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Key Findings

1

RELATIONS WITH CHINA

Close to two in three Canadians say Canada should be more forceful (63%) in its relations with China. Residents of Ontario are more likely to say so (66% more forceful) compared to residents of Atlantic Canada (53% more forceful).

2

PARTY STANCE ON CHINA

Canadians say they are ten times more likely than less likely to vote for a federal party if it had a stronger stance against China (45% more likely, 4% less likely). Men were more likely to say so (51% more likely) compared to women (38% more likely).

3

ESTABLISH FOREIGN AGENT REGISTRATION ACT

A strong majority of Canadians support (68%) or somewhat support (20%) the establishment of a Foreign Agent Registration Act which would require anyone who works on behalf of a foreign government to register with the Canadian government.
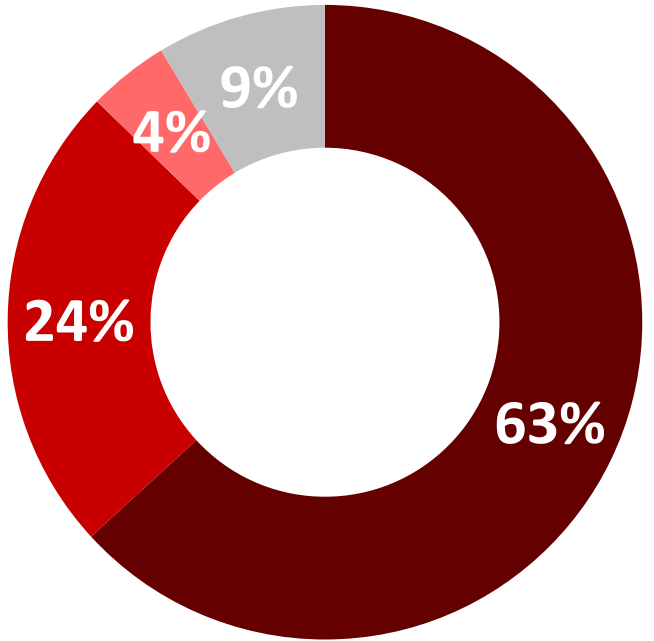
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CHINA'S TRANSPARENCY

Eight in ten Canadians say China has done a poor or very poor job at being transparent about the situation of the first outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in China. Prairie residents were more likely to say so (24% poor, 60% very poor) compared to residents of Atlantic Canada (24% poor, 47% very poor).

Possible path forward for relations with China

- ■ More forceful
- ■ Currently about right
- ■ Less forceful
- ■ Unsure

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	Atlantic (n=100)	Quebec (n=202)	Ontario (n=344)	Prairies (n=212)	BC (n=171)
More forceful	**52.9%**	**62.9%**	**65.6%**	**63.6%**	**61.3%**
	Men (n=532)	Women (n=497)	18 to 34 (n=302)	35 to 54 (n=315)	55 plus (n=412)
	64.8%	**61.6%**	**59.5%**	**63.7%**	**65.4%**

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*The net score is the difference between all positive and negative numbers in a question.

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Support for actions related to China

Net Score

The Canadian government establishing a Foreign Agent Registration Act which would require anyone who works on behalf of a foreign government to register with the Canadian government in order to combat the potential harmful influence of foreign governments
68% | 20% | 3% | 7%
+82.9

Canada excluding Chinese telecommunications company Huawei from building Canada's 5G network
64% | 16% | 8% | 6% | 6%
+66.1

Canada boycotting the 2022 Winter Olympics to be held in Beijing, China
41% | 21% | 12% | 17% | 9%
+32.7

0%   50%   100%

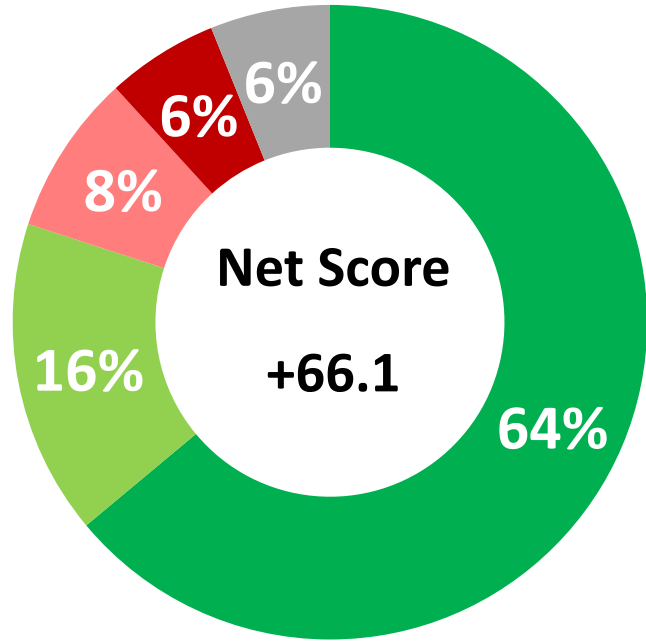■ Support ■ Somewhat support ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Oppose ■ Unsure

