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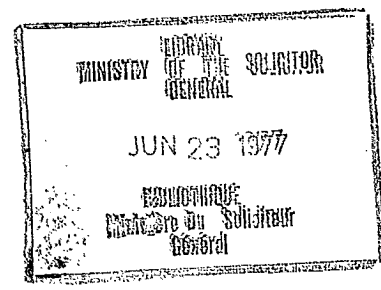
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# INTRODUCTION

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this study was to measure and evaluate opinions and attitudes of Canadians with respect to crime rates and concerns and with respect to proposed gun control legislation.

In addition, two Gallup Poll questions taken in September, 1975 were up-dated.

## II. METHODOLOGY

Telephone interviews were conducted with a random sample of 1586 Canadians in 42 centres across the country.

In order to ensure statistical accuracy in sub-break analysis, rural residents and males were over-sampled. However, in the computer analysis of the total population, the affected sub-samples have been weighted in order to correctly reflect their natural contribution to the overall population.

Interviewing was conducted from September 11th through September 18th, 1976.

The questionnaire used in this study is included in the Appendix of the report.

The actual sample sizes and the weighted sample sizes shown in the computer printout are as follows:

	Unweighted	Weighted
Total	1586	1583
Region		
British	167	167
Prairies	217	217
Ontario	575	576
Quebec	448	446
Maritimes	179	177
Area		
Urban	996	1184
Rural	590	399
Sex		
Male	788	782
Female	798	801
Age		
18 - 24	189	193
25 - 34	425	448
35 - 49	453	451
50 & over	516	485
Income		
Under \$10,000	400	341
\$10,000 - \$14,999	414	430
\$15,000 - \$19,999	223	242
\$20,000 & over	265	301



# SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

## UNAIDED CONCERNS OR FRUSTRATIONS OF THE DAY

- There is one major issue bothering Canadians today, and that is inflation (57%). All other concerns or frustrations are at a secondary level.
- Crime personal security/violence is volunteered by about one in seven Canadians (15%) on an unaided basis.

TABLE 1

WE WANT YOU TO THINK FOR A FEW MINUTES ABOUT LIVING OR LIFE IN CANADA TODAY.  
WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUES ARE OF CONCERN TO YOU OR ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Inflation/cost of living/economy	57	51	40	65	62	58	60	54	56	61
Unemployment	17	23	7	17	18	21	17	17	17	16
Crime/personal security/violence	15	14	19	21	5	16	17	9	12	17
Government (general mention)	12	13	8	17	6	15	12	12	16	8
Bilingualism	10	8	9	8	13	10	10	10	11	9
Wage and price controls	6	4	11	7	2	5	5	6	6	5
Immigration	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	*122	121	100	144	107	126	127	111	124	121
Base:	(1583)	(167)	(217)	(576)	(446)	(177)	(1184)	(399)	(782)	(801)

\* Totals greater than 100% because of multiple responses.



## AIDED CONCERNS

- Given a list of concerns to which to respond, crime (Index of 84) ranks second only to inflation (Index of 89), and ahead of energy cost (79) and unemployment (74).
- The implication is that Canadians want to see attempts at reining the crime problem on the order paper of the day.

TABLE 2

FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES, AS THEY AFFECT US TODAY, TELL ME WHETHER YOU ARE VERY CONCERNED, SOMEWHAT CONCERNED, A LITTLE CONCERNED OR NOT CONCERNED AT ALL.

	Index (Maximum 100)									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Inflation	89	86	83	90	90	89	89	88	86	92
CRIME	84	84	83	87	79	88	85	82	80	88
Energy Costs	79	69	74	81	79	88	78	83	78	80
Unemployment	74	80	59	73	78	81	75	72	73	76
Bilingualism	49	44	51	50	50	49	51	46	50	49
Immigration	45	49	52	55	32	33	47	38	44	46
Base:	(1583)	(167)	(217)	(576)	(446)	(177)	(1184)	(399)	(782)	(801)

## COMPARATIVE DEGREES OF CONCERN

- Consistent with expressed levels of concern in the previous table, crime as a concern falls second only to inflation and significantly ahead of the third ranking concern – unemployment.

