

Report

Public Opinion on Quebec and Alberta Independence

Survey of Canadians

June 1st, 2026



Methodology

This week, we surveyed Canadians on their views on provincial independence and national unity.

Method

Online survey among respondents 18 years of age or older.
(Canadian sample: **n= 1,532**)

Respondents had the option of completing the survey in French and English and were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.

Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, mother tongue, region, education and presence of children in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the Canadian population.

When

Data collection from **May 29 to June 1, 2026**.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than **±2.50%**, (19 times out of 20) for the sample.

Significant Differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

Questions

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Notes

A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.

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CANADA 2025

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OFFICIALS RESULTS
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Federal Election

	43%	43.7%
	39%	41.3%
	8%	6.3%
	6%	6.3%
	2%	1.2%

BRITISH COLUMBIA 2024

LEGER POLL
Published on
October 18, 2024

OFFICIALS RESULTS
2024 British Columbia
Provincial Election

	46%	45%
	42%	43%
	9%	8%
Others	3%	4%

UNITED STATES 2024

LEGER POLL
Published on
November 4, 2024

OFFICIALS RESULTS
2024 United States
Presidential Election

	49%	50%
	49%	48%
Others	2%	2%

Key Highlights

Some of **the key highlights** of our survey...

- **A majority of Canadians have been following discussions about a potential Alberta independence referendum (55%), while fewer have been paying attention to the possibility of a referendum in Quebec (38%).** Awareness is particularly high among Albertans, with 84% closely following news about a potential Alberta referendum and 66% of Quebecers closely following news about a potential Quebec referendum. Men, older respondents and Liberal voters are more likely to follow both potential referendums closely.
- **Canadians are more likely to believe that Alberta leaving the Confederation would have a greater negative impact on Canada's economy (33%) than Quebec (8%), although the largest share (45%) believes both provinces would have an equal impact.** When it comes to national identity, a majority (54%) say the departure of either province would be equally damaging.
- **Half of Canadians living outside Quebec and Alberta (50%) believe the federal government does a good job representing their province's interests.** The same proportion says this about Quebec (50%), while slightly fewer say so about Alberta (44%). Ontarians are more likely to believe the federal government does a good job representing their own province's interests (55%).
- **Among residents of Quebec and Alberta, half (50%) say they would remain in their province if it became an independent country, while 28% would consider moving elsewhere in Canada.** Quebecers are more likely than Albertans to say they would stay (56% vs. 39%).
- **Three quarters of Canadians living outside Quebec and Alberta say they would remain in Canada if either province became independent (73%).** Only 10% would consider moving to an independent Alberta and 1% to an independent Quebec, while 5% would consider moving to another country.

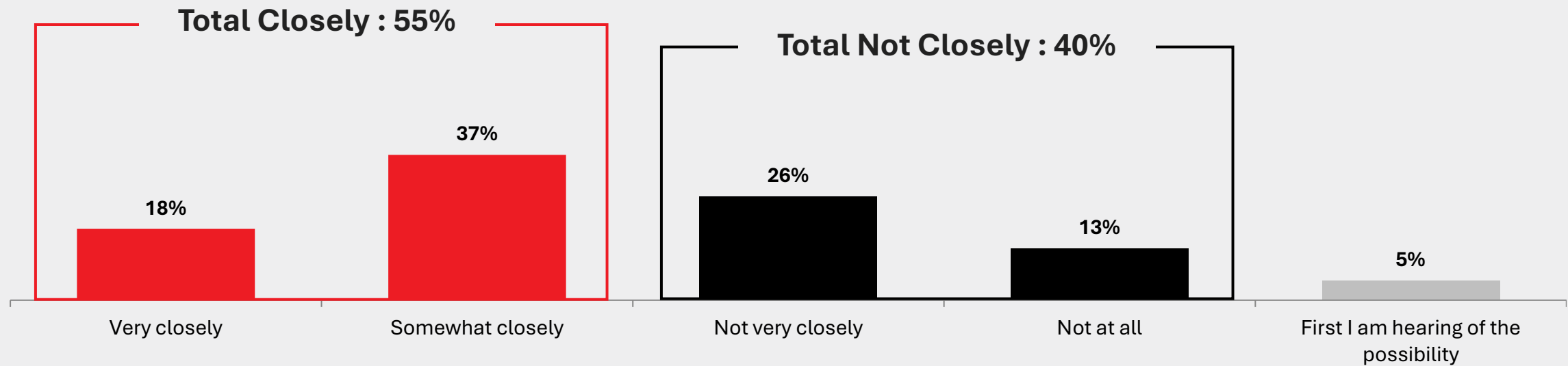
Detailed Results

Attention to News About Potential Independence Referendums (1/3)

Q1. In Alberta and Quebec there is talk of a potential referendum to ask citizens whether they wish to remain part of Canada or become independent.

Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

How closely have you been following news around a possible referendum in **Alberta**?

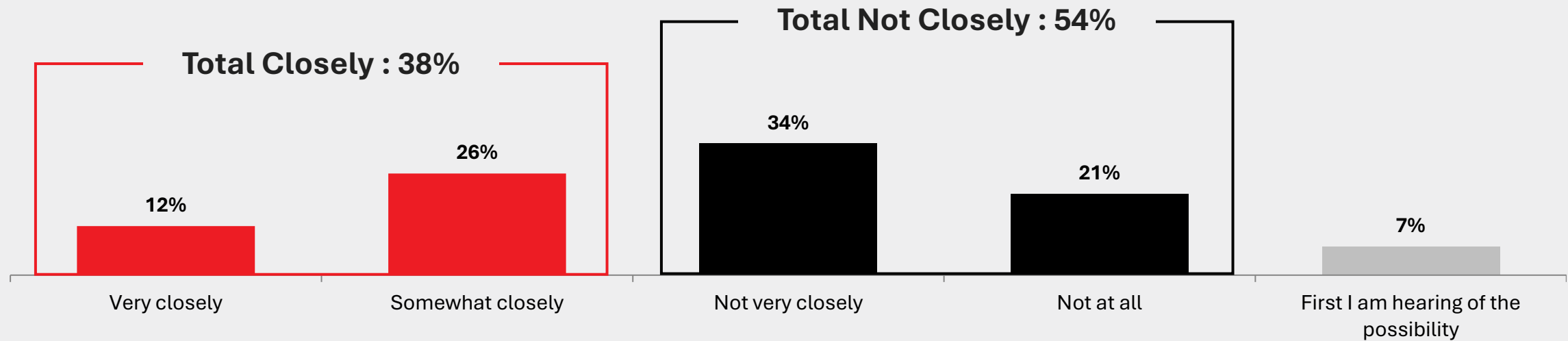


Attention to News About Potential Independence Referendums (2/3)

Q1. In Alberta and Quebec there is talk of a potential referendum to ask citizens whether they wish to remain part of Canada or become independent.

Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

How closely have you been following news around a possible referendum in **Quebec**?



Attention to News About Potential Independence Referendums (3/3)

Q1. In Alberta and Quebec there is talk of a potential referendum to ask citizens whether they wish to remain part of Canada or become independent. How closely have you been following news around a possible referendum in...

Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,532	103	355	595	99	171	209	749	783	405	494	633
Unweighted n=	1,532	103	413	608	126	131	151	775	757	413	437	682
Alberta												
TOTAL CLOSELY	55%	57%	49%	52%	57%	84%	52%	62%	49%	46%	50%	65%
Very closely	18%	15%	13%	15%	15%	41%	21%	22%	15%	14%	15%	24%
Somewhat closely	37%	42%	36%	37%	42%	43%	30%	41%	34%	32%	35%	42%
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	40%	36%	46%	41%	39%	15%	46%	34%	45%	44%	45%	33%
Not very closely	26%	22%	24%	29%	28%	12%	36%	25%	28%	28%	29%	23%
Not at all	13%	14%	22%	12%	11%	4%	10%	10%	17%	16%	15%	10%
First I am hearing of the possibility	5%	6%	5%	7%	4%	1%	3%	3%	7%	10%	5%	2%
Quebec												
TOTAL CLOSELY	38%	40%	66%	33%	19%	28%	24%	43%	34%	36%	33%	44%
Very closely	12%	6%	30%	8%	5%	9%	5%	16%	10%	12%	9%	16%
Somewhat closely	26%	34%	35%	25%	14%	19%	19%	28%	24%	25%	23%	29%
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	54%	55%	31%	58%	75%	60%	66%	51%	57%	53%	58%	52%
Not very closely	34%	35%	20%	38%	47%	27%	42%	33%	34%	32%	33%	35%
Not at all	21%	20%	11%	20%	28%	33%	25%	18%	23%	22%	25%	17%
First I am hearing of the possibility	7%	5%	4%	8%	6%	12%	9%	6%	9%	10%	9%	4%

Attention to News About Potential Independence Referendums – *By Voting Intentions*

Q1. In Alberta and Quebec there is talk of a potential referendum to ask citizens whether they wish to remain part of Canada or become independent. How closely have you been following news around a possible referendum in...

Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

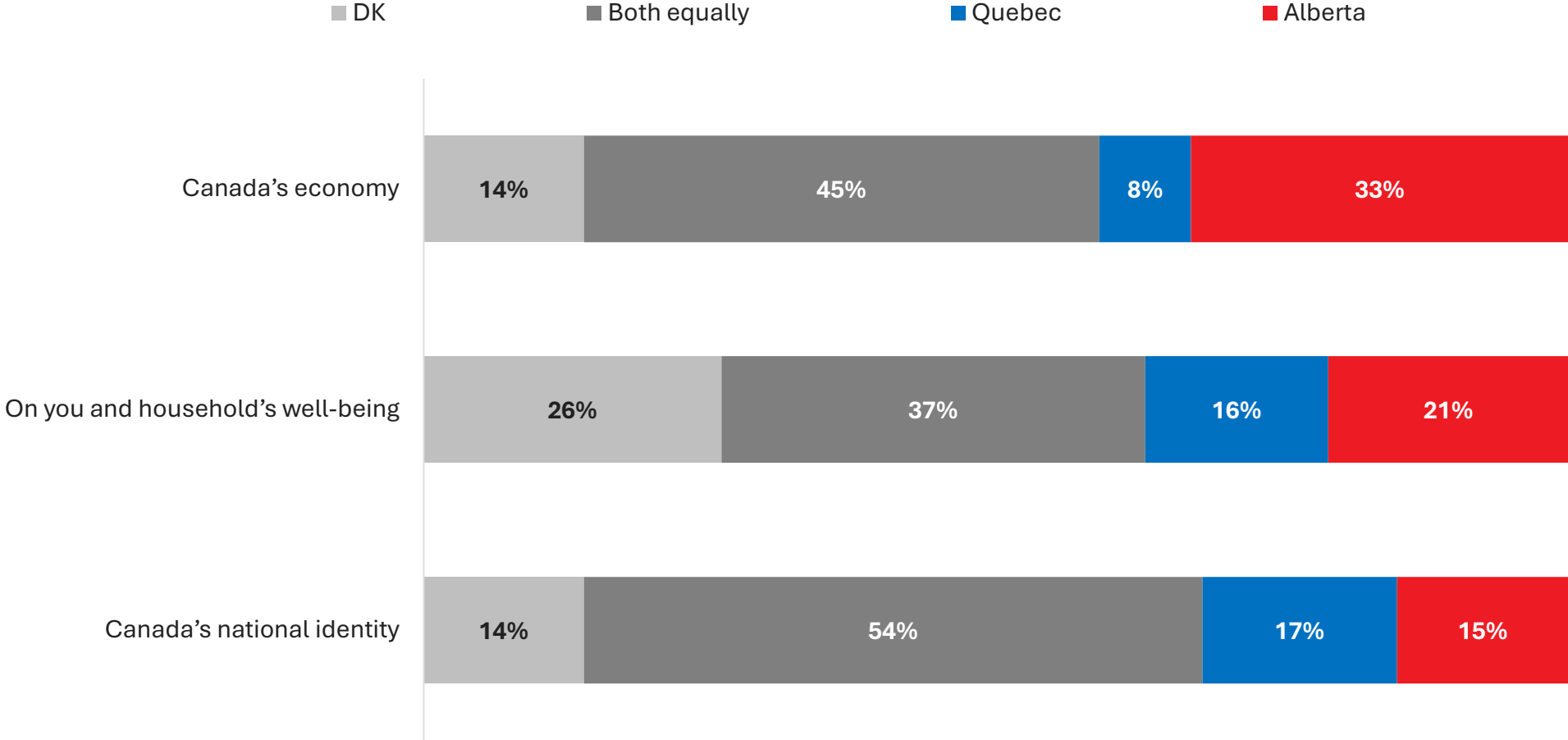


	Total CANADA	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
Weighted n=	1,532	650	451	77	78	44
Unweighted n=	1,532	702	363	119	91	40
Alberta						
TOTAL CLOSELY	55%	64%	60%	55%	54%	36%
Very closely	18%	23%	19%	15%	14%	17%
Somewhat closely	37%	41%	41%	41%	39%	19%
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	40%	33%	38%	41%	42%	59%
Not very closely	26%	24%	27%	26%	25%	40%
Not at all	13%	9%	11%	14%	17%	19%
First I am hearing of the possibility	5%	3%	2%	4%	4%	5%
Quebec						
TOTAL CLOSELY	38%	46%	31%	40%	80%	27%
Very closely	12%	15%	10%	8%	42%	7%
Somewhat closely	26%	31%	21%	31%	38%	20%
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	54%	49%	63%	54%	18%	71%
Not very closely	34%	35%	35%	33%	12%	45%
Not at all	21%	14%	28%	21%	6%	26%
First I am hearing of the possibility	7%	5%	7%	6%	2%	2%

Perceived Impact of Quebec and Alberta Independence on Canada (1/2)

Q2. When you consider these two provinces—Quebec and Alberta—leaving the confederation and becoming independent, which one would have the greatest negative impact on Canada from the following perspectives?

Base: All respondents (n=1,532)



Perceived Impact of Quebec and Alberta Independence on Canada (2/2)