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Support for excluding Huawei from building Canada's 5G network

Q Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE]

Canada excluding Chinese telecommunications company Huawei from building Canada's 5G network

Net Score

+66.1

64%

16%

8%

6%

6%

- ■ Support
- ■ Somewhat support
- ■ Somewhat oppose
- ■ Oppose
- ■ Unsure

Support/Somewhat support	Atlantic (n=100)	Quebec (n=202)	Ontario (n=344)	Prairies (n=212)	BC (n=171)
	72.3%	70.7%	85.0%	84.1%	80.1%
	Men (n=532)	Women (n=497)	18 to 34 (n=302)	35 to 54 (n=315)	55 plus (n=412)
	80.5%	79.5%	74.4%	82.6%	81.7%

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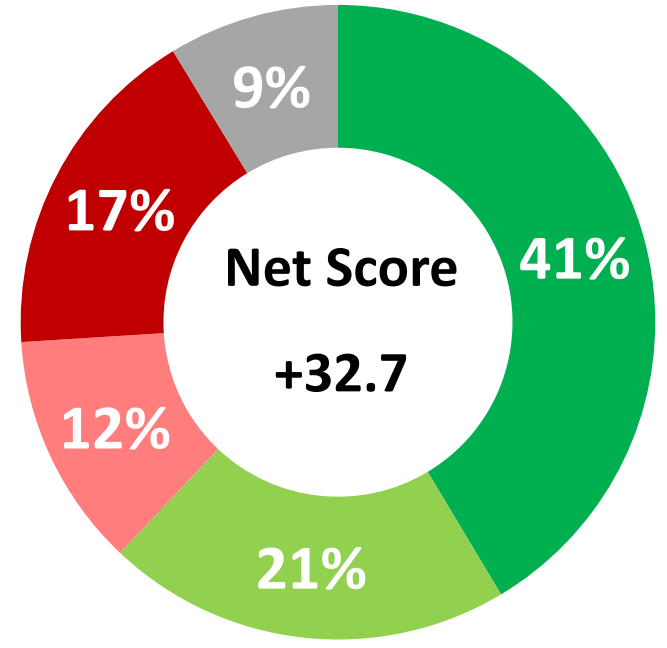
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Support for boycotting 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing

Q Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE]

Canada boycotting the 2022 Winter Olympics to be held in Beijing, China

Net Score

+32.7

41%

21%

12%

17%

9%

- Support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Oppose
- Unsure

	Atlantic (n=100)	Quebec (n=202)	Ontario (n=344)	Prairies (n=212)	BC (n=171)
Support/Somewhat support	64.3%	55.7%	63.1%	63.4%	67.3%
	Men (n=532)	Women (n=497)	18 to 34 (n=302)	35 to 54 (n=315)	55 plus (n=412)
	59.4%	64.6%	59.3%	59.7%	66.1%

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Support for a Foreign Agent Registration Act
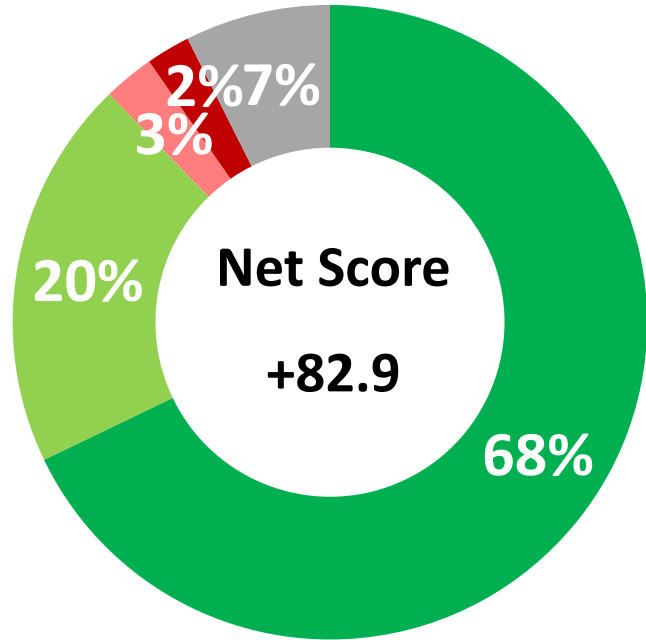
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The Canadian government establishing a Foreign Agent Registration Act which would require anyone who works on behalf of a foreign government to register with the Canadian government in order to combat the potential harmful influence of foreign governments

