

Before today, had you heard about the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)?



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Yes		47%	51%	42%	38%	47%	52%	48%	38%	44%	29%	55%	48%	54%	64%	55%	38%	53%	42%
No		53%	49%	58%	62%	53%	48%	52%	62%	56%	71%	45%	52%	46%	36%	45%	62%	47%	58%

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The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) establishes global standards for the rights of Indigenous peoples. It outlines collective and individual rights, such as self-determination, and the right to maintain distinct cultures, languages and institutions. The UNDRIP Act, which came into effect in June 2021, requires the Canadian government to ensure all laws are consistent with the Declaration, in consultation with Indigenous peoples, and mandates the creation of an action plan to achieve the Declaration's objectives. All things considered, do you think the UNDRIP Act is a positive development for Canada or a negative development for Canada?



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Definitely a positive development for Canada	25%	19%	28%	31%	23%	22%	23%	32%	21%	24%	28%	30%	15%	34%	34%	8%	26%	32%		
Probably a positive development for Canada	34%	35%	34%	42%	36%	27%	40%	24%	36%	41%	32%	38%	30%	46%	44%	42%	30%	41%		
Probably a negative development for Canada	12%	16%	8%	9%	10%	16%	10%	10%	16%	13%	9%	10%	16%	13%	3%	15%	14%	11%		
Definitely a negative development for Canada	13%	17%	10%	6%	14%	19%	11%	15%	17%	10%	14%	7%	30%	3%	8%	11%	17%	4%		
Not sure	16%	13%	18%	13%	17%	16%	16%	18%	11%	13%	16%	15%	10%	4%	11%	24%	13%	12%		

All things considered, do you think each of the following actions are adequate or inadequate in today's Canada?



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Territory acknowledgements, which are usually worded this way: "I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of (nation names)."																		
Definitely adequate	25%	24%	27%	23%	23%	28%	21%	35%	28%	14%	25%	27%	29%	23%	36%	16%	29%	19%
Probably adequate	35%	35%	36%	44%	33%	31%	40%	28%	36%	40%	37%	42%	28%	36%	26%	40%	30%	51%
Probably inadequate	14%	14%	13%	16%	12%	13%	17%	13%	10%	19%	8%	12%	12%	28%	9%	19%	12%	10%
Definitely inadequate	10%	11%	7%	4%	15%	10%	6%	11%	13%	13%	12%	9%	13%	9%	13%	4%	13%	3%
Not sure	16%	15%	17%	12%	17%	19%	15%	13%	13%	14%	18%	10%	18%	5%	17%	21%	16%	17%
Non-Indigenous Canadians and Permanent Residents calling themselves "settlers"																		
Definitely adequate	13%	12%	14%	16%	11%	12%	14%	16%	7%	13%	17%	13%	14%	16%	8%	9%	13%	18%
Probably adequate	25%	26%	23%	30%	26%	19%	31%	20%	21%	28%	17%	28%	23%	29%	26%	33%	21%	38%
Probably inadequate	19%	18%	19%	22%	21%	16%	19%	12%	20%	23%	18%	22%	15%	22%	29%	23%	17%	10%
Definitely inadequate	17%	20%	14%	13%	15%	20%	11%	25%	24%	15%	18%	12%	24%	15%	9%	7%	21%	14%
Not sure	27%	24%	30%	19%	27%	32%	24%	27%	29%	21%	31%	25%	24%	18%	28%	29%	28%	21%
People speaking positively about the Residential School system																		
Definitely adequate	11%	11%	11%	13%	10%	10%	16%	13%	9%	9%	6%	11%	16%	10%	11%	6%	8%	22%
Probably adequate	21%	23%	20%	28%	21%	17%	31%	15%	13%	29%	19%	19%	21%	37%	20%	32%	13%	33%
Probably inadequate	16%	17%	16%	18%	14%	17%	17%	16%	17%	21%	9%	15%	22%	13%	21%	21%	14%	7%
Definitely inadequate	29%	29%	29%	26%	29%	30%	20%	30%	40%	30%	39%	35%	20%	34%	35%	17%	42%	16%
Not sure	23%	20%	24%	15%	26%	26%	17%	26%	20%	11%	27%	20%	21%	6%	12%	24%	23%	22%

As you may know, First Nations and Indigenous organizations in British Columbia have the right of self-determination. This means that Indigenous people can determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development, and dispose of and benefit from their wealth and natural resources. All things considered, do you think the right of self-determination has been positive or negative for Canada?