Q2. When you consider these two provinces—Quebec and Alberta—leaving the confederation and becoming independent, which one would have the greatest negative impact on Canada from the following perspectives?






Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,532	103	355	595	99	171	209	749	783	405	494	633
Unweighted n=	1,532	103	413	608	126	131	151	775	757	413	437	682
Canada's economy												
Alberta	33%	45%	23%	28%	41%	57%	39%	38%	29%	33%	37%	31%
Quebec	8%	1%	18%	6%	3%	5%	6%	10%	6%	13%	7%	6%
Both equally	45%	40%	47%	50%	40%	31%	42%	42%	47%	39%	40%	52%
Don't know	14%	13%	13%	17%	16%	7%	14%	11%	17%	15%	15%	12%
On you and household's well-being												
Alberta	21%	13%	4%	14%	33%	59%	33%	24%	17%	20%	22%	20%
Quebec	16%	9%	47%	8%	3%	7%	5%	16%	17%	18%	18%	14%
Both equally	37%	46%	32%	44%	37%	18%	34%	39%	35%	35%	32%	42%
Don't know	26%	31%	16%	33%	27%	16%	28%	21%	31%	27%	29%	24%
Canada's national identity												
Alberta	15%	19%	10%	11%	24%	36%	15%	18%	13%	14%	17%	15%
Quebec	17%	14%	26%	15%	4%	10%	16%	20%	14%	26%	14%	12%
Both equally	54%	55%	54%	57%	52%	45%	56%	51%	58%	45%	51%	63%
Don't know	14%	13%	10%	17%	20%	9%	13%	12%	16%	15%	18%	10%

Perceived Impact of Quebec and Alberta Independence on Canada – *By Voting Intentions*

Q2. When you consider these two provinces—Quebec and Alberta—leaving the confederation and becoming independent, which one would have the greatest negative impact on Canada from the following perspectives?

