

Two thirds of Canadians say journalistic source material should be shielded from the police

National Survey Summary – Part one of two

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Summary

Two thirds of Canadians agree or somewhat agree that journalists should not be required to turn over confidential information to law enforcement agencies, but are divided over giving National security agencies the power to collect and analyze publicly available information on Canadians.

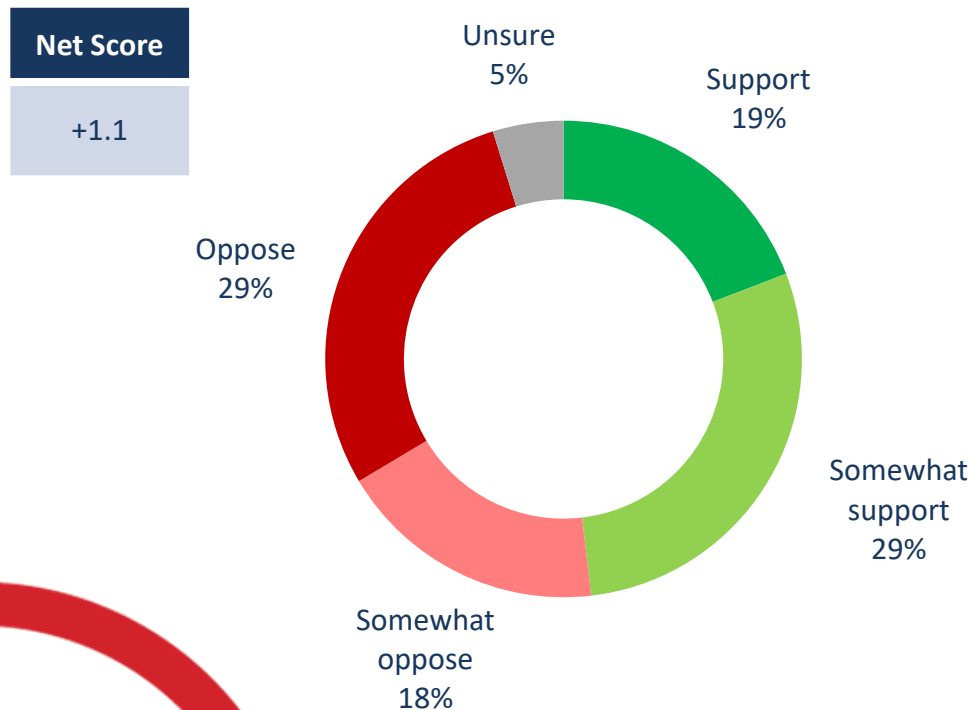
- **Canadians are divided over giving National security agencies the power to collect and analyze information on Canadians** – Close to half of Canadians support (19%) or somewhat support (29%) giving National security agencies the power to collect and analyze publicly available information on Canadians, including information shared on social media, while close to half of Canadians oppose (29%) or somewhat oppose (18%) this. Five per cent are unsure.
- **A majority of Canadians agree or somewhat agree that journalists should not be required to turn over confidential information to law enforcement agencies** – Two in three Canadians agree (38%) or somewhat agree (29%) that journalists should not be required to turn over confidential information to law enforcement agencies, while three in ten Canadians disagree (15%) or somewhat disagree (15%) with this. Three 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 April 28th and May 4th, 2018 as part of an omnibus survey. The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

This study was commissioned by Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

Support for National security agencies collecting and analysing information on Canadians

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, April 28th to May 4th, 2018, n=1000, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



