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### **Methodology:**

Results are based on an online study conducted from May 16 to May 19, 2019, among 800 adults in British Columbia. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in British Columbia. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.5 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

### **Thinking about the Government of British Columbia's decision to call a public inquiry into money laundering in the province, which of the following would be the most important goal for you?**

Identifying solutions to help reduce the current and future impact of money laundering in the province – 36%  
Finding out those responsible (in government and crown corporations) for allowing money laundering to become such a big problem – 30%  
Recovering ill-gotten gains and assets from people who laundered money in British Columbia – 17%  
Figuring out how money laundering became such a big problem – 11%  
Not sure – 6%

### **British Columbians Endorse Money Laundering Public Inquiry**

*More than a third (36%) would place the emphasis on "identifying solutions to help reduce the impact of money laundering."*

Vancouver, BC [May 24, 2019] – A sizeable majority of British Columbians voice satisfaction with the provincial government's decision to call a public inquiry into money laundering in the province, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative provincial sample, 86% of British Columbians "strongly agree" (55%) or "moderately agree" (31%) with this decision.

Victoria's course of action is endorsed by 93% of residents who voted for the BC New Democratic Party (NDP) in the 2017 provincial election, as well as 86% of those who supported the BC Liberals and 80% of those who voted for the BC Green Party.

In surveys conducted by Research Co. in [June 2018](#), [August 2018](#) and [February 2019](#), more than three-in-four British Columbians voiced support for a public inquiry into money laundering.

When asked about specific goals that the public inquiry should deal with, more than a third of British Columbians (36%) mentioned "identifying solutions to help reduce the current and future impact of money laundering in the province."

"In Metro Vancouver, the proportion of residents who want the public inquiry to concentrate on solutions reaches 39%," says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. "This course of action is also slightly more popular among women (38%) than men (35%)."

Three-in-ten residents (30%) believe "finding out those responsible (in government and crown corporations) for allowing money laundering to become such a big problem" should be the main priority.

Fewer British Columbians would concentrate the public inquiry's efforts on "recovering ill-gotten gains and assets from people who laundered money in British Columbia" (17%) or "figuring out how money laundering became such a big problem" (11%).

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### **About Research Co.**

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