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Very positive	15%	15%	15%	20%	15%	11%	18%	16%	11%	14%	16%	16%	13%	27%	29%	4%	15%	28%	
Moderately positive	38%	40%	36%	43%	38%	36%	42%	33%	37%	51%	34%	47%	32%	47%	37%	40%	37%	34%	
Moderately negative	15%	15%	15%	13%	13%	18%	13%	19%	17%	9%	13%	12%	21%	10%	11%	19%	15%	8%	
Very negative	13%	16%	9%	6%	13%	18%	9%	10%	17%	12%	15%	8%	23%	8%	9%	10%	16%	6%	
Not sure	19%	14%	25%	19%	21%	17%	18%	22%	18%	13%	21%	17%	11%	9%	14%	27%	16%	24%	

Compared to 20 years ago, would you say First Nations and Indigenous organizations are doing better, about the same, or worse in pursuing their own economic, social and cultural development?



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							Vancouver	Fraser Valley										
<i>Economic development</i>																		
Better	42%	43%	41%	35%	36%	52%	39%	38%	49%	33%	49%	45%	40%	42%	44%	29%	50%	45%
About the same	31%	32%	28%	37%	32%	25%	34%	26%	19%	36%	28%	33%	28%	37%	33%	41%	25%	16%
Worse	15%	17%	14%	19%	18%	10%	17%	19%	20%	26%	9%	12%	23%	12%	17%	16%	14%	23%
Not sure	12%	9%	16%	9%	15%	13%	10%	17%	12%	6%	14%	10%	10%	9%	6%	14%	12%	16%
<i>Social development</i>																		
Better	37%	39%	36%	34%	36%	40%	35%	33%	40%	27%	43%	42%	36%	30%	36%	29%	42%	35%
About the same	35%	37%	33%	38%	34%	34%	42%	33%	27%	48%	29%	35%	38%	44%	41%	41%	33%	37%
Worse	14%	14%	14%	17%	15%	11%	12%	16%	19%	17%	12%	12%	17%	12%	16%	15%	13%	7%
Not sure	13%	10%	17%	10%	15%	14%	12%	18%	14%	8%	16%	11%	9%	13%	6%	15%	13%	20%
<i>Cultural development</i>																		
Better	45%	43%	46%	42%	42%	50%	39%	40%	51%	42%	52%	52%	43%	46%	44%	31%	51%	48%
About the same	31%	34%	28%	34%	28%	30%	38%	29%	25%	32%	25%	30%	31%	32%	28%	38%	26%	24%
Worse	12%	13%	12%	14%	14%	8%	11%	15%	12%	19%	9%	7%	17%	14%	21%	13%	11%	4%
Not sure	13%	10%	15%	10%	16%	11%	11%	16%	12%	6%	14%	11%	9%	7%	6%	19%	11%	24%

All things considered, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?



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First Nations and Indigenous organizations across British Columbia should decide if natural resource projects can be established on their territories																		
Strongly agree	24%	21%	26%	27%	25%	19%	22%	33%	20%	28%	26%	29%	18%	30%	44%	11%	27%	18%
Moderately agree	35%	31%	39%	40%	35%	33%	37%	26%	41%	38%	37%	39%	31%	46%	30%	39%	32%	44%
Moderately disagree	13%	16%	11%	13%	10%	16%	17%	12%	12%	13%	8%	12%	14%	16%	8%	18%	14%	7%
Strongly disagree	15%	21%	10%	8%	16%	19%	12%	14%	18%	15%	17%	8%	29%	7%	10%	13%	16%	15%
Not sure	12%	11%	14%	11%	13%	12%	12%	15%	9%	6%	12%	11%	9%	1%	8%	18%	11%	17%
First Nations and Indigenous organizations across British Columbia should decide what type of housing projects can be built on their territories																		
Strongly agree	26%	25%	26%	25%	28%	26%	25%	33%	23%	23%	31%	30%	21%	36%	40%	13%	30%	26%
Moderately agree	38%	35%	41%	35%	36%	41%	38%	39%	44%	31%	33%	43%	37%	34%	32%	41%	38%	42%
Moderately disagree	13%	15%	12%	21%	10%	11%	14%	7%	12%	32%	13%	9%	14%	19%	14%	18%	10%	11%
Strongly disagree	12%	16%	8%	8%	15%	12%	12%	11%	15%	9%	10%	7%	21%	10%	5%	12%	13%	6%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	10%	12%	11%	11%	11%	6%	6%	12%	10%	7%	1%	9%	17%	9%	15%

Economic Reconciliation is defined as “the process of making economic amends for historical injustices to Indigenous Peoples.” All things considered, would you say each of the following levels of government is doing too much, doing about right, or needs to do more to foster Economic Reconciliation?



