

# Two in three Canadians say the Meng Wanzhou case should be decided by the Canadians courts

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# SUMMARY

Two thirds of Canadians think the Meng Wanzhou case should be decided by the courts

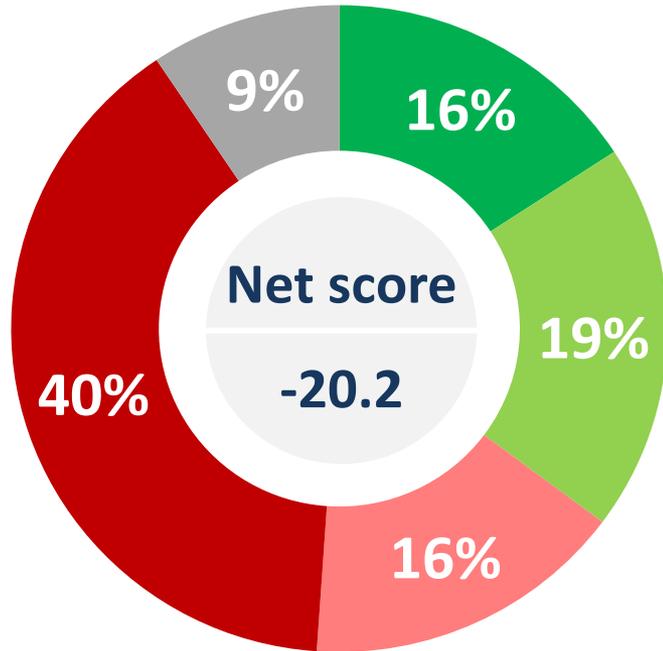
Asked whether the Canadian courts or the Government make the decision in the Meng Wanzhou case, Canadians are three times more likely to say the courts should decide. Canadians more frequently oppose rather than support an exchange of Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor for Meng Wanzhou. Just over one in two Canadians say Canada should take a more aggressive approach to getting the two Canadians detained by China released.

- **Canadians are more likely to say they oppose than to say they support an exchange of the two Canadians detained by China for Meng Wanzhou** – More than half of Canadians oppose (40%) or somewhat oppose (16%) an exchange of Chinese national Meng Wanzhou, a Huawei executive, arrested by Canada for possible extradition to the US for allegations of fraud relating to violations of US sanctions against Iran for Canadians Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor who were arrested by China on allegations of espionage. Just over a third of Canadians support (16%) or somewhat support (19%) the exchange. Nine per cent are unsure.
- **Canadians more frequently say Canada should take a more aggressive approach to getting the Canadians released** – Asked which approach should Canada pursue when it comes to trying to get China to release the Canadians, 53 per cent say Canada should take more aggressive actions such as blocking Chinese companies from buying Canadian firms or denying entry to Chinese government officials and their families from living or studying in Canada, 36 per cent say Canada should focus on diplomatic efforts, six per cent say Canada should ask the US to intervene and six per cent are unsure.
- **Canadians are three times as likely to say that the Meng Wanzhou case should be decided by the courts rather than the government** – Asked whether the decision to extradite Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou to the United States should be decided by the Canadian courts or should be decided by the Government of Canada, 68 per cent of Canadians say it should be decided by the Canadian courts, while 22 per cent say it should be decided by the Government of Canada. Ten per cent are not sure.

These observations are based on an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,049 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 as part of an omnibus survey. The margin of error for this survey is  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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# Support for exchange of Canadians for Meng Wanzhou