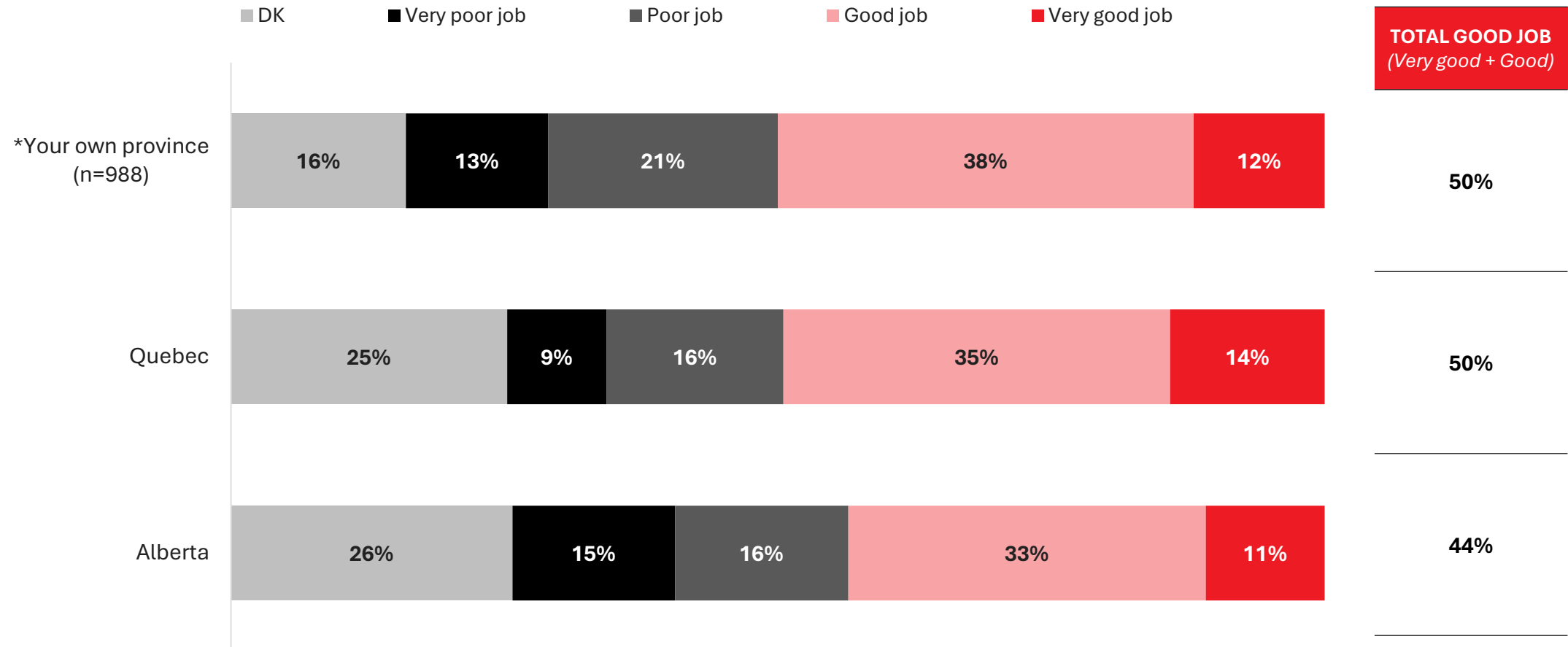
Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

						
	Total CANADA	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
Weighted n=	1,532	650	451	77	78	44
Unweighted n=	1,532	702	363	119	91	40
Canada's economy						
Alberta	33%	27%	51%	25%	24%	26%
Quebec	8%	9%	4%	10%	13%	12%
Both equally	45%	54%	34%	55%	50%	55%
Don't know	14%	10%	11%	11%	13%	7%
On you and household's well-being						
Alberta	21%	17%	34%	18%	11%	16%
Quebec	16%	18%	11%	17%	36%	10%
Both equally	37%	45%	29%	45%	31%	49%
Don't know	26%	20%	27%	20%	21%	25%
Canada's national identity						
Alberta	15%	10%	28%	11%	12%	4%
Quebec	17%	19%	12%	20%	23%	20%
Both equally	54%	63%	47%	59%	49%	64%
Don't know	14%	8%	14%	11%	15%	13%

Perceptions of Federal Representation of Provincial Interests (1/2)

Q3. One reason for some people living in Quebec and Alberta wanting to leave Canada and become independent is a feeling that their needs and desires are not fully represented by the federal government—their voice is not heard. Based on what you know, do think the federal government does a good job or poor job representing the interests of...

Base: All respondents (n=1,532)



*Respondents from outside of Quebec and Alberta only.

Perceptions of Federal Representation of Provincial Interests (2/2)

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Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

% GOOD JOB	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,532	103	355	595	99	171	209	749	783	405	494	633
Unweighted n=	1,532	103	413	608	126	131	151	775	757	413	437	682
*Your own province (n=988)	50%	50%	-	55%	41%	-	42%	53%	47%	54%	38%	58%
Quebec	50%	54%	44%	50%	51%	53%	53%	56%	44%	46%	42%	58%
Alberta	44%	55%	47%	44%	35%	43%	39%	49%	39%	44%	36%	50%






% BAD JOB	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,532	103	355	595	99	171	209	749	783	405	494	633
Unweighted n=	1,532	103	413	608	126	131	151	775	757	413	437	682
*Your own province (n=988)	34%	44%	-	28%	47%	-	39%	35%	34%	28%	44%	30%
Quebec	25%	20%	39%	23%	19%	22%	15%	28%	22%	25%	31%	21%
Alberta	30%	23%	22%	30%	43%	49%	29%	35%	26%	26%	37%	29%

*Respondents from outside of Quebec and Alberta only.