Net Score
+82.9

68%

20%

3%

2% 7%

- Support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Oppose
- Unsure

Support/Somewhat support	Atlantic (n=100)	Quebec (n=202)	Ontario (n=344)	Prairies (n=212)	BC (n=171)
	82.7%	85.9%	91.0%	88.1%	83.8%
	Men (n=532)	Women (n=497)	18 to 34 (n=302)	35 to 54 (n=315)	55 plus (n=412)
	89.0%	86.6%	85.5%	85.1%	91.7%

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Influence of federal party positions on China on vote in Federal election

Q If a federal party had a stronger stance against China, would you be more likely to vote for that party, less likely to vote for that party or would it have no impact on your vote in the upcoming federal election?

Net Score
+40.1

45%

4%

44%

7%
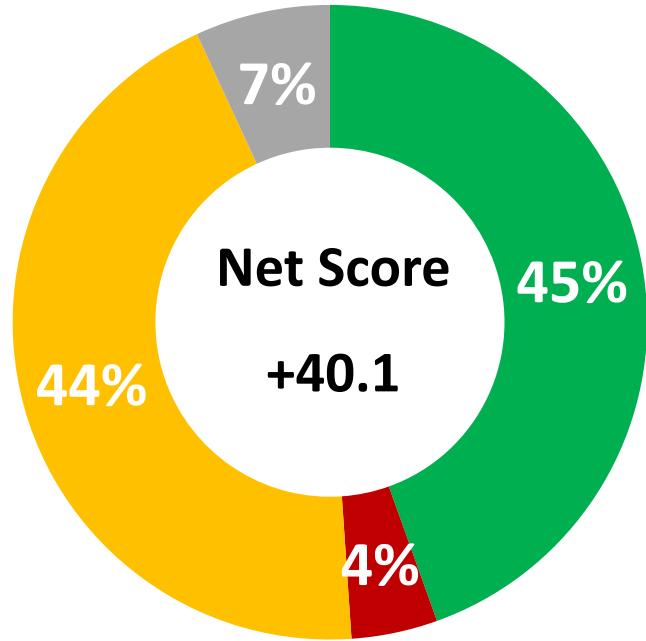
■ More Likely ■ Less likely ■ No impact on vote ■ Unsure

More likely	Atlantic (n=100)	Quebec (n=202)	Ontario (n=344)	Prairies (n=212)	BC (n=171)
	29.6%	38.2%	46.4%	52.5%	46.8%
	Men (n=532)	Women (n=497)	18 to 34 (n=302)	35 to 54 (n=315)	55 plus (n=412)
	51.0%	38.3%	40.1%	43.8%	48.3%

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Transparency of China about the first COVID-19 outbreak

Q Do you think China has done a very good, good, average, poor, or very poor job at being transparent about the situation of the first outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in China?

Net Score

-74.2

2% 4% 4%
10%
24%
56%
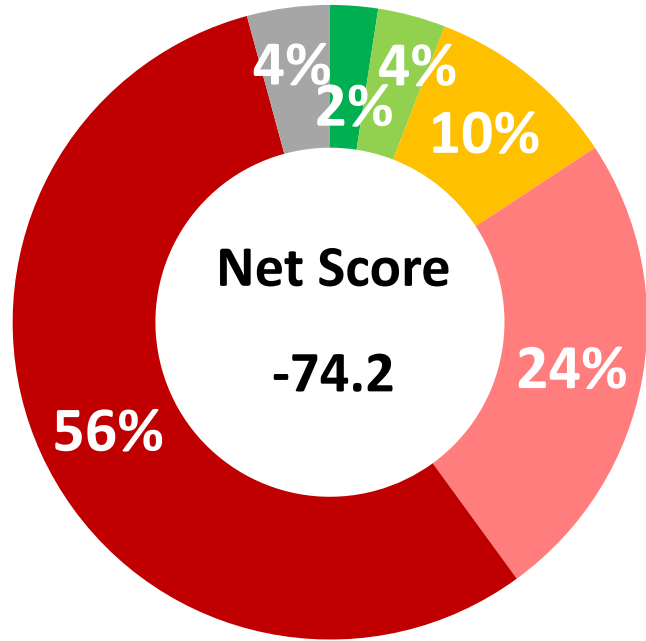
- 🟩 Very good
- 🟩 Good
- 🟨 Average
- 🟥 Poor
- 🟥 Very poor
- ⬜ Unsure

