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<b>The federal government in Ottawa</b>															
Definitely a success	20%	22%	17%	23%	14%	19%	22%	14%	17%	21%	18%	23%	32%	11%	10%
Probably a success	36%	35%	37%	35%	31%	40%	45%	32%	30%	36%	38%	24%	44%	26%	44%
Probably a failure	17%	17%	17%	18%	22%	13%	13%	25%	12%	15%	18%	19%	13%	21%	20%
Definitely a failure	16%	18%	15%	12%	20%	16%	12%	17%	18%	18%	14%	13%	5%	31%	16%
Not sure	12%	8%	15%	12%	13%	11%	8%	13%	22%	10%	12%	21%	6%	9%	10%
<b>The official opposition in Canada</b>															
Definitely a success	12%	13%	11%	20%	9%	9%	11%	18%	9%	15%	8%	11%	13%	15%	10%
Probably a success	26%	28%	25%	27%	26%	25%	37%	21%	23%	23%	29%	21%	28%	27%	25%
Probably a failure	25%	26%	24%	22%	25%	28%	19%	18%	25%	25%	30%	28%	29%	23%	25%
Definitely a failure	13%	14%	11%	9%	17%	11%	8%	14%	13%	14%	14%	11%	13%	14%	12%
Not sure	24%	19%	28%	22%	23%	26%	26%	28%	30%	23%	19%	29%	17%	21%	28%
<b>Your provincial government</b>															
Definitely a success	19%	22%	17%	22%	14%	19%	27%	13%	14%	20%	18%	20%	26%	15%	17%
Probably a success	37%	37%	36%	35%	35%	42%	40%	33%	39%	37%	37%	31%	45%	29%	38%
Probably a failure	17%	16%	17%	17%	17%	14%	16%	27%	8%	14%	18%	17%	15%	23%	16%
Definitely a failure	16%	16%	15%	15%	21%	14%	9%	15%	18%	19%	15%	14%	8%	25%	19%
Not sure	12%	8%	15%	12%	13%	11%	8%	12%	20%	10%	11%	19%	5%	9%	9%
<b>The official opposition in your province</b>															
Definitely a success	11%	12%	10%	17%	10%	8%	10%	10%	16%	12%	8%	14%	13%	9%	16%
Probably a success	30%	33%	28%	34%	27%	29%	33%	29%	22%	29%	34%	27%	38%	24%	27%
Probably a failure	22%	21%	23%	19%	23%	24%	25%	21%	21%	20%	24%	19%	24%	25%	25%
Definitely a failure	14%	16%	10%	11%	17%	12%	9%	14%	14%	15%	13%	16%	7%	20%	12%
Not sure	23%	18%	29%	20%	24%	27%	23%	26%	27%	24%	20%	24%	18%	22%	20%
<b>Your municipal government</b>															
Definitely a success	16%	17%	15%	20%	11%	16%	17%	17%	9%	17%	15%	18%	23%	12%	11%
Probably a success	39%	40%	37%	37%	36%	43%	47%	42%	38%	36%	41%	32%	47%	34%	47%
Probably a failure	18%	18%	18%	19%	19%	15%	17%	14%	15%	22%	16%	15%	18%	22%	14%
Definitely a failure	13%	13%	12%	9%	19%	11%	7%	14%	10%	13%	14%	14%	4%	20%	15%
Not sure	15%	11%	17%	15%	14%	15%	12%	13%	28%	12%	14%	21%	8%	12%	12%

