strikes the right balance. Which view is closer to your own?

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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Do Canadians agree with these statements?

% Strongly/Somewhat Agree	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
The Opposition parties should support the federal budget.	67	50	72	74	73
The federal government has a good plan for leading Canada through tough economic times.	53	40	58	61	58
The Harper government has failed Canada on the economy, and another government should be given a chance.	51	65	47	48	40
The Harper government would not have introduced a budget like this if it had not been for the pressure from the opposition parties.	72	74	71	74	64
Regardless of this budget, I still blame Stephen Harper for causing an unnecessary political crisis two months ago when he should have been focusing on the economy.	69	83	64	65	58
Having a large federal deficit right now may be all right, but I am worried about how we will pay for it in coming years.	83	80	84	84	84
I am willing to pay higher taxes in a few years to reduce the deficit.	31	28	32	31	33

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Base: All respondents

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
The Opposition parties should support the federal budget.	67	95	65	47	26	55	64
The federal government has a good plan for leading Canada through tough economic times.	53	90	39	38	28	32	51
The Harper government has failed Canada on the economy, and another government should be given a chance.	51	6	69	79	82	69	51
The Harper government would not have introduced a budget like this if it had not been for the pressure from the opposition parties.	72	64	83	73	77	72	61
Regardless of this budget, I still blame Stephen Harper for causing an unnecessary political crisis two months ago when he should have been focusing on the economy.	69	29	93	82	95	77	68
Having a large federal deficit right now may be all right, but I am worried about how we will pay for it in coming years.	83	79	89	84	85	86	78
I am willing to pay higher taxes in a few years to reduce the deficit.	31	35	35	26	26	28	22

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Strongly agree	22	8	26	24	30
Somewhat agree	45	42	46	50	43
Somewhat disagree	25	37	21	20	21
Strongly disagree	9	13	8	6	6
NET Disagree	34	50	28	26	27

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Strongly disagree	12	1	16	19	18	14	13
NET Disagree	47	10	62	62	72	68	49

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Strongly disagree	23	63	7	4	3	6	16
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“The Harper government would not have introduced a budget like this if it had not been for the pressure from the opposition parties”

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Strongly disagree	8	11	5	8	7	4	11
NET Disagree	28	36	18	27	23	28	39

Q 9. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

Base: All respondents

Do Canadians agree...

“Regardless of this budget, I still blame Stephen Harper for causing an unnecessary political crisis two months ago when he should have been focusing on the economy”

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
NET Agree	69	83	64	65	58
Strongly agree	41	51	37	38	31
Somewhat agree	28	33	27	26	27
Somewhat disagree	16	10	18	17	21
Strongly disagree	15	7	18	18	21
NET Disagree	31	17	36	35	42

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 9. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?
 Base: All respondents

Do Canadians agree...

“Regardless of this budget, I still blame Stephen Harper for causing an unnecessary political crisis two months ago when he should have been focusing on the economy”

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET Agree	69	29	93	82	95	77	68
Strongly agree	41	6	64	61	66	41	27
Somewhat agree	28	23	28	21	29	36	42
Somewhat disagree	16	29	5	16	4	19	18
Strongly disagree	15	43	2	2	1	4	14
NET Disagree	31	71	7	18	5	23	32

Q 9. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

Base: All respondents

Do Canadians agree...

“Having a large federal deficit right now may be all right, but I am worried about how we will pay for it in coming years”

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
NET Agree	83	80	84	84	84
Strongly agree	35	30	36	34	37
Somewhat agree	49	51	48	50	47
Somewhat disagree	13	16	12	12	12
Strongly disagree	4	4	4	4	4
NET Disagree	17	20	16	16	16

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 9. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

Base: All respondents

Do Canadians agree...

“Having a large federal deficit right now may be all right, but I am worried about how we will pay for it in coming years”

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET Agree	83	79	89	84	85	86	78
Strongly agree	35	24	42	40	39	33	34
Somewhat agree	49	55	47	44	46	52	45
Somewhat disagree	13	15	9	14	9	10	17
Strongly disagree	4	5	2	2	7	4	5
NET Disagree	17	21	11	16	15	14	22

Q 9. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

Base: All respondents

Do Canadians agree...

“I am willing to pay higher taxes in a few years to reduce the deficit”

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
NET Agree	31	28	32	31	33
Strongly agree	3	3	3	3	3
Somewhat agree	28	24	29	28	30
Somewhat disagree	36	42	34	33	37
Strongly disagree	33	31	34	36	30
NET Disagree	69	72	68	69	67

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 9. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

Base: All respondents

Do Canadians agree...

“I am willing to pay higher taxes in a few years to reduce the deficit”

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET Agree	31	35	35	26	26	28	22
Strongly agree	3	3	5	2	6	-	1
Somewhat agree	28	33	31	24	21	28	21
Somewhat disagree	36	36	36	32	38	41	35
Strongly disagree	33	29	29	42	36	31	43
NET Disagree	69	65	65	74	74	72	78

Q 9. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

Base: All respondents

Are Canadians more likely to vote Conservative as a result of the budget?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Likely	20	13	22	22	24
Much more likely	9	5	10	10	12
Somewhat more likely	11	8	12	12	12
Neither more or less likely	42	40	43	46	44
Somewhat less likely	10	11	10	8	10
Much less likely	28	36	26	25	23
NET Less Likely	38	47	35	33	32

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 11. Does the federal budget make you more or less likely to consider voting Conservative in the next federal election?

