

Poll conducted by Research Co. on the Death Penalty in Canada - March 3, 2020

We'd like to ask you some questions about the death penalty. Which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view about the death penalty?



	GENDER		AGE			REGION					VOTE IN 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION				
	Canada	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP
The death penalty is always appropriate	13%	15%	11%	16%	13%	9%	12%	10%	15%	14%	11%	15%	13%	20%	8%
The death penalty is sometimes appropriate	50%	51%	49%	47%	47%	55%	52%	58%	53%	50%	44%	47%	50%	62%	46%
The death penalty is never appropriate	27%	26%	27%	27%	25%	28%	27%	20%	26%	27%	30%	24%	30%	13%	36%
Not sure	11%	8%	13%	11%	14%	8%	8%	13%	5%	9%	15%	14%	8%	5%	10%

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As you may know, Canada eliminated the death penalty for murder in July 1976. All things considered, would you support or oppose reinstating the death penalty for murder in Canada?



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	Canada	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP
Strongly support	19%	22%	15%	17%	17%	21%	21%	16%	18%	20%	16%	19%	17%	30%	12%
Moderately support	32%	33%	32%	30%	32%	35%	33%	39%	35%	32%	30%	28%	35%	38%	25%
Moderately oppose	15%	14%	16%	21%	13%	11%	15%	17%	16%	13%	14%	18%	13%	14%	23%
Strongly oppose	22%	21%	23%	20%	22%	23%	22%	15%	20%	23%	25%	19%	25%	10%	31%
Not sure	13%	10%	15%	12%	16%	10%	10%	13%	10%	12%	15%	15%	10%	7%	9%

To supporters - Why do you support reinstating the death penalty for murder in Canada?



	Support the Death Penalty	GENDER		AGE			REGION					VOTE IN 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP
A convicted murderer has taken a life, so the death penalty fits the crime	60%	61%	58%	60%	60%	58%	60%	62%	59%	58%	56%	68%	55%	65%	73%
The death penalty would save taxpayers money and the costs associated with having murderers in prison	57%	55%	60%	52%	61%	58%	57%	58%	61%	54%	56%	65%	51%	63%	52%
The death penalty would serve as a deterrent for potential murderers	50%	50%	50%	44%	52%	53%	53%	55%	62%	49%	44%	39%	47%	55%	53%
The death penalty would provide closure to the families of murder victims	41%	43%	40%	31%	39%	52%	46%	37%	38%	43%	35%	50%	35%	49%	46%
Murderers cannot be rehabilitated	24%	26%	21%	23%	21%	26%	23%	24%	22%	25%	22%	24%	20%	30%	23%
None of these	5%	5%	4%	6%	2%	5%	9%	2%	2%	5%	5%	5%	4%	2%	7%

To opponents - Why do you oppose reinstating the death penalty for murder in Canada?



	Oppose the Death Penalty	GENDER		AGE			REGION					VOTE IN 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP
A person may be wrongly convicted, and then executed	73%	72%	74%	74%	75%	70%	85%	78%	76%	74%	58%	77%	71%	61%	83%
Even if a convicted murderer has taken a life, it is wrong to take the murderer's own life as punishment	50%	48%	51%	52%	49%	48%	60%	53%	51%	46%	43%	55%	52%	43%	51%
Murderers should do their time in prison, as indicated by a judge	40%	40%	40%	41%	35%	44%	38%	38%	38%	42%	37%	50%	47%	23%	42%
The death penalty would not serve as a deterrent for potential murderers	39%	41%	38%	34%	39%	45%	49%	39%	47%	39%	26%	51%	42%	19%	44%
Murderers can be rehabilitated	23%	24%	22%	31%	19%	18%	19%	30%	24%	25%	21%	20%	21%	10%	28%
None of these	4%	2%	6%	5%	3%	4%	0%	6%	2%	3%	6%	5%	3%	4%	2%

All things considered, which of these two approaches would you prefer as a punishment for convicted murderers in Canada?



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	Canada	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP
Life imprisonment without the possibility of parole	47%	45%	50%	49%	42%	50%	52%	49%	38%	48%	44%	54%	55%	34%	58%
The death penalty	34%	37%	31%	31%	35%	37%	32%	31%	40%	35%	34%	30%	30%	49%	31%
Not sure	18%	18%	19%	20%	23%	13%	16%	20%	22%	16%	22%	16%	15%	17%	11%