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<b>Trade associations</b>															
Definitely a success	12%	14%	10%	19%	7%	8%	12%	10%	11%	11%	12%	17%	13%	9%	18%
Probably a success	29%	31%	28%	29%	29%	32%	34%	28%	27%	30%	31%	20%	38%	26%	24%
Probably a failure	18%	19%	17%	18%	20%	18%	15%	23%	18%	18%	18%	19%	18%	21%	18%
Definitely a failure	12%	13%	11%	12%	15%	9%	7%	7%	13%	14%	15%	8%	6%	20%	10%
Not sure	29%	22%	34%	22%	29%	34%	32%	33%	31%	28%	23%	35%	25%	25%	30%
<b>Non-governmental organizations</b>															
Definitely a success	13%	14%	12%	17%	10%	13%	13%	11%	9%	13%	14%	12%	17%	8%	13%
Probably a success	38%	39%	38%	39%	33%	43%	46%	35%	34%	41%	34%	32%	48%	33%	40%
Probably a failure	18%	19%	17%	20%	22%	14%	13%	18%	18%	17%	21%	19%	13%	22%	22%
Definitely a failure	11%	12%	9%	9%	14%	10%	6%	10%	10%	12%	12%	10%	5%	19%	10%
Not sure	20%	16%	24%	16%	21%	21%	22%	26%	29%	17%	19%	27%	17%	19%	15%
<b>Unions</b>															
Definitely a success	11%	12%	9%	17%	9%	8%	13%	10%	9%	12%	10%	11%	15%	7%	12%
Probably a success	33%	35%	32%	37%	33%	27%	35%	33%	32%	34%	31%	36%	41%	25%	42%
Probably a failure	18%	18%	18%	15%	19%	20%	17%	15%	19%	17%	22%	10%	16%	22%	18%
Definitely a failure	13%	16%	11%	12%	16%	10%	9%	15%	13%	14%	14%	11%	7%	22%	6%
Not sure	25%	19%	30%	18%	23%	35%	26%	27%	27%	23%	23%	33%	22%	24%	22%
<b>Television news</b>															
Definitely a success	20%	21%	18%	19%	14%	23%	18%	18%	19%	22%	20%	13%	28%	11%	21%
Probably a success	36%	36%	36%	34%	34%	38%	47%	41%	26%	34%	34%	30%	43%	32%	38%
Probably a failure	17%	18%	15%	20%	19%	13%	14%	20%	14%	16%	20%	16%	15%	17%	18%
Definitely a failure	14%	14%	15%	14%	18%	12%	10%	11%	16%	16%	15%	17%	6%	27%	9%
Not sure	14%	11%	16%	12%	16%	15%	11%	11%	24%	12%	12%	24%	8%	12%	14%
<b>Radio news</b>															
Definitely a success	15%	17%	13%	18%	9%	17%	18%	12%	13%	17%	14%	9%	23%	10%	10%
Probably a success	40%	39%	41%	38%	39%	42%	44%	40%	33%	38%	43%	36%	48%	30%	44%
Probably a failure	17%	19%	15%	18%	21%	11%	12%	22%	17%	18%	17%	14%	12%	24%	21%
Definitely a failure	11%	13%	11%	10%	14%	10%	7%	9%	13%	12%	11%	20%	5%	21%	8%
Not sure	17%	13%	20%	16%	17%	19%	18%	17%	24%	16%	15%	19%	12%	15%	17%
<b>Newspapers</b>															
Definitely a success	14%	16%	12%	17%	9%	14%	13%	14%	14%	16%	14%	10%	20%	10%	10%
Probably a success	36%	35%	37%	31%	33%	42%	43%	39%	24%	34%	37%	32%	47%	27%	38%
Probably a failure	19%	20%	18%	21%	22%	14%	16%	17%	25%	21%	19%	10%	15%	24%	22%
Definitely a failure	13%	16%	11%	13%	18%	12%	9%	11%	13%	15%	12%	23%	6%	22%	10%
Not sure	18%	13%	21%	17%	18%	18%	19%	20%	23%	15%	17%	26%	13%	17%	20%

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<b>We were right to have strict public health measures in place to stop the spread of COVID-19</b>	53%	48%	57%	50%	46%	56%	63%	59%	57%	55%	45%	36%	72%	37%	56%
<b>Looking back, the response to the COVID-19 pandemic was probably too heavy-handed</b>	30%	34%	26%	31%	31%	30%	27%	25%	25%	28%	34%	41%	19%	39%	39%
<b>COVID-19 was a hoax and we never should have altered our lives</b>	10%	12%	9%	11%	12%	7%	6%	10%	7%	11%	12%	13%	5%	20%	3%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	8%	8%	11%	7%	3%	6%	12%	6%	10%	10%	3%	4%	2%

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As you may know, the Government of the United Kingdom is conducting a public inquiry into the COVID-19 pandemic. The terms of reference cover preparedness, the public health response, the response in the health care sector and the economic response. All things considered, do you support or oppose holding a public inquiry into the way the COVID-19 pandemic was managed by these levels of government in Canada?



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<b>The federal government in Ottawa</b>															
Strongly support	30%	31%	29%	29%	27%	34%	32%	31%	30%	35%	23%	19%	34%	31%	34%
Moderately support	32%	32%	33%	39%	33%	25%	33%	33%	35%	29%	36%	30%	37%	24%	35%
Moderately oppose	14%	16%	13%	11%	14%	14%	17%	12%	6%	12%	17%	21%	14%	21%	7%
Strongly oppose	12%	12%	12%	7%	13%	17%	9%	13%	14%	13%	12%	14%	10%	18%	10%
Not sure	12%	9%	14%	12%	13%	9%	9%	10%	14%	11%	12%	16%	7%	7%	14%
<b>Your provincial government</b>															
Strongly support	29%	29%	28%	28%	28%	33%	27%	30%	27%	34%	26%	15%	34%	26%	30%
Moderately support	32%	34%	31%	37%	33%	25%	37%	37%	40%	27%	32%	34%	35%	31%	32%
Moderately oppose	15%	15%	15%	13%	13%	15%	16%	11%	6%	17%	15%	18%	16%	17%	13%
Strongly oppose	13%	13%	12%	8%	13%	18%	11%	11%	13%	13%	13%	15%	10%	17%	13%
Not sure	12%	9%	14%	13%	13%	9%	9%	11%	14%	10%	14%	18%	6%	8%	11%
<b>Your municipal government</b>															
Strongly support	26%	27%	24%	28%	23%	27%	26%	22%	26%	29%	23%	20%	30%	26%	24%
Moderately support	32%	33%	31%	35%	34%	29%	35%	39%	37%	29%	32%	26%	36%	27%	30%
Moderately oppose	16%	15%	17%	15%	15%	16%	16%	12%	7%	18%	17%	21%	17%	20%	15%
Strongly oppose	13%	14%	13%	10%	12%	19%	12%	15%	14%	13%	13%	13%	10%	17%	19%
Not sure	13%	11%	14%	12%	16%	10%	11%	11%	16%	11%	15%	20%	8%	10%	12%