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All things considered, do you think it's a good idea or a bad idea for Canadian colleges and universities to accept international students?

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	Canada	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP	Indig.	European	East Asian	South Asian
Very good idea	20%	21%	19%	28%	16%	17%	24%	22%	21%	16%	24%	25%	27%	11%	23%	10%	22%	19%	26%
Good idea	48%	50%	46%	49%	47%	47%	52%	40%	46%	48%	54%	37%	54%	41%	55%	42%	54%	48%	48%
Bad idea	15%	16%	15%	11%	15%	19%	10%	14%	13%	17%	12%	24%	10%	25%	10%	21%	13%	15%	10%
Very bad idea	7%	6%	8%	4%	11%	6%	4%	6%	8%	10%	4%	3%	3%	11%	4%	13%	0%	8%	5%
Not sure	10%	7%	13%	8%	11%	11%	10%	18%	12%	9%	7%	11%	6%	12%	8%	15%	11%	10%	11%

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As far as you know, what is the percentage of international students currently enrolled on each of these programs in Canadian colleges and universities?

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Bachelor's Degree Students	33.37	33.07	34.00	37.15	34.11	29.17	32.15	36.97	34.10	33.55	30.53	37.01	31.39	34.03	38.18	40.90	30.82	30.36	39.40
Master's Degree Students	28.52	27.58	29.63	33.75	29.30	22.93	27.35	34.79	27.89	28.54	26.28	28.71	26.90	29.17	34.74	36.28	25.47	25.90	27.17
Doctoral Degree Students	24.90	23.96	25.93	28.31	25.78	20.95	24.51	30.46	26.62	24.91	23.42	20.62	22.88	26.59	28.54	34.76	17.79	23.28	24.10

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From what you have seen, read, heard or experienced, do you think the number of international students who are accepted at Canadian colleges and universities should increase, remain the same, or decrease?

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Increase	20%	21%	19%	29%	17%	15%	13%	20%	17%	22%	19%	26%	24%	15%	27%	27%	22%	15%	20%
Remain the same	42%	43%	42%	47%	43%	37%	51%	45%	36%	37%	51%	30%	48%	36%	44%	23%	52%	40%	53%
Decrease	28%	29%	27%	18%	28%	36%	26%	26%	34%	30%	22%	31%	20%	42%	17%	33%	19%	33%	20%
Not sure	10%	7%	13%	7%	12%	12%	11%	9%	13%	10%	9%	13%	8%	7%	11%	17%	7%	12%	7%

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From what you have seen, read, heard or experienced, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

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International students help Canada deal with workforce shortages																			
Strongly agree	18%	18%	17%	24%	13%	16%	13%	27%	18%	15%	18%	27%	23%	9%	29%	10%	14%	16%	25%
Moderately agree	38%	40%	36%	37%	40%	37%	45%	31%	40%	34%	49%	22%	46%	35%	32%	27%	49%	36%	34%
Moderately disagree	20%	20%	20%	19%	18%	22%	21%	20%	18%	21%	16%	23%	17%	22%	23%	29%	19%	19%	21%
Strongly disagree	15%	16%	15%	13%	19%	15%	12%	13%	15%	21%	7%	22%	7%	26%	9%	28%	7%	19%	11%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	6%	9%	11%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	5%	8%	8%	7%	6%	10%	10%	8%
International students have negatively impacted the Canadian economy																			
Strongly agree	17%	19%	15%	21%	19%	11%	15%	12%	21%	22%	12%	14%	13%	27%	13%	28%	4%	16%	26%
Moderately agree	25%	25%	24%	28%	25%	21%	24%	28%	23%	26%	19%	34%	24%	31%	26%	33%	29%	22%	17%
Moderately disagree	27%	28%	26%	24%	27%	31%	27%	24%	32%	25%	31%	27%	30%	24%	24%	14%	38%	29%	24%
Strongly disagree	21%	21%	21%	23%	19%	22%	24%	26%	10%	17%	28%	23%	25%	10%	27%	16%	20%	21%	26%
Not sure	10%	7%	13%	4%	10%	15%	10%	11%	14%	11%	10%	2%	8%	8%	10%	8%	9%	12%	7%
The federal government's decision to limit the number of permits issued for international students should be re-evaluated																			
Strongly agree	23%	21%	25%	25%	18%	24%	20%	20%	14%	26%	22%	24%	24%	24%	28%	39%	16%	23%	21%
Moderately agree	34%	36%	31%	34%	34%	34%	36%	30%	34%	31%	38%	40%	38%	29%	34%	14%	40%	32%	45%
Moderately disagree	16%	16%	16%	17%	17%	15%	14%	19%	20%	17%	14%	16%	19%	16%	10%	16%	19%	16%	12%
Strongly disagree	14%	17%	12%	15%	17%	11%	17%	19%	15%	13%	12%	10%	9%	21%	16%	21%	11%	15%	12%
Not sure	13%	10%	16%	10%	14%	16%	12%	12%	17%	13%	14%	10%	11%	11%	12%	10%	15%	15%	10%
The federal government must crack down on low-quality institutions that lure international students with false hopes about housing and job placement																			
Strongly agree	47%	44%	51%	43%	46%	52%	59%	43%	56%	50%	36%	45%	49%	50%	55%	51%	45%	52%	40%
Moderately agree	30%	33%	26%	30%	26%	33%	23%	29%	29%	29%	35%	32%	32%	27%	23%	22%	31%	28%	32%
Moderately disagree	10%	12%	9%	13%	13%	5%	8%	7%	2%	10%	12%	19%	8%	10%	12%	13%	10%	6%	12%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%	2%	6%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	4%	4%	0%	3%	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%
Not sure	10%	8%	12%	9%	13%	9%	9%	17%	13%	8%	13%	4%	7%	9%	7%	14%	10%	10%	13%