



### **Key Findings**

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### **CONCERN ABOUT THE DEFICIT**

Three in four Canadians are concerned (45%) or somewhat concerned (29%) about the size of the current deficit.

Concern is highest among those from the Prairies (61% concerned).

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### **FUNDING NATIONAL CHILDCARE**

Nearly two in three Canadians support (36%) or somewhat support(28%) spending on a national subsidized childcare program at this time.



### **MANAGING FINANCES**

Canadians most frequently say they trust the Liberal Party of Canada (28%) and the Conservative Party (23%) most of the federal parties to responsibly manage the finances of the Government of Canada. Nearly one in four (23%) say they trust none of the parties.



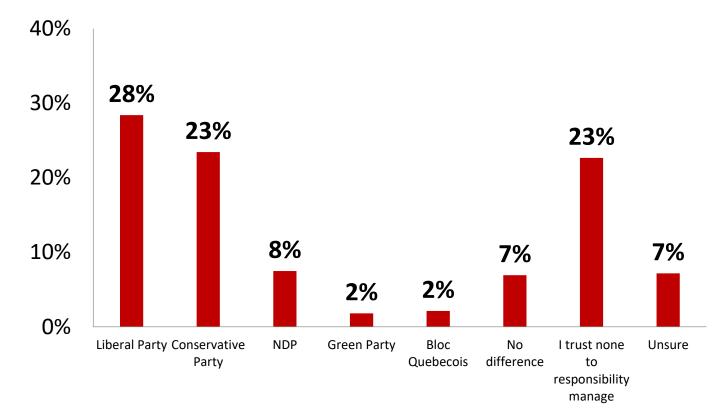


## Federal party most trusted to responsibly manage the Finances of the Government of Canada

Which federal party do you trust the most to responsibly manage the finances of the Government of Canada? [RANDOMIZE]

Close to three in ten Canadians (28%) say they trust the Liberal Party most to responsibly manage the finances of the Government of Canada, while just under one in four (23%) each say they trust the Conservative Party most or that they trust none of the federal parties.

Canadians from the Prairies are most likely to say they trust the Conservative Party (36%), while men are more likely than women to say they trust the Conservative most (17% compared to 30%, respectively).







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# Federal party most trusted to responsibly manage the Finances of the Government of Canada by demographics



Which federal party do you trust the most to responsibly manage the finances of the Government of Canada? [RANDOMIZE]

	Canada (n=1025)	Atlantic (n=89)	Quebec (n=220)	Ontario (n=345)	Prairies (n=210)	British Columbia (n=161)	Male (n=546)	Female (n=479)	18 to 34 (n=193)	35 to 54 (n=438)	55 plus (n=394)
Liberal Party of Canada	28.4%	38.0%	32.9%	29.1%	18.3%	27.4%	26.6%	30.2%	17.9%	30.7%	33.8%
Conservative Party of Canada	23.4%	17.7%	15.4%	22.0%	36.4%	26.7%	30.2%	17.0%	22.8%	25.7%	21.9%
I trust none to responsibility manage	22.7%	20.0%	18.7%	26.9%	27.5%	11.9%	21.9%	23.4%	27.3%	21.8%	20.2%
New Democratic Party of Canada	7.5%	1.9%	4.4%	7.9%	7.3%	14.7%	5.2%	9.6%	17.5%	3.1%	4.3%
No difference	6.9%	10.6%	8.5%	5.8%	5.3%	7.7%	7.0%	6.8%	6.8%	7.4%	6.6%
Bloc Quebecois	2.1%	-	8.2%	0.3%	-	0.9%	2.5%	1.7%	1.4%	2.1%	2.7%
Green Party of Canada	1.8%	2.3%	0.9%	2.3%	0.3%	3.6%	2.1%	1.5%	2.7%	2.3%	0.7%
Unsure	7.2%	9.5%	11.0%	5.6%	4.9%	7.0%	4.4%	9.8%	3.9%	6.8%	9.8%

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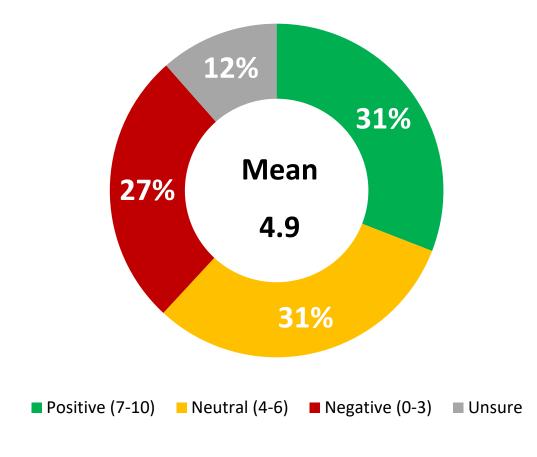