TABLE 3

FROM AMONG THOSE SIX ELEMENTS, WHICH ONE ARE YOU MOST CONCERNED ABOUT TODAY, WHICH ONE ARE YOU NEXT MOST CONCERNED ABOUT, AND WHICH ONE ARE YOU LEAST CONCERNED ABOUT – IMMIGRATION, CRIME, UNEMPLOYMENT, ENERGY, BILINGUALISM OR INFLATION?

	% of Canadians		
	Most concerned about	Next most concerned about	Least concerned about
Immigration	5	8	40
Crime	25	23	5
Unemployment	11	20	6
Energy cost	9	16	8
Bilingualism	7	9	33
Inflation	43	20	5

## **AWARENESS OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS**

- Overall, three in ten Canadians say that they know what Parliament is presently doing or is proposing to do about crime in Canada.
- Among that number, few can play back anything specific beyond abolition of capital punishment even with heavy probing of awareness beyond that response. In total 6% of Canadians offer the response 'gun control measures'.

TABLE 4

DO YOU KNOW WHAT PARLIAMENT IS PRESENTLY DOING OR IS PROPOSING TO DO ABOUT CRIME IN CANADA?

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Yes	29	37	29	32	20	35	29	29	34	24

WHAT?

	<u>% of Canadians</u>
Abolition of capital punishment	13
Gun control measures	6
Longer sentences	1
Prison reform	1
Clamp down on criminals	1
Abolition of jury system	1

## PROPOSED CRIME CONTROL LEGISLATION AWARENESS

- One in six Canadians (16%) says that he has heard something about the proposed crime control legislation.
- One in twenty (5%) refer specifically either to the abolition of capital punishment or to a general gun control reference when explaining what it is that he has heard.
- The overall implication is that despite the degree of concern about the problem, the general level of interest and involvement in its proposed solution has been unexcitingly low.

TABLE 5

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING OR HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE PROPOSED CRIME CONTROL LEGISLATION SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS PARLIAMENT'S PEACE AND SECURITY LEGISLATION INTRODUCED EARLIER THIS YEAR?

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Yes	16	11	13	21	11	20	16	15	17	14

WHAT?

	<u>% of Canadians</u>
Abolition of capital punishment	5
Gun controls	5
Prison reform	1
Clamp down on criminals	1
Longer sentences	1



## LIKES AND DISLIKES OF THE PROPOSED CRIME CONTROL PROGRAM

- With specific awareness of the proposed program at the level shown, probing of what people like or dislike about the program as proposed, resulted in answers which are sparse in frequency and lacking in detail.

TABLE 6

WHAT, IF ANYTHING, DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE PROPOSED CRIME CONTROL PROGRAM? (PROBE FULLY; IF DISCUSSION STARTS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, REINFORCE THAT WE ARE TALKING MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE CRIME CONTROL LEGISLATION ISSUES).

	<u>% of Canadians</u>
Gun control measures	3
Longer sentences	1

WHAT, IF ANYTHING, DO YOU DISLIKE ABOUT THE PROPOSED CRIME CONTROL PROGRAM? (PROBE FULLY; IF DISCUSSION STARTS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, REINFORCE THAT WE ARE TALKING MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE CRIME CONTROL LEGISLATION ISSUES).

	<u>% of Canadians</u>
Capital punishment should not be abolished	2
Gun control measures	1

## PERCEPTIONS OF THE LEVEL OF CRIME TODAY

- Two-thirds of Canadians feel that there is more crime today in Canada than compared with a year ago, and one-half say that there is more gun-related crime.
- The implication is that the issue of crime is certainly one Canadians are sensitive to and one which they will welcome attempts to arrest. Nine in ten overall say that they feel that something should be done about firearms misuse.