Poor/Very poor	Atlantic (n=100)	Quebec (n=202)	Ontario (n=344)	Prairies (n=212)	BC (n=171)
	70.9%	**76.1%**	**82.4%**	**83.3%**	**80.1%**
	Men (n=532)	Women (n=497)	18 to 34 (n=302)	35 to 54 (n=315)	55 plus (n=412)
	82.4%	**77.8%**	**78.2%**	**80.8%**	**80.7%**

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Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,029 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between August 28th and 30th, 2021 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. 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 were randomly called using random digit dialing with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,029 Canadians is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by the Canada-Hong Kong Link (CHKL), the Saskatchewan Stand with Hong Kong (SSWHK), Vancouver Hong Kong Forum Society (VHKFS) and Vancouver Society in Support of Democratic Movement (VSSDM) and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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METHODOLOGY

Element	Description		Element	Description
Research sponsor	Canada-Hong Kong Link (CHKL), the Saskatchewan Stand with Hong Kong (SSWHK), Vancouver Hong Kong Forum Society (VHKFS) and Vancouver Society in Support of Democratic Movement (VSSDM)		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
Population and Final Sample Size	1,029 Randomly selected individuals.		Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the 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.
Source of Sample	Nanos Panel			
Type of Sample	Probability			
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.		Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey		Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and 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.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.			
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	16 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.
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.		Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues and on healthcare, future standard of living and the environment.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.			
Field Dates	August 28th to 30th, 2021.		Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/		Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.

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	More forceful	%	63.2	52.9	62.9	65.6	63.6	61.3	64.8	61.6	59.5	63.7	65.4
	Less forceful	%	4.1	2.0	7.5	1.9	6.3	2.6	6.5	1.9	4.2	4.3	3.9
	Balance is about right	%	24.1	36.4	22.1	23.0	21.9	27.3	22.3	25.7	26.0	24.2	22.5
	Unsure	%	8.6	8.6	7.5	9.5	8.2	8.8	6.4	10.8	10.3	7.8	8.2

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	Support	%	63.9	47.8	47.4	72.7	72.7	63.7	66.2	61.8	60.5	65.6	64.9
	Somewhat support	%	16.1	24.6	23.3	12.3	11.5	16.3	14.3	17.7	13.9	17.0	16.9
	Somewhat oppose	%	8.2	7.2	13.8	6.5	5.8	7.2	7.3	9.1	9.0	6.8	8.8
	Oppose	%	5.7	8.6	5.3	4.9	5.6	7.2	8.2	3.3	7.4	5.2	4.9
	Unsure	%	6.1	11.9	10.2	3.6	4.5	5.5	4.0	8.1	9.2	5.4	4.5

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	Somewhat support	%	20.6	25.5	22.6	17.9	18.3	25.8	15.0	26.0	19.2	18.5	23.6
	Somewhat oppose	%	12.0	13.7	18.9	10.0	8.8	9.0	11.2	12.7	13.7	11.9	10.8
	Oppose	%	17.3	15.0	16.3	18.0	19.3	15.5	23.0	11.8	16.6	18.4	16.8
	Unsure	%	8.7	7.1	9.1	9.0	8.6	8.2	6.4	10.9	10.4	10.1	6.3

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	Somewhat support	%	19.9	28.2	25.5	16.5	19.1	16.8	17.6	22.2	21.7	21.6	17.2
	Somewhat oppose	%	2.6	1.0	3.6	1.6	2.9	4.0	1.9	3.2	4.6	2.4	1.3
	Oppose	%	2.2	0.5	3.2	1.7	3.1	2.1	2.6	1.9	1.4	3.7	1.6
	Unsure	%	7.4	15.8	7.4	5.7	6.0	10.1	6.5	8.3	8.5	8.8	5.4

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	More likely	%	44.5	29.6	38.2	46.4	52.5	46.8	51.0	38.3	40.1	43.8	48.3
	Less likely	%	4.4	4.3	6.2	2.8	5.5	4.4	6.1	2.7	6.0	4.0	3.6
	No impact on vote	%	44.2	55.8	49.8	44.1	33.3	43.8	37.6	50.6	45.6	44.3	43.1
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	Very good	%	2.4	0.5	3.2	2.1	2.6	2.8	3.4	1.5	4.0	1.5	2.1
	Good	%	3.5	7.3	3.1	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.6	3.3	4.8	3.6	2.4
	Average	%	9.8	13.4	13.8	7.6	8.7	9.0	8.0	11.6	8.0	8.6	12.2
	Poor	%	24.2	23.7	26.6	21.6	23.7	28.8	21.0	27.4	17.2	24.1	29.4
	Very poor	%	55.8	47.3	49.6	60.9	59.6	51.2	61.4	50.4	61.1	56.6	51.3
	Unsure	%	4.2	7.9	3.8	4.1	3.4	4.5	2.5	5.8	5.0	5.5	2.6

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