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### Impressions of the federal budget



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Canadians have mixed views of the overall impression of the federal budget with just over three in ten each (31%) who rate it positively (7-10) or neutral (4-6), and just under three in ten (27%) who rate it negatively (0-3). Respondents from the Prairies give the federal budget a lower rating (mean of 3.9 out of 10) than residents of other parts of Canada.

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	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
	(n=89)	(n=220)	(n=345)	(n=210)	(n=161)
Ę	5.3	5.3	5.0	3.9	5.0
Mean	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
	(n=546)	(n=479)	(n=193)	(n=438)	(n=394)
	4.4	5.4	4.5	4.6	5.3

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, n=1025, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.





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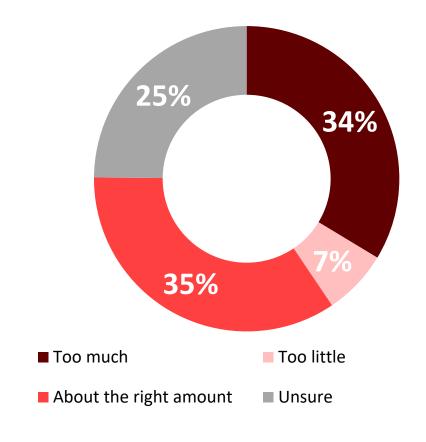
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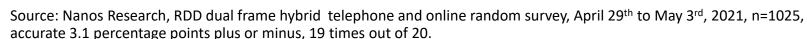


The federal budget included \$100 billion over three years in additional spending that the government says will support a post-pandemic-recovery. Do you think this level of spending is too much, too little, or about the right amount?



Canadians are nearly five times more likely to say the post-pandemic spending included in the federal budget is too much rather than too little.

Canadians from the Atlantic region are more likely to say it's about the right amount (44%), while those from the Prairies are more likely to say it is too much (40%).



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Too much	33.6%	22.3%	37.2%	31.3%	40.1%	31.0%	40.5%	27.0%	34.2%	35.4%	31.7%
About the right amount	34.6%	43.8%	39.4%	33.3%	27.2%	35.3%	32.9%	36.2%	27.7%	37.4%	36.9%
Too little	6.9%	7.1%	2.2%	6.7%	11.3%	9.6%	8.8%	5.1%	11.8%	4.9%	5.2%
Unsure	24.9%	26.7%	21.2%	28.6%	21.4%	24.2%	17.8%	31.6%	26.3%	22.3%	26.1%

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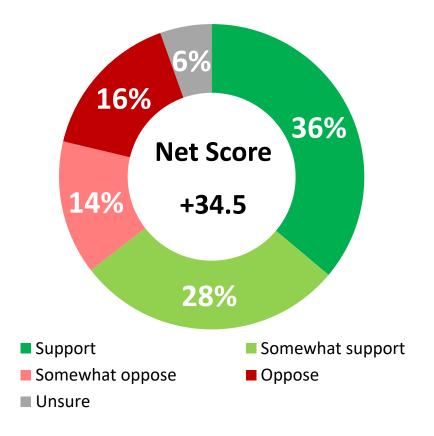
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A majority of Canadians support (36%) or somewhat support (28%) budget spending toward a new national subsidized childcare program. Support is higher among older Canadians (43% support for those 55 plus) than younger Canadians (33% support for those 18-34).





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	Support	36.1%	36.6%	34.7%	39.6%	28.9%	38.4%	33.9%	38.2%	32.6%	31.5%	42.7%
	Somewhat support	28.4%	36.0%	36.0%	25.6%	24.1%	25.2%	26.1%	30.6%	31.6%	26.4%	28.0%
	Somewhat oppose	14.2%	9.6%	12.2%	14.1%	19.4%	13.2%	14.4%	14.0%	13.0%	17.0%	12.6%
	Oppose	15.8%	14.2%	7.8%	16.8%	25.1%	15.0%	20.6%	11.2%	12.7%	20.3%	14.0%
	Unsure	5.5%	3.6%	9.3%	3.9%	2.5%	8.3%	5.0%	5.9%	10.1%	4.8%	2.7%