Base: All respondents

Are Canadians more likely to vote Conservative as a result of the budget?

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Likely	20	53	6	5	8	3	11
Much more likely	9	27	1	1	4	-	3
Somewhat more likely	11	25	5	4	3	3	8
Neither more or less likely	42	46	33	40	31	47	62
Somewhat less likely	10	1	18	14	7	13	8
Much less likely	28	<1	44	41	55	38	20
NET Less Likely	38	2	61	55	62	51	27

Q 11. Does the federal budget make you more or less likely to consider voting Conservative in the next federal election?

Base: All respondents

Are Canadians more likely to vote Liberal if they SUPPORT the budget?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Likely	22	24	21	23	19
Much more likely	7	6	7	7	7
Somewhat more likely	15	17	14	16	12
Neither more or less likely	55	53	56	55	57
Somewhat less likely	9	7	10	9	11
Much less likely	14	17	14	14	12
NET Less Likely	24	24	24	23	24

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 12. If Michael Ignatieff and the Liberals support the Harper Government's Budget, would that make you more or less likely to vote for the Liberals in the next federal election?
 Base: All respondents

Are Canadians more likely to vote Liberal if they SUPPORT the budget?

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Likely	22	12	47	12	11	14	13
Much more likely	7	2	21	1	3	-	2
Somewhat more likely	15	10	26	11	8	14	10
Neither more or less likely	55	65	42	46	47	58	71
Somewhat less likely	9	8	8	16	12	13	4
Much less likely	14	15	4	26	29	15	13
NET Less Likely	24	23	11	42	42	28	17

Q 12. If Michael Ignatieff and the Liberals support the Harper Government's Budget, would that make you more or less likely to vote for the Liberals in the next federal election?

Base: All respondents

Are Canadians more likely to vote Liberal if they DEFEAT the budget?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Likely	26	27	26	28	21
Much more likely	11	10	11	11	8
Somewhat more likely	16	16	15	17	13
Neither more or less likely	36	46	32	34	30
Somewhat less likely	10	9	11	10	13
Much less likely	28	18	31	28	36
NET Less Likely	38	27	42	38	49

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 13. If Michael Ignatieff and the Liberals defeat the Harper Government over the Budget, would that make you more or less likely to vote for the Liberals in the next federal election?
 Base: All respondents

Are Canadians more likely to vote Liberal if they DEFEAT the budget?

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET More Likely	26	6	55	30	20	25	13
Much more likely	11	3	29	6	4	10	2
Somewhat more likely	16	3	27	24	15	16	11
Neither more or less likely	36	18	30	36	54	52	61
Somewhat less likely	10	14	11	11	4	6	9
Much less likely	28	63	4	24	22	17	16
NET Less Likely	38	77	15	34	27	22	26

Q 13. If Michael Ignatieff and the Liberals defeat the Harper Government over the Budget, would that make you more or less likely to vote for the Liberals in the next federal election?
 Base: All respondents

Who do Canadians think is doing more to improve their respective national economies?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
Barak Obama	80	94	75	74	74
Stephen Harper	20	6	25	26	26

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 14. Who do you think is doing more to improve their respective national economies, Barak Obama or Stephen Harper?

Base: All respondents

Who do Canadians think is doing more to improve their respective national economies?

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Barak Obama	80	57	89	90	96	83	87
Stephen Harper	20	44	11	10	4	17	13

Q 14. Who do you think is doing more to improve their respective national economies, Barak Obama or Stephen Harper?

Base: All respondents

Do Canadians think Stephen Harper has changed since the fall and is taking the country's economic troubles more seriously?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	243	757	383	300
	%	%	%	%	%
Stephen Harper has changed since the Fall and is now taking the country's economic troubles more seriously and listening to Canadians.	37	27	41	41	45
Stephen Harper hasn't changed at all and this Budget is all about politics and buying time for his government.	63	74	59	59	55

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q 15. Some people say that the budget shows that Stephen Harper has changed since the Fall and is now taking the country's economic troubles more seriously and listening to Canadians. Other people say that Stephen Harper hasn't changed at all and that this Budget is all about politics and buying time for his government. Which view is closer to your own?

Base: All respondents

Do Canadians think Stephen Harper has changed since the fall and is taking the country's economic troubles more seriously?

	Canada	Voting Intention					
		Conservative Voters	Liberal Voters	NDP Voters	Bloc Quebecois Voters	Green Party Voters	Other/ Undecided/ Won't Vote
	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009	Jan 28-29 2009
n=	1000	284	270	142	91	71	142
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Stephen Harper has changed since the Fall and is now taking the country's economic troubles more seriously and listening to Canadians.	37	76	21	21	11	20	35
Stephen Harper hasn't changed at all and this Budget is all about politics and buying time for his government.	63	25	80	79	89	80	65

Q 15. Some people say that the budget shows that Stephen Harper has changed since the Fall and is now taking the country's economic troubles more seriously and listening to Canadians. Other people say that Stephen Harper hasn't changed at all and that this Budget is all about politics and buying time for his government. Which view is closer to your own?

Base: All respondents