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							Vancouver	Fraser Valley										
The federal government in Ottawa																		
Doing too much	25%	28%	20%	16%	26%	31%	24%	22%	30%	10%	25%	17%	38%	24%	24%	22%	27%	17%
Doing about right	29%	32%	27%	31%	29%	27%	36%	29%	31%	21%	21%	40%	22%	31%	21%	30%	29%	22%
Needs to do more	27%	26%	30%	30%	27%	26%	23%	25%	22%	47%	36%	30%	27%	31%	31%	22%	29%	30%
Not sure	18%	14%	23%	23%	18%	16%	16%	24%	17%	23%	18%	13%	13%	14%	24%	25%	15%	31%
The provincial government in Victoria																		
Doing too much	28%	33%	21%	18%	29%	33%	28%	26%	31%	10%	25%	21%	43%	28%	26%	26%	30%	25%
Doing about right	29%	29%	29%	32%	28%	27%	35%	23%	28%	15%	26%	40%	20%	24%	16%	30%	28%	22%
Needs to do more	25%	23%	27%	30%	24%	22%	19%	28%	22%	55%	29%	26%	23%	40%	37%	19%	27%	21%
Not sure	19%	14%	23%	20%	19%	17%	18%	23%	19%	21%	20%	13%	13%	7%	22%	26%	15%	33%
Your municipal government																		
Doing too much	20%	23%	17%	16%	20%	22%	22%	18%	22%	21%	15%	12%	32%	29%	15%	21%	20%	15%
Doing about right	32%	34%	29%	31%	33%	33%	37%	25%	34%	14%	33%	40%	29%	22%	27%	30%	35%	29%
Needs to do more	27%	24%	30%	32%	26%	23%	23%	32%	23%	40%	29%	30%	25%	34%	31%	22%	27%	14%
Not sure	21%	18%	24%	21%	20%	21%	18%	25%	21%	26%	22%	17%	14%	15%	27%	26%	18%	42%

As you may know, the B.C. Supreme Court recently ruled that the Cowichan Tribes had “established Aboriginal title” to more than 5.7 square kilometres of land in Richmond. Over the past month, how closely have you followed news related to this decision by the B.C. Supreme Court?



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Very closely	10%	14%	7%	10%	8%	12%	13%	6%	14%	4%	11%	9%	19%	13%	19%	8%	11%	1%	7%	13%		
Moderately closely	35%	39%	33%	37%	35%	34%	41%	35%	29%	30%	29%	38%	40%	38%	34%	38%	35%	48%	32%	38%		
Not too closely	30%	26%	32%	27%	30%	33%	22%	34%	29%	36%	34%	31%	27%	33%	18%	26%	31%	18%	33%	28%		
Not closely at all	24%	21%	28%	26%	27%	21%	23%	25%	28%	31%	27%	23%	15%	15%	28%	27%	23%	32%	27%	21%		

The B.C. Supreme Court's recent decision states that Aboriginal title is a "prior and senior right" to other property interests, regardless of whether the land in question is public or private. Thinking about this, do you think property owners in British Columbia should be concerned about the consequences of the decision?



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Definitely	38%	39%	36%	22%	37%	51%	31%	42%	50%	35%	36%	35%	56%	22%	33%	36%	43%	25%	29%	45%
Probably	31%	33%	30%	35%	35%	25%	43%	24%	28%	21%	31%	32%	28%	45%	23%	35%	27%	39%	34%	30%
Probably not	13%	15%	12%	21%	9%	11%	13%	10%	8%	24%	16%	16%	8%	17%	13%	15%	11%	13%	19%	10%
Definitely not	4%	6%	3%	4%	6%	3%	4%	7%	5%	9%	3%	4%	1%	10%	11%	2%	6%	3%	2%	5%
Not sure	13%	7%	19%	17%	13%	10%	10%	18%	9%	11%	14%	12%	7%	5%	19%	13%	12%	20%	15%	11%

From what you have seen, read or heard about the B.C. Supreme Court's recent decision, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?