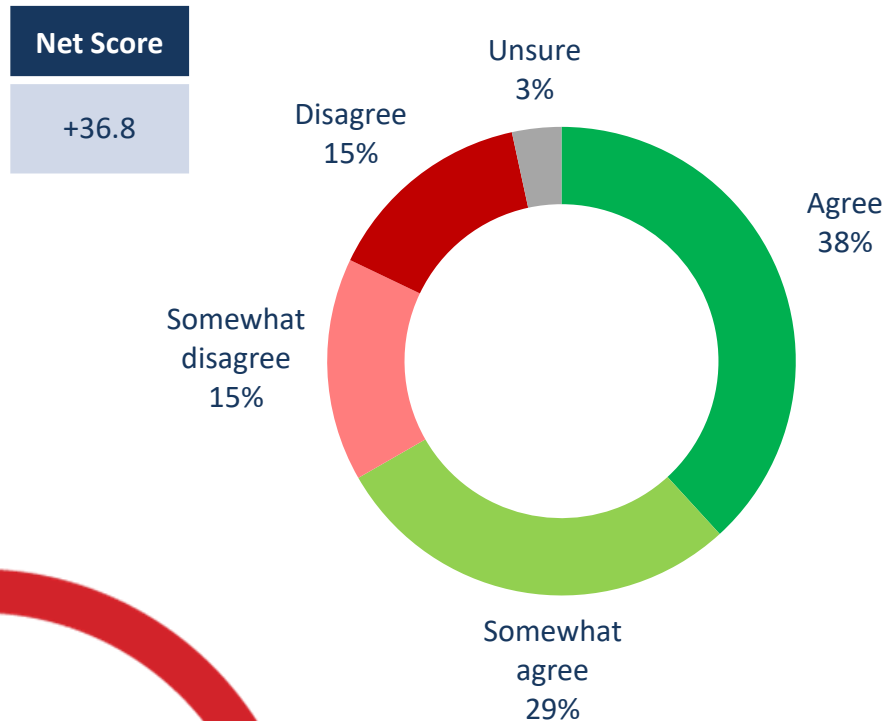
Subgroups	Support/ Somewhat support
Atlantic (n=100)	58.8%
Quebec (n=250)	42.5%
Ontario (n=300)	47.5%
Prairies (n=200)	50.5%
British Columbia (n=150)	49.0%
Male (n=502)	50.5%
Female (n=498)	45.9%
18 to 34 (n=217)	41.6%
35 to 54 (n=384)	48.9%
55 plus (n=399)	52.2%

***Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding**

QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose giving National security agencies the power to collect and analyze publicly available information on Canadians, including information shared on social media?

Requirement for journalists to turn over confidential information to law enforcement agencies

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Subgroups	Agree/ Somewhat agree
Atlantic (n=100)	58.3%
Quebec (n=250)	69.4%
Ontario (n=300)	67.4%
Prairies (n=200)	59.8%
British Columbia (n=150)	75.7%
Male (n=502)	69.0%
Female (n=498)	64.4%
18 to 34 (n=217)	62.2%
35 to 54 (n=384)	68.4%
55 plus (n=399)	68.3%

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QUESTION – Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with each of the following statements? [RANDOMIZE]

Journalists should not be required to turn over confidential information to law enforcement agencies



Methodology

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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 April 28th and May 4th, 2018 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 dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Technical Note

Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	Canadian Journalists for Free Expression
Final Sample Size	1000 Randomly selected individuals.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
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.
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	April 28 th to May 4 th , 2018.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.

Element	Description
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
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.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines could not participate.
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.
Estimated Response Rate	Twelve percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	This was module three of an omnibus survey. Module one was about the Trans Mountain pipeline, Module two was about the impact of high interest rates.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Survey Company	Nanos Research
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Tabulations

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			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2018-04	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose giving National security agencies the power to collect and analyze publicly available information on Canadians, including information shared on social media?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	502	498	217	384	399
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Support	%	19.2	20.9	17.4	16.3	23.1	21.9	21.1	17.4	13.1	21.3	21.7
	Somewhat support	%	29.0	37.9	25.1	31.2	27.4	27.1	29.4	28.5	28.5	27.6	30.5
	Somewhat oppose	%	18.3	14.4	20.4	20.0	14.3	19.2	16.2	20.3	16.8	20.8	17.2
	Oppose	%	28.8	21.6	31.0	29.3	29.4	27.9	29.8	27.8	35.6	26.1	26.3
	Unsure	%	4.8	5.3	6.2	3.1	5.8	3.9	3.4	6.0	6.0	4.3	4.3

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		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Agree	%	38.2	34.9	37.9	38.2	35.9	44.0	42.5	34.0	37.3	33.8	42.6
	Somewhat agree	%	28.5	23.4	31.5	29.2	23.9	31.7	26.5	30.4	24.9	34.6	25.7
	Somewhat disagree	%	15.4	18.7	14.6	15.1	18.1	11.9	13.8	17.0	16.6	14.8	15.2
	Disagree	%	14.5	16.9	12.2	13.6	19.3	11.7	15.9	13.1	16.6	13.5	13.8
	Unsure	%	3.4	6.1	3.8	3.9	2.8	0.8	1.3	5.4	4.6	3.3	2.7

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