TABLE 7

## COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO, WOULD YOU SAY THERE IS GENERALLY . . .

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
More crime today	67	64	68	70	58	80	67	66	65	68
Less crime today	2	3	1	1	4	3	3	2	3	2
About same amount	28	29	28	27	35	16	28	28	29	28
No opinion	3	4	3	2	3	1	2	4	3	2
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

## THINKING MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT GUN-RELATED CRIMES, COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO, WOULD YOU SAY THERE IS GENERALLY . . .

More gun-related crime today	50	53	42	55	47	51	52	47	50	51
Less gun-related crime today	5	4	6	4	5	6	5	3	6	4
About the same level of gun-related crime as a year ago	38	34	46	34	38	43	36	43	39	36
No opinion	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

## DO YOU THINK SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT FIREARMS MISUSE?

Yes	91	91	86	91	92	92	92	86	88	93
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## GALLUP UPDATE

- Relative to the 1975 Gallup data on registration of firearms and on possession of handguns, there have not been any significant shifts in attitude in the ensuing year.
- The accompanying tables break attitudes as at September, 1976 by each of the subsegments of the population examined.

TABLE 8

## DO YOU FAVOUR OR OPPOSE THE REGISTRATION OF ALL FIREARMS?

% of Canadians

	September '76														
	Gallup '75	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50 & over
Favour	83	85	85	78	83	91	84	87	79	80	90	92	88	81	84
Oppose	13	10	10	17	12	4	10	9	14	14	6	6	9	12	11
No opinion	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	4	7	6	4	2	3	7	5
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	Under \$10,000	\$10,000-\$14,999	\$15,000-\$19,999	\$20,000 & over	High school or less	Some college/ university	Completed university	Gun ownership							
Favour	89	85	83	83	85	85	84	75							
Oppose	8	9	12	12	10	11	12	19							
No opinion	3	6	5	5	5	4	4	6							
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100							

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THINKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT HANDGUNS, THAT IS, PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS, DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE A LAW WHICH WOULD FORBID THE POSSESSION OF THIS TYPE OF GUN EXCEPT BY THE POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSONS?

% of Canadians

	September '76														
	Gallup '75	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50 & over
Should be	81	77	72	64	77	90	68	79	73	73	81	79	77	78	77
Should not be	15	16	18	27	17	6	27	16	19	21	12	17	19	17	13
No opinion	4	7	10	9	6	4	5	5	8	6	7	4	4	5	10
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	Under \$10,000	\$10,000-\$14,999	\$15,000-\$19,999	\$20,000 & over	High school or less	Some college/ university	Completed university	Gun ownership							
Should be	83	80	75	72	80	77	64	70							
Should not be	12	13	20	23	14	18	31	24							
No opinion	5	7	5	5	6	5	5	6							
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100							

## SPECIFIC AWARENESS OF PROPOSED GUN CONTROL MEASURES

- One in five Canadians overall (19%) claim any awareness of the proposed gun control measures before Parliament.
- The predominating issue that is recalled is licensing of all firearms (12%).
- Among those who can express an opinion with respect to the extent of the proposed measures, there appears to be a directional indication that they should be more severe. However, the more important finding in this respect is that **85% of Canadians cannot express an opinion.**

TABLE 9

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GUN CONTROL MEASURES BEFORE PARLIAMENT WHICH ARE PART OF THE PROPOSED PEACE AND SECURITY LEGISLATION. DO YOU KNOW WHAT SOME OF THE GUN CONTROL MEASURES ARE?

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Yes	19	23	22	22	12	19	19	19	23	15

WHAT ONES CAN YOU RECALL?

	<u>% of Canadians</u>
Licensing of all firearms	12
Registration of handguns	2
Certain requirements for gun ownership	2
Gun control measures (general mention)	2
Age restrictions on ownership	1
Abolish all private ownership of guns	1
Stiffer sentences	1

DO YOU THINK THE MEASURES IN THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION ARE TOO STRONG, NOT STRONG ENOUGH OR ABOUT RIGHT?