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The B.C. Supreme Court's recent decision erases private property ownership.																				
Strongly agree	21%	24%	18%	22%	20%	21%	21%	27%	20%	14%	20%	15%	34%	14%	28%	16%	22%	18%	16%	24%
Moderately agree	30%	29%	29%	32%	31%	27%	35%	17%	36%	20%	26%	31%	28%	44%	28%	38%	25%	44%	32%	30%
Moderately disagree	16%	17%	15%	18%	16%	14%	16%	12%	10%	24%	17%	18%	14%	22%	3%	17%	16%	7%	14%	17%
Strongly disagree	11%	13%	9%	8%	10%	14%	7%	16%	11%	20%	13%	13%	7%	13%	15%	6%	14%	8%	11%	11%
Not sure	22%	16%	29%	20%	23%	24%	20%	28%	24%	21%	25%	22%	17%	6%	26%	22%	23%	23%	28%	18%
Fee simple title in private property should always be superior to Aboriginal title.																				
Strongly agree	30%	35%	26%	20%	25%	42%	23%	36%	37%	33%	31%	24%	46%	27%	32%	17%	37%	28%	21%	37%
Moderately agree	23%	25%	21%	24%	26%	19%	29%	15%	22%	22%	23%	24%	22%	24%	25%	25%	20%	30%	20%	25%
Moderately disagree	15%	15%	15%	25%	15%	8%	19%	10%	10%	21%	12%	16%	9%	31%	11%	20%	11%	15%	21%	11%
Strongly disagree	8%	7%	7%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	5%	8%	9%	10%	6%	5%	12%	5%	7%	1%	9%	6%
Not sure	25%	18%	31%	23%	25%	25%	21%	32%	25%	17%	25%	26%	16%	13%	21%	32%	25%	25%	29%	21%
All negotiations related to Aboriginal title agreements in British Columbia should be paused until the Cowichan Tribes case is settled.																				
Strongly agree	29%	28%	28%	17%	24%	42%	24%	27%	42%	29%	28%	29%	41%	21%	27%	16%	35%	18%	23%	33%
Moderately agree	32%	34%	30%	34%	34%	27%	37%	27%	22%	25%	34%	34%	27%	38%	32%	41%	28%	39%	31%	33%
Moderately disagree	11%	14%	9%	16%	10%	9%	16%	11%	13%	9%	7%	12%	10%	14%	8%	16%	10%	7%	14%	10%
Strongly disagree	6%	7%	5%	8%	6%	5%	4%	7%	7%	16%	7%	6%	6%	8%	7%	4%	6%	8%	7%	5%
Not sure	22%	16%	28%	24%	26%	17%	19%	29%	17%	21%	25%	19%	16%	19%	25%	23%	22%	28%	25%	19%
I believe the Cowichan Tribes when they say they are not looking to displace any individual from the properties they own.																				
Strongly agree	15%	15%	16%	20%	15%	13%	18%	22%	12%	12%	15%	20%	11%	24%	30%	9%	18%	11%	16%	15%
Moderately agree	31%	30%	30%	36%	32%	26%	35%	18%	35%	41%	28%	39%	20%	43%	33%	35%	26%	41%	37%	27%
Moderately disagree	16%	16%	15%	15%	14%	18%	15%	20%	17%	18%	15%	12%	23%	12%	11%	19%	16%	12%	14%	18%
Strongly disagree	19%	24%	14%	11%	18%	25%	15%	16%	25%	14%	23%	13%	29%	14%	15%	13%	23%	13%	12%	23%
Not sure	19%	14%	25%	19%	21%	17%	17%	25%	11%	15%	19%	16%	16%	7%	12%	23%	17%	23%	22%	16%

As you may know, the City of Richmond sent an official letter to property owners in the claimed area, and warned them that the decision “may compromise the status and validity” of their ownership. All things considered, do you think sending this official letter was the correct course of action by the City of Richmond, or an overreaction by the City of Richmond?



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							Vancouver	Island				Island	BC NDP									
Definitely the correct course of action	24%	26%	21%	23%	23%	26%	22%	27%	24%	21%	25%	21%	38%	20%	29%	20%	23%	10%	21%	27%		
Probably the correct course of action	31%	32%	30%	36%	32%	25%	39%	20%	30%	32%	22%	30%	32%	45%	21%	38%	26%	56%	31%	31%		
Probably an overreaction	16%	17%	16%	15%	14%	20%	14%	19%	14%	13%	16%	22%	11%	6%	11%	12%	20%	17%	19%	15%		
Definitely an overreaction	12%	15%	9%	12%	13%	12%	10%	14%	10%	14%	21%	12%	8%	24%	17%	10%	16%	2%	13%	11%		
Not sure	17%	10%	23%	15%	18%	17%	14%	20%	22%	21%	16%	15%	12%	6%	22%	20%	15%	15%	17%	16%		