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	GENDER		AGE			REGION					VOTE IN 2021 FEDERAL ELECTION				ETHNICITY				
	Canada	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP	Indig.	European	East Asian	South Asian
<b>Contraception</b>																			
Morally acceptable	75%	68%	82%	64%	75%	87%	70%	72%	80%	70%	82%	81%	76%	76%	83%	73%	58%	86%	53%
Morally wrong	12%	16%	8%	20%	13%	4%	14%	13%	10%	14%	9%	11%	12%	9%	11%	16%	20%	6%	20%
Not sure	13%	15%	10%	16%	12%	9%	16%	15%	10%	16%	9%	9%	11%	15%	6%	11%	22%	8%	26%
<b>Divorce</b>																			
Morally acceptable	71%	66%	76%	64%	70%	80%	65%	65%	70%	68%	77%	83%	75%	67%	80%	63%	59%	79%	59%
Morally wrong	18%	22%	14%	23%	19%	12%	25%	19%	23%	19%	13%	9%	15%	21%	14%	17%	27%	14%	24%
Not sure	11%	12%	10%	14%	12%	8%	9%	16%	7%	14%	10%	8%	10%	12%	6%	20%	14%	7%	16%
<b>Sexual relations between an unmarried man and woman</b>																			
Morally acceptable	70%	66%	73%	63%	68%	77%	63%	67%	71%	66%	77%	73%	70%	69%	81%	77%	56%	78%	42%
Morally wrong	21%	23%	19%	28%	21%	16%	28%	26%	20%	25%	15%	15%	21%	24%	13%	14%	30%	16%	43%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%	9%	11%	8%	9%	7%	9%	10%	8%	12%	9%	8%	6%	10%	14%	6%	15%
<b>Having a baby outside of marriage</b>																			
Morally acceptable	69%	61%	78%	61%	68%	78%	60%	65%	70%	65%	77%	81%	73%	63%	79%	70%	57%	79%	40%
Morally wrong	20%	28%	13%	28%	20%	14%	32%	22%	25%	21%	15%	9%	19%	24%	14%	20%	26%	14%	43%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%	11%	12%	8%	8%	13%	6%	13%	9%	10%	8%	13%	8%	10%	17%	7%	17%
<b>Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos</b>																			
Morally acceptable	55%	55%	55%	52%	57%	56%	51%	56%	52%	57%	55%	59%	60%	55%	59%	49%	47%	57%	41%
Morally wrong	22%	24%	19%	26%	20%	19%	22%	26%	27%	20%	24%	15%	20%	24%	19%	31%	21%	20%	28%
Not sure	23%	21%	25%	22%	23%	25%	28%	18%	22%	23%	22%	27%	20%	21%	23%	20%	32%	23%	30%
<b>Physician-assisted death</b>																			
Morally acceptable	58%	52%	63%	49%	57%	66%	55%	58%	49%	52%	65%	67%	62%	48%	67%	60%	51%	65%	34%
Morally wrong	27%	32%	21%	32%	26%	22%	27%	28%	35%	32%	19%	18%	24%	38%	17%	23%	29%	21%	42%
Not sure	16%	16%	15%	19%	17%	12%	18%	14%	16%	16%	16%	16%	14%	14%	15%	17%	20%	14%	25%
<b>Abortion</b>																			
Morally acceptable	53%	48%	59%	49%	54%	57%	50%	48%	47%	48%	63%	62%	57%	40%	66%	55%	46%	60%	35%
Morally wrong	31%	37%	26%	37%	29%	28%	34%	39%	40%	34%	23%	25%	27%	43%	23%	31%	34%	26%	49%
Not sure	15%	16%	15%	15%	17%	15%	16%	13%	13%	19%	14%	13%	15%	17%	10%	13%	20%	14%	16%

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<b><i>Gambling</i></b>																			
Morally acceptable	53%	56%	50%	49%	58%	53%	54%	52%	53%	59%	45%	56%	57%	53%	63%	56%	46%	59%	33%
Morally wrong	30%	29%	31%	34%	25%	31%	29%	27%	32%	27%	36%	29%	29%	32%	24%	28%	34%	25%	52%
Not sure	17%	14%	19%	17%	17%	16%	17%	21%	15%	14%	19%	15%	15%	15%	14%	16%	20%	16%	15%
<b><i>Sexual relations between two people of the same sex</i></b>																			
Morally acceptable	57%	50%	65%	59%	56%	58%	49%	46%	52%	58%	68%	59%	63%	48%	68%	59%	55%	63%	35%
Morally wrong	29%	35%	23%	25%	32%	30%	35%	41%	34%	28%	20%	28%	25%	39%	23%	28%	29%	26%	46%
Not sure	14%	16%	12%	17%	12%	13%	16%	13%	14%	15%	12%	14%	12%	13%	9%	12%	17%	11%	18%
<b><i>Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur</i></b>																			
Morally acceptable	30%	36%	24%	32%	29%	28%	21%	32%	33%	30%	31%	32%	32%	37%	23%	41%	28%	29%	18%
Morally wrong	51%	45%	58%	49%	50%	55%	58%	41%	48%	50%	54%	50%	51%	44%	61%	48%	45%	55%	59%
Not sure	19%	19%	19%	19%	21%	17%	21%	27%	20%	19%	15%	18%	17%	19%	16%	11%	27%	16%	24%