Too strong	3
About right	6
Not strong enough	6
No opinion	<u>85</u>
	100



## UNAIDED SOLUTIONS

- The accompanying table outlines in general terms what solutions Canadians have to offer with respect to guns and gun use in Canada.

**TABLE 10**

**WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT GUNS AND GUN USE IN CANADA?**

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Licensing of all guns	31	32	38	33	24	32	32	28	31	31
Stricter laws on sale of guns	19	18	14	19	23	13	20	17	19	19
Stricter laws on who owns guns	15	16	14	14	18	14	15	14	12	18
Use of guns by police only/no possession by public	13	15	16	17	8	13	14	12	14	14
No guns to young people	3	1	4	3	4	2	3	4	2	4
Use of guns for sport only	3	3	2	4	1	3	3	3	3	2
Abolish hand guns	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	3	3	2
Stricter penalties	2	2	5	2	1	3	3	2	3	2
Base:	(1583)	(167)	(217)	(576)	(446)	(177)	(1184)	(399)	(782)	(801)

## ELEMENTS OF IMPORTANCE IN A GUN CONTROL PROGRAM

— Overall, Canadians indicate that the following elements should receive the labelled priorities in designing a gun control program.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Index of Importance</u>
Primary	1	Longer sentences for gun-related crimes	86
	2	Education programs on the care, handling and storage of all guns	86
	3	Licensing of all gun owners	84
Secondary	4	Greater police power to seize guns when thought necessary	79
Tertiary	5	More research into problems dealing with guns	72
	6	A voluntary program to encourage people to hand in guns they no longer use	69

TABLE 11

SOME SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE CONTROL OF GUNS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WHICH I WILL READ TO YOU. I WANT YOU TO RATE EACH ON A SCALE FROM ONE TO TEN ACCORDING TO HOW IMPORTANT YOU FEEL EACH IS TO BE INCLUDED IN A GUN CONTROL PROGRAM. TEN, WILL MEAN THAT YOU FEEL IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IT BE INCLUDED; ONE MEANS YOU FEEL IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE INCLUDED AT ALL. THE NUMBERS BETWEEN REPRESENT THE DEGREES BETWEEN. LET'S START WITH . . .

	Index of Importance (Maximum 100)									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Longer sentences for gun-related crimes	86	85	83	87	87	85	86	85	85	87
Education programs on the care, handling and storage of all guns	86	84	87	81	90	89	86	86	83	89
Licensing all gun owners	84	85	75	86	83	85	85	80	79	88
Greater police power to seize guns when thought necessary	79	78	75	77	85	79	81	74	74	84
More research into problems dealing with guns	72	65	68	68	80	74	73	68	68	75
A voluntary program to encourage people to hand in guns they no longer use	69	63	67	68	74	63	70	64	62	75

## **CURBING EXPECTATION OF SALE AND USE OF FIREARMS**

- Better than three-quarters of the population feels that controls on either or both of the sale and use of firearms will help curb gun-related crime and gun-related accidents.
- With respect to suicide, however, fewer than two in five feel that tougher controls on the sale and use of firearms will help curb the present rate.

**TABLE 12**

**DO YOU THINK THAT TOUGHER CONTROLS ON THE SALE OF FIREARMS WOULD HELP CURB GUN-RELATED CRIME?**

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Yes	77	66	67	81	81	75	79	70	70	84

**DO YOU THINK THAT TOUGHER CONTROLS ON THE USE OF FIREARMS WOULD HELP CURB GUN-RELATED CRIME?**

Yes	75	57	70	77	80	76	77	68	68	81
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**DO YOU THINK THAT TOUGHER CONTROLS ON THE SALE OF FIREARMS WOULD HELP CURB GUN-RELATED ACCIDENTS?**

Yes	75	65	67	76	82	69	77	69	70	80
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**DO YOU THINK THAT TOUGHER CONTROLS ON THE USE OF FIREARMS WOULD HELP CURB GUN-RELATED ACCIDENTS?**