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

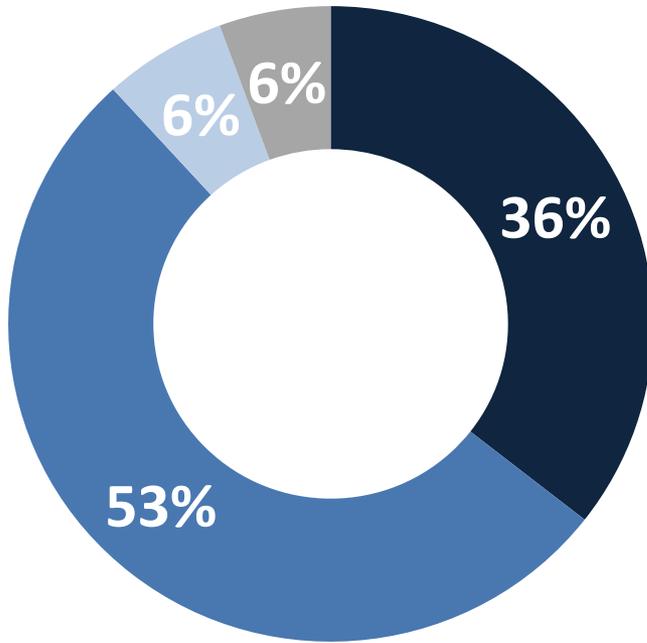
**QUESTION** – As you may know, Canadians Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor were arrested by China on allegations of espionage. Chinese national Meng Wanzhou, a Huawei executive, was arrested by Canada for possible extradition to the US for allegations of fraud relating to violations of US sanctions against Iran. Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose an exchange where the two Canadians are released in exchange for Meng?

	Oppose/ somewhat oppose
Atlantic (n=100)	60.7%
Quebec (n=252)	45.3%
Ontario (n=339)	57.7%
Prairies (n=203)	61.3%
British Columbia (n=155)	55.6%
Male (n=555)	64.0%
Female (n=494)	47.1%
18 to 34 (n=270)	50.0%
35 to 54 (n=393)	54.9%
55 plus (n=386)	59.6%

\*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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

# Approach to pursue when it comes to getting China to release the Canadians



■ Continue to focus on diplomatic efforts to convince China to release the Canadians.

■ Take more aggressive actions such as blocking Chinese companies from buying Canadian firms or denying entry to Chinese government officials and their families from living or studying in Canada

■ Ask the United States to intervene with China on Canada's behalf

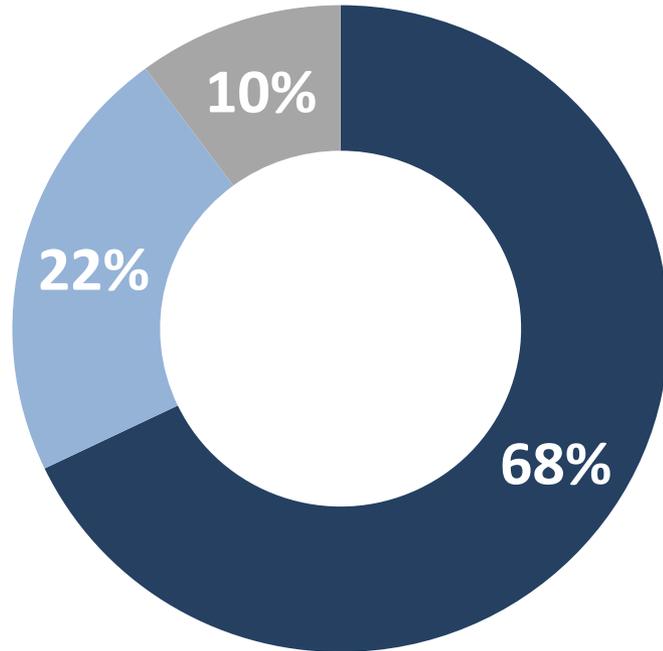
■ Unsure

	Take more aggressive action	Continue to focus on diplomacy
Atlantic (n=100)	48.3%	35.7%
Quebec (n=252)	41.8%	46.9%
Ontario (n=339)	52.8%	37.0%
Prairies (n=203)	58.8%	24.7%
British Columbia (n=155)	65.1%	26.5%
Male (n=555)	58.0%	31.2%
Female (n=494)	47.6%	39.7%
18 to 34 (n=270)	44.1%	43.2%
35 to 54 (n=393)	58.5%	32.0%
55 plus (n=386)	53.6%	33.3%

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**QUESTION** – Which of the following approaches do you think Canada should pursue when it comes to trying to get China to release the Canadians?

