

CANADA NOW WHO WE ARE AT 150



Canada Now: Who we are at 150 *A special project from Yahoo News Canada*

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Top Findings

- 58% of Canadians agree that overall Canada is better off because of immigrants and 45% of Canadians agree overall that Canada is better off because of the refugees it admits.
- Out of six possible priority areas, improving health care was ranked 1st or 2nd priority for the federal government by 75% of Canadians (average priority rank: 1.9).
- Legalization of marijuana was prioritized least among the issues presented to respondents with only 11% of Canadians saying the government should address it above anything else.
- Asked to prioritize six areas where the federal government should be investing tax dollars to help various groups, Canadians overwhelmingly ranked families living below the poverty line (71%) as first or second priority (average rank of 2). Addressing homelessness followed at 39% (average rank of 3.1).
- News headlines in Canada suggest that there is a lack of support for indigenous communities, supported by the poll results revealing that Canadians ranked support for indigenous communities as fifth priority (17%).
- A majority of Canadians view Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as the more effective leader compared to President Trump on many key issues (including protecting equal rights, protecting the environment, representing Canada, connecting with voters, and managing health care).

Priority for The Federal Government in 2017

We asked 2,000 Canadians to rank their top six priority areas:

1. Improving health care (75%)
2. Balancing the budget (49%)
3. Battling climate change (30%)
4. Border security (24%)
5. Defense spending (11%)
6. Legalization of marijuana (11%)

Priority of Tax-Dollars Investments

We asked 2,000 Canadians to rank areas of tax-dollar investment in terms of their priority:

1. Assisting families living below the poverty line (71%)
2. Addressing homelessness (39%)
3. Assisting those who suffer from mental illness (37%)

4. Providing funding for lower-income students (27%)
5. Support for indigenous communities (17%)
6. Admitting refugees to Canada and providing assistance to help them get established (9%)

The full results of the Yahoo/Ipsos poll can be found [here](#). Be sure to also follow along @YahooCanadaNews and use the hashtag #Canada150!