Yes	80	76	74	79	84	82	81	76	76	84
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**DO YOU THINK THAT TOUGHER CONTROLS ON THE SALE OF FIREARMS WOULD HELP CURB SUICIDES?**

Yes	38	31	35	33	51	26	37	39	31	44
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**DO YOU THINK THAT TOUGHER CONTROLS ON THE USE OF FIREARMS WOULD HELP CURB SUICIDES?**

Yes	34	21	30	30	49	30	35	34	28	41
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## PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ISSUE

- The issue or subject of gun control is one of topical interest and involvement. Six in ten Canadians overall say it is a subject they have discussed with others.
- Better than one-third of households overall (35%) have guns in Canada, one-half of the population (and three-quarters of males) indicating that they have personally used a gun at some point in their lives.
- The implication is that accessibility is a concern which is exemplified by the degree of interest and favour shown for greater controls.

TABLE 13

IS THE SUBJECT OF GUN CONTROL ONE WHICH YOU HAVE DISCUSSED AT SOME TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR COLLEAGUES?

	% of Canadians									
	Total	British Columbia	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Maritimes	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Yes	60	68	61	63	55	55	60	61	61	59

DO YOU PERSONALLY OWN A GUN?

Yes	21	20	34	20	16	21	18	31	35	7
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DOES ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSE OWN A GUN?

Yes	28	25	43	26	23	33	22	46	28	29
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HAVE YOU YOURSELF EVER USED A GUN?

Yes	49	59	66	45	38	59	47	56	73	25
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## BASIC DATA

- The following tables present the demographic characteristics of the sample of Canadians interviewed.

**BASIC DATA**

SAMPLE SIZE

(1583)

% of Respondents

**SEX**

Male	49
Female	51

**AGE**

18 - 19	3
20	1
21 - 24	8
25 - 29	14
30 - 34	14
35 - 39	11
40 - 44	10
45 - 49	7
50 - 64	19
65 & over	13

**MARITAL STATUS**

Single	15
Married	74
Widowed/divorced/separated	11

**EDUCATION**

Some public school	6
Completed public school	9
Some high school	23
Completed high school	28
Some/completed technical school	5
Some/completed community college/CEGEP	7
Some university	8
Completed university	10
Graduate school	2
Did not state	2

**LIVING ACCOMMODATION**

House	68
Apartment	22
Townhouse	5
Other	4
Did not state	1

	% of Respondents
<b>DO YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR PLACE OF RESIDENCE?</b>	
Rent	37
Own	60
Other	2
Did not state	1
<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
Professional	11
Executive/owner	8
Clerical/office work	7
Agency/sales	7
Skilled labour	29
Craftsman	3
Unskilled	8
Housewife	1
Student	1
Military	1
Unemployment/retired	13
Farmer	1
Did not state	10
<b>DOES THE FEMALE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD WORK?</b>	
Full-time	21
Part-time	10
Did not state	69
<b>WHERE DO YOU LIVE?</b>	
Urban	75
Rural	25
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>	
Less than \$6,000	10
\$6,000 – \$7,999	4
\$8,000 – \$9,999	8
\$10,000 – \$11,999	12
\$12,000 – \$14,999	15
\$15,000 – \$19,999	15
\$20,000 – \$24,999	10
\$25,000 & over	9
Did not state	17



## APPENDIX



# QUESTIONNAIRE





**DIMENSION CONSULTANTS**

**PROJECT #76604**

Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ of Dimension Consultants, a national opinion research firm. We are conducting a survey among men and women across Canada regarding life in Canada today. May I have a few minutes of your time? Thank you.

RESPONDENT IS: Male  6-1 Female  2

CHECK QUOTAS AND TERMINATE IF NECESSARY

**SECTION ONE**

1. As I said, we want you to think for a few minutes about living or life in Canada today. What specific issues are of concern to you or are you thinking about?