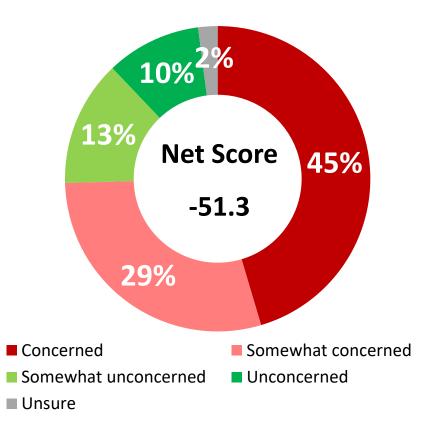
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### Concern over current size of federal deficit



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Three in four Canadians are concerned (45%) or somewhat concerned (29%) about the size of the current federal deficit. Respondents from the Prairies show the highest intensity of concern with 61 per cent who report being concerned.







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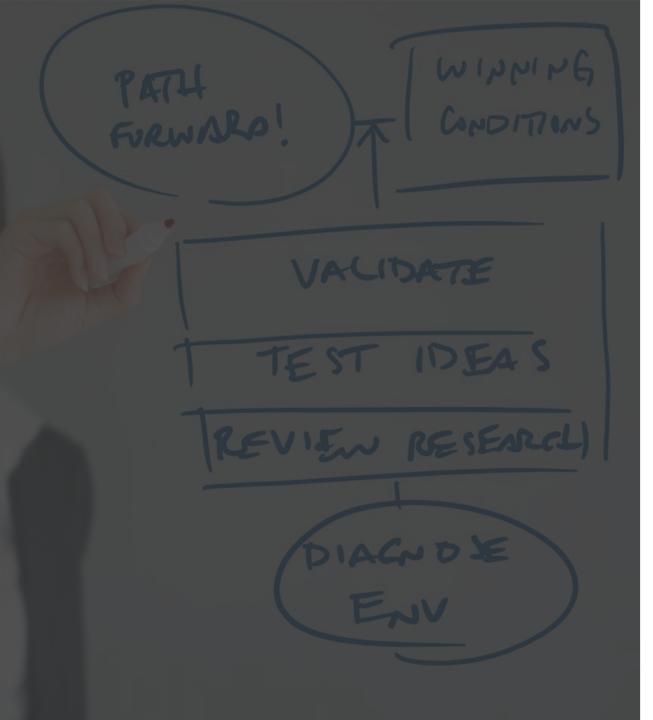
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	Concerned	45.4%	37.2%	40.9%	42.7%	60.6%	44.5%	50.0%	40.9%	46.8%	51.1%	39.4%
	Somewhat concerned	29.2%	29.0%	37.2%	29.2%	20.0%	27.5%	26.7%	31.6%	24.2%	28.4%	33.3%
	Somewhat unconcerned	13.3%	19.2%	13.3%	14.3%	12.7%	8.6%	12.1%	14.6%	13.3%	12.0%	14.6%
	Unconcerned	10.0%	12.5%	6.0%	12.1%	5.3%	16.5%	9.9%	10.2%	12.0%	7.6%	10.8%
	Unsure	2.1%	2.1%	2.7%	1.7%	1.5%	2.9%	1.3%	2.8%	3.8%	0.8%	1.9%

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Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,025 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 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.

This study was commissioned by the Globe and Mail and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

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Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	The Globe and Mail	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.
Population and Final Sample Size	1025 Randomly selected individuals.		See tables for full weighting disclosure
Source of Sample	Nanos Hybrid Probability Panel (confirm with John)	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
Type of Sample	Probability		ensure the integrity of the data.
Margin of Error	$\pm 3.1$ 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
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	0 1	participate.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	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.
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	Fourteen 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.		Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included:
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Question Content	views on political issues, views on economic issues, and COVID- 19.
Field Dates	April 29 <sup>th</sup> to May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 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. <a href="http://www.nanos.co">http://www.nanos.co</a> Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.