# Decision making on the extradition of Meng Wanzhou



- Should be decided by the Canadian courts
- Should be decided by the Government of Canada
- Not sure

	Should be decided by the Canadian courts
Atlantic (n=100)	69.2%
Quebec (n=252)	65.2%
Ontario (n=339)	67.2%
Prairies (n=203)	69.3%
British Columbia (n=155)	71.9%
Male (n=555)	73.9%
Female (n=494)	62.1%
18 to 34 (n=270)	69.2%
35 to 54 (n=393)	70.1%
55 plus (n=386)	65.0%

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**QUESTION** – Do you think the decision to extradite Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou to the United States should be decided by the Canadian courts or should be decided by the Government of Canada?



Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,049 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. 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 randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for this survey is  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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# TECHNICAL NOTE



Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News and the Globe and Mail
Population and Final Sample Size	1049 Randomly selected individuals.
Source of Sample	Nanos Hybrid Probability Panel
Type of Sample	Probability
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 to those recruited.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	June 28 <sup>th</sup> to July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
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. <a href="https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/">https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</a>

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	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, and real estate.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
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# TABULATIONS



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			Region					Gender		Age			
			Canada 2020-07	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Our next couple questions are about Canada China relations. As you may know, Canadians Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor were arrested by China on allegations of espionage. Chinese national Meng Wanzhou, a Huawei executive, was arrested by Canada for possible extradition to the US for allegations of fraud relating to violations of US sanctions against Iran. Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose an exchange where the two Canadians are released in exchange for Meng?	Total	Unwgt N	1049	100	252	339	203	155	555	494	270	393	386
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	Support	%	15.8	18.3	18.5	15.3	11.7	16.7	13.9	17.6	11.3	17.1	17.8
	Somewhat support	%	19.4	14.0	24.9	19.1	17.2	16.6	18.2	20.7	24.2	19.2	16.3
	Somewhat oppose	%	15.9	18.1	19.2	12.5	18.9	14.4	14.6	17.1	14.9	14.1	18.1
	Oppose	%	39.5	42.6	26.1	45.2	42.4	41.2	49.4	30.0	35.1	40.8	41.5
	Unsure	%	9.4	7.1	11.2	7.9	9.8	11.1	3.9	14.6	14.4	8.9	6.2

			Region					Gender		Age			
			Canada 2020-07	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Which of the following approaches do you think Canada should pursue when it comes to trying to get China to release the Canadians?	Total	Unwgt N	1049	100	252	339	203	155	555	494	270	393	386
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	Continue to focus on diplomatic efforts to convince China to release the Canadians	%	35.6	35.7	46.9	37.0	24.7	26.5	31.2	39.7	43.2	32.0	33.3
	Take more aggressive actions such as blocking Chinese companies from buying Canadian firms or denying entry to Chinese government officials and their families from living or studying in Canada	%	52.7	48.3	41.8	52.8	58.8	65.1	58.0	47.6	44.1	58.5	53.6
	Ask the United States to intervene with China on Canada's behalf	%	6.2	8.2	4.6	6.4	7.9	5.2	7.2	5.3	5.1	5.1	8.0
	Unsure	%	5.6	7.8	6.7	3.8	8.7	3.1	3.6	7.4	7.6	4.5	5.1

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			Region					Gender		Age			
			Canada 2020-07	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Do you think the decision to extradite Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou to the United States should be decided by the Canadian courts or should be decided by the Government of Canada?	Total	Unwgt N	1049	100	252	339	203	155	555	494	270	393	386
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	Should be decided by the Canadian courts	%	67.9	69.2	65.2	67.2	69.3	71.9	73.9	62.1	69.2	70.1	65.0
	Should be decided by the Government of Canada	%	22.0	22.6	23.5	24.3	16.7	19.5	20.2	23.7	20.1	19.9	25.2
	Not sure	%	10.1	8.2	11.3	8.5	13.9	8.7	5.9	14.2	10.7	10.0	9.8

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