<b><i>The death penalty</i></b>																			
Morally acceptable	39%	45%	34%	37%	39%	42%	36%	43%	48%	39%	34%	48%	38%	50%	40%	46%	31%	40%	34%
Morally wrong	39%	36%	42%	42%	43%	33%	40%	42%	33%	35%	45%	33%	43%	29%	42%	39%	37%	38%	45%
Not sure	22%	19%	24%	21%	19%	25%	24%	15%	19%	25%	21%	19%	19%	21%	18%	15%	32%	22%	21%
<b><i>Medical testing on animals</i></b>																			
Morally acceptable	22%	27%	16%	24%	21%	21%	25%	20%	22%	24%	21%	17%	28%	23%	17%	22%	39%	19%	23%
Morally wrong	61%	53%	68%	60%	61%	61%	57%	61%	66%	54%	66%	63%	53%	58%	69%	69%	41%	64%	61%
Not sure	18%	19%	16%	16%	18%	19%	18%	19%	13%	22%	14%	20%	19%	18%	14%	9%	20%	17%	16%
<b><i>Pornography</i></b>																			
Morally acceptable	32%	40%	24%	42%	37%	21%	24%	32%	32%	38%	30%	36%	30%	24%	44%	52%	37%	31%	37%
Morally wrong	52%	44%	61%	40%	47%	68%	59%	50%	54%	48%	54%	54%	53%	64%	44%	36%	37%	54%	48%
Not sure	15%	16%	15%	18%	16%	12%	17%	18%	14%	15%	16%	10%	16%	12%	12%	12%	25%	15%	16%
<b><i>Prostitution</i></b>																			
Morally acceptable	32%	40%	24%	36%	33%	27%	34%	26%	31%	32%	31%	34%	33%	27%	42%	51%	36%	34%	19%
Morally wrong	51%	46%	57%	44%	51%	58%	48%	59%	58%	48%	51%	53%	51%	62%	39%	41%	45%	50%	51%
Not sure	17%	14%	19%	20%	16%	15%	17%	15%	11%	20%	18%	14%	17%	11%	19%	7%	19%	16%	30%

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<b>Cloning animals</b>																			
Morally acceptable	20%	26%	14%	23%	21%	16%	15%	21%	15%	25%	19%	17%	19%	20%	23%	26%	24%	19%	29%
Morally wrong	62%	56%	67%	52%	63%	69%	61%	62%	69%	56%	63%	67%	63%	65%	54%	61%	43%	63%	47%
Not sure	19%	19%	19%	25%	16%	15%	24%	17%	16%	19%	18%	17%	18%	15%	24%	13%	33%	18%	24%
<b>Suicide</b>																			
Morally acceptable	20%	22%	17%	22%	19%	19%	22%	19%	20%	20%	17%	26%	23%	15%	26%	40%	27%	22%	17%
Morally wrong	58%	57%	58%	52%	61%	60%	58%	57%	58%	54%	62%	55%	55%	70%	47%	46%	39%	56%	60%
Not sure	22%	20%	25%	25%	21%	21%	20%	24%	22%	26%	21%	19%	22%	15%	27%	14%	33%	22%	22%
<b>Using illegal drugs</b>																			
Morally acceptable	19%	22%	16%	28%	20%	11%	17%	21%	11%	21%	19%	22%	21%	12%	27%	40%	12%	21%	6%
Morally wrong	66%	64%	69%	55%	67%	76%	67%	66%	78%	64%	65%	63%	61%	79%	62%	46%	63%	67%	76%
Not sure	15%	14%	15%	17%	13%	13%	16%	13%	11%	15%	15%	15%	18%	9%	11%	13%	25%	12%	18%
<b>Married men and/or women having an affair</b>																			
Morally acceptable	18%	21%	16%	21%	16%	17%	14%	14%	21%	16%	24%	16%	23%	17%	15%	19%	17%	17%	20%
Morally wrong	69%	65%	74%	66%	71%	70%	73%	71%	74%	70%	63%	72%	62%	74%	75%	74%	59%	72%	67%
Not sure	13%	15%	11%	12%	12%	13%	13%	16%	5%	13%	13%	12%	15%	9%	10%	7%	24%	11%	13%
<b>Cloning humans</b>																			
Morally acceptable	11%	15%	8%	16%	11%	8%	15%	7%	7%	12%	12%	12%	13%	10%	13%	20%	16%	10%	15%
Morally wrong	72%	67%	77%	62%	74%	79%	73%	70%	79%	69%	73%	70%	73%	78%	69%	70%	62%	75%	56%
Not sure	17%	18%	15%	23%	15%	12%	12%	23%	14%	20%	15%	18%	14%	12%	18%	10%	22%	15%	29%
<b>Polygamy</b>																			
Morally acceptable	21%	25%	17%	30%	24%	10%	21%	15%	19%	20%	21%	25%	21%	10%	31%	43%	25%	20%	17%
Morally wrong	63%	59%	66%	47%	61%	78%	64%	68%	66%	60%	64%	55%	63%	76%	57%	44%	55%	65%	52%
Not sure	17%	16%	18%	24%	15%	12%	15%	16%	15%	19%	15%	20%	16%	14%	13%	13%	20%	15%	31%
<b>Paedophilia</b>																			
Morally acceptable	7%	11%	4%	13%	5%	3%	6%	7%	5%	9%	8%	5%	10%	7%	7%	13%	16%	5%	12%
Morally wrong	82%	78%	85%	71%	85%	89%	85%	79%	88%	78%	83%	82%	78%	87%	89%	80%	67%	88%	63%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%	16%	10%	8%	9%	14%	7%	13%	10%	13%	12%	6%	5%	7%	17%	7%	25%