

## CANADA 2000 Election Study

*Methodology:*

The study included a rolling cross-section survey with 3,651 interviews, a post-election survey with 2,862 of the campaign survey respondents, and a self-administered mail-back questionnaire filled out by 1,535 of the post-election respondents, shown in Table 1, below.

	First wave	Second wave	Third wave
	Campaign Period	Post Election	Post Election
	Telephone Questionnaire	Telephone Questionnaire	Mail Survey
Total Sample	3651	2862	2862
Completed	2862	2862	1,535
Refusals	789	0	1327
Effective Percentage Response	78%	100%	53%

Table 1. Survey Descriptive Data.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question:	Coded As:
Prevote	Which party do you think you will vote for?	Recoded such that:  1 Liberal 2 Conservative 3 NDP 4 Reform 7 Alliance  The “don’t know”, “will not vote”, “none” and “refused” categories are recoded as missing. Also, ‘other’ and ‘BQ’ categories are recoded as missing.
	0 Other (specify) 1 Liberal 2 Alliance 3 Conservative 4 N.D.P. 5 Bloc Quebecois 6 Reform 96 Will not vote 97 None 98 Don't Know/Undecided 99 Refused	
Retnat	Over the past year, has Canada's economy gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?	This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:  _Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got worse
	1 gotten better 3 gotten worse 5 stayed about the same 8 Don't Know 9 Refused	
Age	In what year were you born?	Recoded such that:  The <i>age</i> variable is constructed as: 2000-(response to year of birth). This computes the age for the respondent for the year the survey is taken.  If the age was smaller than zero, then it was recoded as missing.
	9999 refused	
Male	Sex of respondent:	Recoded such that:
	1. Male 5. Female	0 Female 1 Male
Inccat	Could you please tell me your total household income, be sure to include income from all sources such as savings, pensions, rent, as well as wages, to the nearest thousand dollars,	The income variable is created by using these two questions. Recoded such that:  1 less than \$ 20,000 2 between \$ 20,000 and \$ 29,000

what was your total household income before taxes and other deductions for 1996?

1-997 Actual income  
998 Don't know  
999 Refused

We don't need the exact amount; could tell me which of these broad categories it falls into:

1 less than \$20,000  
2 between \$20,000 and \$29,999  
3 between \$30,000 and \$39,999  
4 between \$40,000 and \$49,999  
5 between \$50,000 and \$59,999  
6 between \$60,000 and \$69,999  
7 between \$70,000 and \$79,999  
8 between \$80,000 and \$89,999  
9 between \$90,000 and \$99,999  
10 more than \$100,000  
98 Don't know  
99 Refused

Union

Do you or anyone in your household belong to a union?

1 Yes  
5 No  
8 Don't Know  
9 Refused

West

Province of interview:

10 Newfoundland and Labrador  
11 Prince Edward Island  
12 Nova Scotia  
13 New Brunswick  
24 Quebec  
35 Ontario  
46 Manitoba  
47 Saskatchewan  
48 Alberta  
59 British Columbia  
60 Yukon  
61 North Western Territories

3 between \$ 30,000 and \$ 39,000  
4 between \$ 40,000 and \$ 49,000  
5 between \$ 50,000 and \$ 59,000  
6 between \$ 60,000 and \$ 69,000  
7 between \$ 70,000 and \$ 79,000  
8 between \$ 80,000 and \$ 89,000  
9 between \$ 90,000 and \$ 99,000  
10 \$ 99,000 or more

The "don't know" and "refused" categories are recoded as missing.

Recoded such that:

0 No  
1 Yes

The "don't know" and "refused" categories are recoded as missing.

Recoded such that:

0 Province <35  
1 Province >35

Francais

What language do you usually speak at home?

- 0 Other
- 1 English
- 5 French
- 10 Arabic
- 11 Chinese
- 12 English and French
- 13 First Nation
- 20 Other West Europe
- 21 German
- 22 Italian
- 23 Spanish/Portuguese
- 24 Dutch
- 25 Other East Europe
- 26 Polish
- 27 Ukrainian
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

Recorded such that:

- 0 All other languages
- 1 French

Educate

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- 1 No Schooling
- 2 Some Elementary School
- 3 Completed Elementary School
- 4 Some Secondary / High School
- 5 Completed Secondary / High School
- 6 Some Technical, Community College, CEGEP, College Classique
- 7 Completed Technical, Community College, CEGEP, College Classique
- 8 Some University
- 9 Bachelor's Degree
- 10 Master's Degree
- 11 Professional Degree or Doctorate
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

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- 1 No Schooling
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Dstaxlib

How much of the federal budget surplus do you think should

Recorded such that:

1. Almost all of it
2. Most
3. Half
4. Some
5. Almost none of it
8. don't know
9. refused

DtaxLIB is constructed by taking the respondents categorization of the Liberals tax position from the respondents own stated position.

$$dstaxLIB = \text{abs}(SELFtax - LIBtax)$$

How much of the federal budget surplus do the Liberals want

1. Almost all of it
2. Most
3. Half
4. Some
5. Almost none of it
8. don't know
9. refused

The “don’t know” and “refused”, categories are recoded as missing.

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