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# SUMMARY

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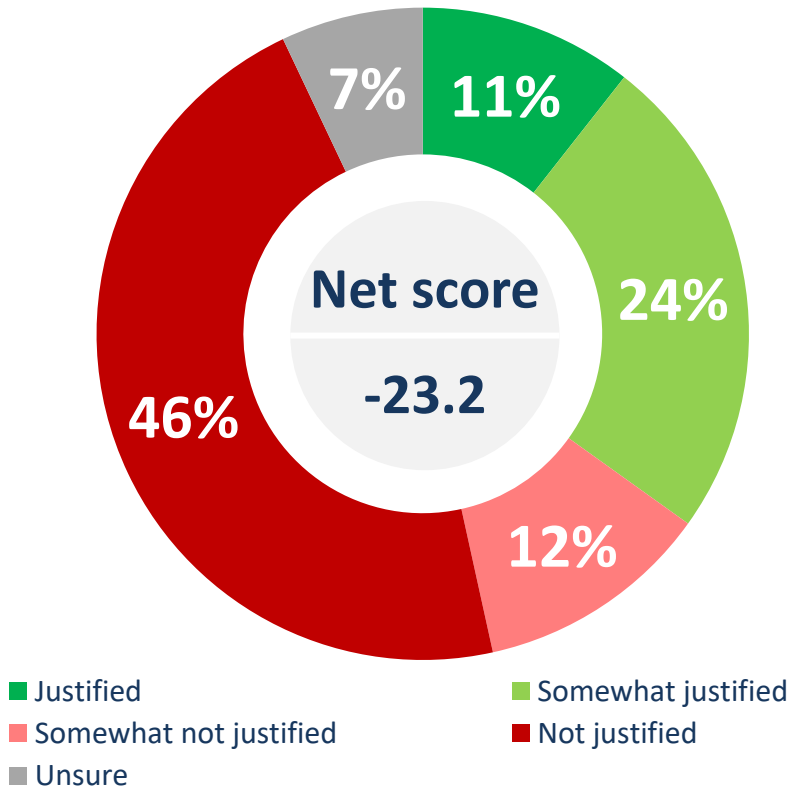
A majority of Canadians say Prime Minister Trudeau was somewhat not or not justified in breaking the *Conflict of Interest Act* for attempting to influence the Minister of Justice on a federal prosecution of a company known as SNC Lavalin in order to save jobs claimed to be at risk with the company. Residents of the Prairies and British Columbia are most likely to say the Prime Minister's actions are somewhat not justified or not justified.

- **Nearly six in ten Canadians say the Prime Minister was somewhat not or not justified in breaking the federal Conflict of Interest Act while trying to protect jobs claimed to be at risk at SNC Lavalin** – Asked whether the Prime Minister was justified in breaking the federal Conflict of Interest Act for attempting to influence the Minister of Justice on a federal prosecution of SNC Lavalin to protect jobs claimed to be at risk, nearly six in ten Canadians say this was not justified (46%) or somewhat not justified (12%). Over one in three say this was justified (11%) or somewhat justified (24%), and seven per cent are unsure.
- **Residents of the Prairies and British Columbia are more likely to say the Prime Minister's actions were not justified or somewhat not justified** – Residents of the Prairies (59% not justified; nine per cent somewhat not justified) and British Columbia (54% not justified; 11% somewhat not justified) are more likely to say the Prime Minister's actions were somewhat not justified or not justified.

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# PM protecting SNC Lavalin jobs



	Not justified/ Somewhat not justified
Atlantic (n=100)	54.6%
Quebec (n=244)	48.4%
Ontario (n=306)	57.2%
Prairies (n=200)	67.7%
British Columbia (n=150)	65.6%
Male (n=511)	59.3%
Female (n=489)	56.9%
18 to 34 (n=287)	58.3%
35 to 54 (n=331)	56.7%
55 plus (n=382)	59.0%

\*Weighted to the true population proportion.

\*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

**QUESTION** – As you may have heard, the Ethics Commissioner determined that the Prime Minister broke the federal Conflict of Interest Act for attempting to influence the Minister of Justice on a federal prosecution of a company known as SNC Lavalin. Was the Prime Minister justified, somewhat justified, somewhat not justified or not justified in trying to protect jobs claimed at risk at SNC Lavalin?



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# TECHNICAL NOTE

Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	CTV News
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	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online
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	August 29 <sup>th</sup> to September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
Standards	This report exceeds the standards set forth by CRIC, ESOMAR and AAPOR.

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, and individuals without internet access 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	Eleven 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 one of an omnibus survey. This is one report of four, the other reports are about the election, campaign tactics, and terrorism.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
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**2019-1490 – CTV/Nanos Survey – SNC Lavalin – STAT SHEET**

			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2019-08	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
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		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	491	509	271	340	389
	Justified	%	10.6	14.6	15.5	10.0	6.5	6.5	12.8	8.5	9.6	8.0	13.5
	Somewhat justified	%	24.3	23.1	28.8	24.9	21.6	19.9	24.5	24.1	18.5	26.7	26.3
	Somewhat not justified	%	11.7	12.6	15.6	10.3	8.7	11.2	11.0	12.3	12.7	11.4	11.1
	Not justified	%	46.4	42.0	32.8	46.9	59.0	54.4	48.3	44.6	45.6	45.3	47.9
	Unsure	%	7.0	7.7	7.4	8.0	4.3	7.9	3.5	10.4	13.6	8.6	1.1