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					Reg	ion			Gen	der		Age	
			Canada 2021-04	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Which federal party do you trust the most to	Total	Unwgt N	1025	89	220	345	210	161	546	479	193	438	394
responsibly manage the finances of the Government		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
of Canada? [RANDOMIZE]	Liberal Party of Canada	%	28.4	38.0	32.9	29.1	18.3	27.4	26.6	30.2	17.9	30.7	33.8
	Conservative Party of Canada	%	23.4	17.7	15.4	22.0	36.4	26.7	30.2	17.0	22.8	25.7	21.9
	New Democratic Party of Canada	%	7.5	1.9	4.4	7.9	7.3	14.7	5.2	9.6	17.5	3.1	4.3
	Green Party of Canada	%	1.8	2.3	0.9	2.3	0.3	3.6	2.1	1.5	2.7	2.3	0.7
	Bloc Quebecois	%	2.1	0.0	8.2	0.3	0.0	0.9	2.5	1.7	1.4	2.1	2.7
	No difference	%	6.9	10.6	8.5	5.8	5.3	7.7	7.0	6.8	6.8	7.4	6.6
	I trust none to responsibility manage	%	22.7	20.0	18.7	26.9	27.5	11.9	21.9	23.4	27.3	21.8	20.2
	Unsure	%	7.2	9.5	11.0	5.6	4.9	7.0	4.4	9.8	3.9	6.8	9.8

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2021 budget this month. Based on what you have		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
heard, please score your overall impression of the		Mean	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.0	3.9	5.0	4.4	5.4	4.5	4.6	5.3
federal budget where 0 would be very negative and 10		Median	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
would be very positive	Very negative (0)	%	10.8	6.2	6.6	10.6	18.0	11.2	15.2	6.6	9.3	13.6	9.4
	1	%	4.1	3.8	2.6	3.2	7.9	4.0	4.8	3.4	2.4	5.0	4.4
	2	%	5.7	8.4	4.4	5.8	7.1	4.4	7.9	3.6	6.6	6.4	4.3
	3	%	6.0	3.3	5.8	5.3	7.7	7.5	7.9	4.2	7.8	6.2	4.6
	4	%	7.7	1.6	4.9	8.6	11.2	8.6	8.1	7.4	10.8	6.6	6.6
	5	%	13.7	16.2	16.9	13.3	13.0	9.3	12.8	14.7	10.6	12.7	16.9
	6	%	9.5	11.3	10.3	10.1	5.4	11.1	10.3	8.7	9.6	9.7	9.2
	7	%	13.9	11.7	19.3	13.5	8.9	13.7	11.9	15.9	12.5	13.1	15.6
	8	%	10.3	15.3	11.6	10.1	7.9	9.4	9.2	11.3	8.9	9.5	12.0
	9	%	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.9	3.4	4.3	3.1	4.3	1.0	4.2	5.2
	Very positive (10)	%	3.0	1.9	1.4	4.4	1.3	4.5	2.1	3.8	0.0	2.7	5.3
	Unsure	%	11.5	16.6	12.8	11.2	8.2	12.1	6.7	16.2	20.4	10.2	6.4

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little, or about the right amount?	Too little	%	6.9	7.1	2.2	6.7	11.3	9.6	8.8	5.1	11.8	4.9	5.2
	About the right amount	%	34.6	43.8	39.4	33.3	27.2	35.3	32.9	36.2	27.7	37.4	36.9
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subsidized childcare program. Based on what you have	Support	%	36.1	36.6	34.7	39.6	28.9	38.4	33.9	38.2	32.6	31.5	42.7
heard, do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose	Somewhat support	%	28.4	36.0	36.0	25.6	24.1	25.2	26.1	30.6	31.6	26.4	28.0
spending on a national subsidized childcare program at this time?	Somewhat oppose	%	14.2	9.6	12.2	14.1	19.4	13.2	14.4	14.0	13.0	17.0	12.6
acting time.	Oppose	%	15.8	14.2	7.8	16.8	25.1	15.0	20.6	11.2	12.7	20.3	14.0
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federal debt is now above one trillion dollars. Are you	Concerned	%	45.4	37.2	40.9	42.7	60.6	44.5	50.0	40.9	46.8	51.1	39.4
concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat unconcerned, or unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	%	29.2	29.0	37.2	29.2	20.0	27.5	26.7	31.6	24.2	28.4	33.3
about the size of the current federal deficit	Somewhat unconcerned	%	13.3	19.2	13.3	14.3	12.7	8.6	12.1	14.6	13.3	12.0	14.6
	Unconcerned	%	10.0	12.5	6.0	12.1	5.3	16.5	9.9	10.2	12.0	7.6	10.8
	Unsure	%	2.1	2.1	2.7	1.7	1.5	2.9	1.3	2.8	3.8	0.8	1.9