Perceptions of Federal Representation of Provincial Interests – *By Voting Intentions*

Q3. One reason for some people living in Quebec and Alberta wanting to leave Canada and become independent is a feeling that their needs and desires are not fully represented by the federal government—their voice is not heard. Based on what you know, do think the federal government does a good job or poor job representing the interests of...

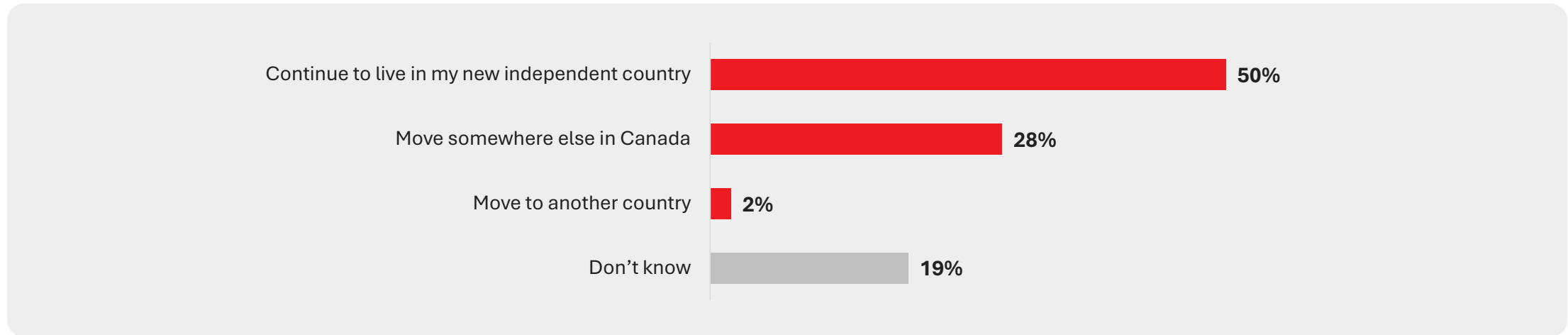
Base: All respondents (n=1,532)

							
% GOOD JOB		Total Canada	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
	Weighted n=	1,532	650	451	77	78	44
	Unweighted n=	1,532	702	363	119	91	40
*Your own province (n=988)		50%	73%	29%	56%	-	55%
Quebec		50%	68%	38%	53%	23%	42%
Alberta		44%	67%	20%	57%	46%	38%
% BAD JOB		Total Canada	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
	Weighted n=	1,532	650	451	77	78	44
	Unweighted n=	1,532	702	363	119	91	40
*Your own province (n=988)		34%	17%	60%	35%	-	24%
Quebec		25%	14%	37%	23%	66%	20%
Alberta		30%	13%	62%	18%	23%	24%

Likelihood of Remaining in an Independent Province

Q4. If your province were to someday leave Canada and become an independent country, would you continue to live in the newly independent country or would you strongly consider moving to somewhere else?

Base: Respondents from Quebec or Alberta (n=544)








	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
<i>Weighted n=</i>	526	0	355	0	0	171	0	259	268	137	174	216
<i>Unweighted n=</i>	544	0	413	0	0	131	0	267	277	138	164	242
Continue to live in my new independent country	50%	-	56%	-	-	39%	-	55%	46%	46%	53%	50%
Move somewhere else in Canada	28%	-	24%	-	-	38%	-	30%	26%	27%	27%	31%
Move to another country	2%	-	2%	-	-	2%	-	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%
I don't know	19%	-	18%	-	-	21%	-	13%	25%	24%	16%	19%

Likelihood of Remaining in an Independent Province – *By Voting Intentions*

Q4. If your province were to someday leave Canada and become an independent country, would you continue to live in the newly independent country or would you strongly consider moving to somewhere else?