_____	7-	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____		<input type="checkbox"/>
_____		<input type="checkbox"/>
_____		<input type="checkbox"/>

Anything else? \_\_\_\_\_ 8-

_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there any other thoughts you can list? \_\_\_\_\_

_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

2a) For each of the following issues, I will read to you, as they affect us today, tell me whether you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all (CHECK ONE BOX FOR EACH ELEMENT)

(ROTATE)	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	A little concerned	Not concerned at all	No opinion
Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Energy costs	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Bilingualism	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Inflation	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

2b) Now, from among those six elements, which one are you most concerned about today, which one you are next most concerned about, and which one are you least concerned about -- (ROTATE) immigration, crime, unemployment, energy, bilingualism or inflation?

	Most concerned about	Next most concerned about	Least concerned about
Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-1	<input type="checkbox"/> 17-1
Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Energy cost	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Bilingualism	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Inflation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**SECTION TWO**

We have been talking about topics of a general nature or concern. We want to talk more specifically now about one of those areas, namely, crime.

1a) Do you know what Parliament is presently doing or is proposing to do about crime in Canada?

Yes  16-1

No  2 GO TO Q. 2

1b) IF YES, What? Please explain fully.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17-  
\_\_\_\_\_

2a) Do you know anything or have you heard anything about the proposed crime control legislation sometimes referred to as Parliament's peace and security legislation introduced earlier this year?

Yes  18-1

No  2 GO TO SECTION THREE

2b) What, in your mind, are the key features or points in this proposed legislation?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does anything else come to mind? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 20-  
\_\_\_\_\_

(IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ONLY ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, PROBE MORE FULLY ON CRIME CONTROL LEGISLATION DETAILS BEFORE ASKING Q. 2c) OR 2d))

2c) What, if anything, do you like about the proposed crime control program? (PROBE FULLY; IF DISCUSSION STARTS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, REINFORCE THAT WE ARE TALKING MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE CRIME CONTROL LEGISLATION ISSUES)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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2d) What, if anything, do you dislike about the proposed crime control program? (PROBE FULLY; IF DISCUSSION STARTS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, REINFORCE THAT WE ARE TALKING MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE CRIME CONTROL LEGISLATION ISSUES)

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**SECTION THREE**

Still thinking about crime more specifically . . .

- 1a) Compared with a year ago would you say there is generally . . .
- More crime today  23-1
  - Less crime today  2
  - About the same level of crime as a year ago  3
  - No opinion (DO NOT READ)  4

- 1b) Thinking more specifically about gun-related crimes, compared with a year ago, would you say there is generally . . .
- More gun-related crime today  24-1
  - Less gun-related crime today  2
  - About the same level of gun-related crime as a year ago  3
  - No opinion (DO NOT READ)  4

2. Do you think something should be done about firearms misuse?
- Yes  25-1      No  2      No opinion  3

3. Do you favour or oppose the registration of all firearms?
- Favour  26-1
  - Oppose  2
  - Don't know/no opinion  3

4. Thinking specifically about handguns, that is, pistols and revolvers, do you think there should or should not be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police and other authorized persons?
- Yes, should be such a law  27-1
  - No  2
  - Don't know/no opinion  3

- 5a) There are number of gun control measures before Parliament which are part of the proposed peace and security legislation. Do you know what some of the gun control measures are?
- Yes  28-1      No  2      GO TO Q. 6

- 5b) What ones can you recall?

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Do you remember anything else?

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5c) Do you think the measures in this proposed legislation are too strong, not strong enough or about right?

- Too strong  30-1
- About right  2
- Not strong enough  3
- No opinion  4

6a) What, in your opinion, should be done about guns and gun use in Canada?

