

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?

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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 Canada	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP	Indig.	East Asian	European	South Asian	
The death penalty is always appropriate	14%	16%	12%	13%	14%	14%	15%	12%	10%	17%	10%	16%	10%	24%	8%	16%	14%	12%	18%	
The death penalty is sometimes appropriate	53%	56%	50%	53%	52%	53%	59%	56%	55%	52%	47%	52%	52%	57%	55%	48%	62%	56%	47%	
The death penalty is never appropriate	24%	22%	26%	25%	22%	24%	18%	19%	31%	21%	32%	20%	32%	13%	29%	27%	19%	25%	22%	
Not sure	10%	7%	13%	9%	11%	9%	8%	12%	4%	10%	11%	11%	7%	6%	7%	10%	5%	7%	13%	

Poll conducted by Research Co. on the Death Penalty in Canada - February 28, 2025

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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Strongly support	20%	22%	18%	19%	19%	22%	16%	24%	20%	24%	14%	26%	19%	28%	16%	23%	17%	20%	23%
Moderately support	34%	38%	30%	32%	36%	34%	43%	35%	34%	31%	31%	34%	29%	47%	35%	40%	44%	33%	43%
Moderately oppose	12%	12%	13%	17%	12%	8%	8%	12%	14%	13%	15%	9%	12%	11%	10%	8%	10%	12%	15%
Strongly oppose	20%	19%	20%	18%	19%	22%	16%	20%	23%	16%	27%	16%	27%	8%	28%	19%	11%	23%	5%
Not sure	14%	9%	19%	14%	13%	14%	16%	10%	9%	15%	14%	14%	13%	6%	11%	11%	18%	11%	15%

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

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	Support the Death Penalty	GENDER		AGE			REGION						VOTE IN 2021 FEDERAL ELECTION				ETHNICITY			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic Canada	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP	Indig.	East Asian	European	South Asian	
The death penalty would serve as a deterrent for potential murderers	52%	56%	48%	44%	52%	60%	57%	50%	53%	55%	41%	59%	54%	49%	43%	52%	57%	58%	49%	
A convicted murderer has taken a life, so the death penalty fits the crime	49%	48%	50%	44%	53%	50%	56%	46%	54%	48%	37%	60%	48%	51%	50%	45%	55%	52%	34%	
The death penalty would save taxpayers money and the costs associated with having murderers in prison	46%	48%	44%	32%	51%	54%	51%	61%	41%	46%	33%	51%	46%	46%	44%	43%	53%	53%	31%	
The death penalty would provide closure to the families of murder victims	42%	40%	45%	37%	41%	47%	45%	43%	40%	45%	35%	38%	42%	42%	37%	42%	47%	46%	45%	
Murderers cannot be rehabilitated	26%	27%	25%	25%	28%	24%	30%	18%	22%	28%	27%	23%	26%	27%	28%	24%	27%	27%	31%	
None of these	4%	5%	2%	6%	3%	3%	6%	6%	2%	1%	7%	1%	3%	4%	4%	5%	0%	3%	0%	

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



	Oppose the Death Penalty	GENDER			AGE			REGION					VOTE IN 2021 FEDERAL ELECTION					ETHNICITY				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic Canada	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP	Indig.	East Asian	European	South Asian			
A person may be wrongly convicted, and then executed	61%	58%	65%	61%	65%	59%	64%	54%	64%	62%	59%	72%	64%	45%	71%	75%	66%	65%	64%			
Even if a convicted murderer has taken a life, it is wrong to take the murderer's own life as punishment	41%	44%	38%	39%	45%	39%	40%	56%	30%	36%	46%	41%	36%	42%	48%	55%	37%	42%	35%			
Murderers should do their time in prison, as indicated by a judge	40%	41%	39%	40%	47%	34%	47%	39%	24%	40%	44%	41%	41%	34%	40%	33%	43%	39%	42%			
The death penalty would not serve as a deterrent for potential murderers	36%	40%	33%	28%	39%	43%	52%	32%	26%	37%	34%	37%	34%	35%	39%	36%	39%	42%	22%			
Murderers can be rehabilitated	18%	19%	17%	19%	19%	14%	16%	22%	21%	27%	11%	3%	8%	25%	18%	8%	32%	18%	20%			
None of these	5%	6%	4%	7%	2%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	3%	3%	8%	5%	0%	0%	4%	13%			

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

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Life imprisonment without the possibility of parole	53%	49%	58%	62%	46%	52%	47%	50%	53%	50%	64%	52%	61%	42%	63%	44%	47%	51%	59%	
The death penalty	35%	40%	30%	27%	40%	39%	38%	39%	37%	37%	26%	38%	30%	51%	30%	37%	42%	37%	30%	
Not sure	12%	11%	12%	11%	14%	9%	15%	11%	11%	12%	10%	10%	10%	8%	7%	19%	11%	12%	11%	