Base: Respondents from Quebec or Alberta (n=544)

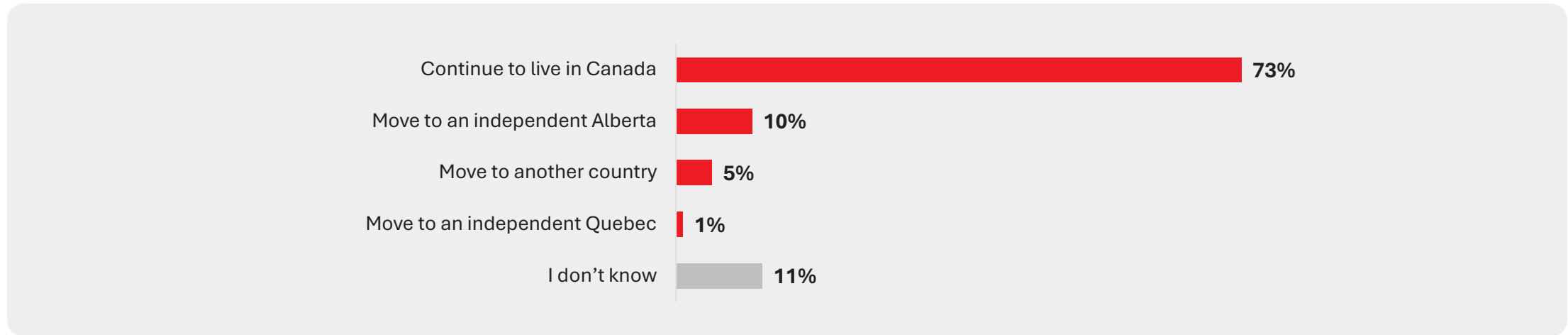
						
	Total Canada	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
Weighted n=	526	204	140	15	78	6
Unweighted n=	544	229	106	28*	91	8*
Continue to live in my new independent country	50%	37%	54%	28%	88%	-
Move somewhere else in Canada	28%	43%	22%	52%	4%	-
Move to another country	2%	2%	3%	3%	0%	-
I don't know	19%	18%	21%	17%	7%	-

*Due to the small number of respondents (n<30), results are presented for illustrative purposes only or are not presented at all (n<10).

Likelihood of Remaining in Canada Following Provincial Independence

Q5. If Quebec and/or Alberta were to someday leave Canada and become an independent country, would you continue to live in Canada or would you strongly consider moving to somewhere else?

Base: Respondents outside of Quebec or Alberta (n=988)








	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,006	103	0	595	99	0	209	491	515	268	321	417
Unweighted n=	988	103	0	608	126	0	151	508	480	275	273	440
Continue to live in Canada	73%	73%	-	74%	66%	-	74%	71%	75%	66%	68%	82%
Move to an independent Alberta	10%	10%	-	10%	17%	-	7%	11%	9%	14%	14%	4%
Move to another country	5%	4%	-	5%	2%	-	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	4%
Move to an independent Quebec	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%
I don't know	11%	12%	-	10%	12%	-	14%	11%	12%	14%	11%	9%

Likelihood of Remaining in Canada Following Provincial Independence – *By Voting Intentions*

Q5. If Quebec and/or Alberta were to someday leave Canada and become an independent country, would you continue to live in Canada or would you strongly consider moving to somewhere else?

Base: Respondents outside of Quebec or Alberta (n=988)

						
	Total Canada	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
<i>Weighted n=</i>	1,006	447	311	62	0	38
<i>Unweighted n=</i>	988	473	257	91	0	32
Continue to live in Canada	73%	88%	56%	82%	-	74%
Move to an independent Alberta	10%	3%	23%	5%	-	6%
Move to another country	5%	2%	10%	3%	-	6%
Move to an independent Quebec	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	0%
I don't know	11%	7%	10%	8%	-	14%

Respondent Profile

Respondent profiles

(Base n=1,532)

The table below presents the Canadian distribution of respondents before weighting.

Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	775	749
Female	757	783

Language (Mother Tongue)

	Unweighted	Weighted
French	359	303
English	1,049	1,109
Other	123	119

Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
18 to 34	413	405
35 to 54	437	494
55+	682	633

Province

	Unweighted	Weighted
British Columbia	151	209
Alberta	131	171
Manitoba/Saskatchewan	126	99
Ontario	608	595
Quebec	413	355
Atlantic	103	103

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