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6b) Some suggestions regarding the control of guns include the following which I will read to you. I want you to rate each on a scale from one to ten according to how important you feel each is to be included in a gun control program. Ten will mean that you feel it is very important that it be included; one means you feel it doesn't need to be included at all. The numbers between represent the degrees between. Let's start with . . . (HAVE RESPONDENT USE TELEPHONE DIAL AS A REFERENCE IF NECESSARY FOR NUMBERS 1 - 10)

(ROTATE)	Not important at all					Very important					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Licensing all gun owners	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	31
A voluntary program to encourage people to hand in guns they no longer use	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	32
Education programs on the care, handling and storage of all guns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	33
Greater police power to seize guns when thought necessary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	34
More research into problems dealing with guns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	35
Longer sentences for gun-related crimes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	36

7a) Do you think that tougher controls on the sale of firearms would help curb gun-related crime?

- Yes  37-1
- No  2
- Don't know  3

7b) Do you think that tougher controls on the use of firearms would help curb gun-related crime?

- Yes  38-1
- No  2
- Don't know  3

7c) Do you think that tougher controls on the sale of firearms would help curb gun-related accidents?

- Yes  39-1
- No  2
- Don't know  3

- 7d) Do you think that tougher controls on the use of firearms would help curb gun-related accidents?  
Yes  40-1                      No  2                      Don't know  3
- 7e) Do you think that tougher controls on the sale of firearms would help curb suicides?  
Yes  41-1                      No  2                      Don't know  3
- 7f) Do you think that tougher controls on the use of firearms would help curb suicides?  
Yes  42-1                      No  2                      Don't know  3
8. Is the subject of gun control one which you have discussed at some time with your friends, relatives, or colleagues?  
Yes  43-1                      No  2
- 9a) Do you personally own a gun?  
Yes  44-1                      No  2
- 9b) Does anyone in your house own a gun?  
Yes  45-1                      No  2
- 9c) Have you yourself ever used a gun?  
Yes  46-1                      No  2

**BASIC DATA**

Now I have just a few more questions to help us classify our respondents for statistical purposes.

- A. In which of the following age categories do you belong?
- |           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 18 – 19   | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-Y |
| 20        | <input type="checkbox"/> X    |
| 21 – 24   | <input type="checkbox"/> 0    |
| 25 – 29   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1    |
| 30 – 34   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2    |
| 35 – 39   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3    |
| 40 – 44   | <input type="checkbox"/> 4    |
| 45 – 49   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5    |
| 50 – 64   | <input type="checkbox"/> 6    |
| 65 & over | <input type="checkbox"/> 7    |

- B. What is your marital status? Are you . . .
- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Single                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 66-1 |
| Married                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 2    |
| Widowed/divorced/separated | <input type="checkbox"/> 3    |

- C. In which of the following education categories do you belong?
- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Some public school                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 67-Y |
| Completed public school                    | <input type="checkbox"/> X    |
| Some high school                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 0    |
| Completed high school                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1    |
| Some/completed technical school            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2    |
| Some/completed community college/<br>CEGEP | <input type="checkbox"/> 3    |
| Some university                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 4    |
| Completed university                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 5    |
| Graduate school                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6    |

- D. Do you live in . . .
- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A house                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 68-1 |
| An apartment             | <input type="checkbox"/> 2    |
| A townhouse              | <input type="checkbox"/> 3    |
| Other _____<br>(Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4    |

- E. Do you rent or own your place of residence?
- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rent                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 69-1 |
| Own                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 2    |
| Other _____<br>(Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> 3    |

- F. What is the occupation of the male head of your household?

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(IF MALE, ASK)

Does the female head of the household work . . .

- |           | Yes                           | No                       |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> 71-1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> 2    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

G. Interviewing Centre \_\_\_\_\_

H. Urban  76-1 Rural  2

I. In which of the following categories does your total household income, before taxes, fall?

- |                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$6,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> 77-1 |
| \$6,000 – \$7,999   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2    |
| \$8,000 – \$9,999   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3    |
| \$10,000 – \$11,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4    |
| \$12,000 – \$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5    |
| \$15,000 – \$19,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6    |
| \$20,000 – \$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 7    |
| \$25,000 & over     | <input type="checkbox"/> 8    |

Thank you very much . . .

RESPONDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONDENT'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONDENT'S TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ INT. # \_\_\_\_\_

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