THIRD NATIONAL SURVEY ON CANADIAN PUBLIC ATTITUDES ON CHINA AND CANADA-CHINA RELATIONS

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Comparison with Previous Surveys (Select Questions)

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Your opinion about these countries is:
In the next decade - which country will be:

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Canadian Government Top Priority Toward China

**October 2017**
- Don't know: 4.7%
- Intellectual property rights: 2.7%
- Protecting Canadian values: 15.2%
- Human Rights in China: 13.4%
- Cyber Security: 4.3%
- Trade and investment: 25.5%
- Cooperation on global issues: 34.2%

**February 2019**
- Don't know: 12.8%
- Intellectual property rights: 3.8%
- Protecting Canadian values: 16.8%
- Human Rights in China: 14.4%
- Cyber Security: 8.7%
- Trade and investment: 27.3%
- Cooperation on global issues: 16.2%

**September 2019**
- Don't know: 12.3%
- Intellectual property rights: 3.2%
- Protecting Canadian values: 14.8%
- Human Rights in China: 10.5%
- Cyber Security: 8.3%
- Trade and investment: 27.3%
- Cooperation on global issues: 23.7%
Support for FTA with China

- **Strongly support**
- **Moderately support**
- **Moderately oppose**
- **Strongly oppose**
- **Don't know**

**2017 October**
- Strongly support: 17
- Moderately support: 52
- Moderately oppose: 12
- Strongly oppose: 7
- Don't know: 12

**2019 February**
- Strongly support: 16
- Moderately support: 49
- Moderately oppose: 12
- Strongly oppose: 6
- Don't know: 17

**2019 September**
- Strongly support: 16
- Moderately support: 46
- Moderately oppose: 12
- Strongly oppose: 8
- Don't know: 18
With growing Chinese presence in Canada
do you worry about:

- Threat to jobs
- Housing affordability
- Challenges to Canadian values
- Cyber attacks and espionage

**2017 October**
- Very Concerned
- Somewhat Concerned
- A little Concerned
- Not Concerned
- Don't know

**2019 February**

**2019 September**

**2019 October**
Does the Canadian government do enough to protect Canadian citizens under arrest in China?

- **2017 October**
  - Yes: 12
  - No: 31
  - Don't know: 56

- **2019 February**
  - Yes: 18
  - No: 43
  - Don't know: 39

- **2019 September**
  - Yes: 16
  - No: 43
  - Don't know: 41
If military conflict U.S.-China, Canada:

October 2017
- Depends on circumstances: 28.5%
- Don't know: 3.3%
- Oppose conflict and urge diplomacy: 26.4%
- Stay neutral: 25.8%
- Support U.S. but not militarily: 8.1%
- Support U.S. militarily: 7.9%

September 2019
- Depends on circumstances: 17.9%
- Don't know: 7.5%
- Oppose conflict and urge diplomacy: 17.0%
- Stay neutral: 37.4%
- Support U.S. but not militarily: 9.6%
- Support U.S. militarily: 10.4%
Should Canada increase defense spending to deal with Chinese threats

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Human rights in China will improve as its economy opens

October 2017

- Don't know: 13.6%
- Strongly Disagree: 7.2%
- Somewhat Disagree: 20.3%
- Somewhat Agree: 49.8%
- Strongly Agree: 9.2%

September 2019

- Don't know: 22.8%
- Strongly Disagree: 10.9%
- Somewhat Disagree: 18.2%
- Somewhat Agree: 39.3%
- Strongly Agree: 8.9%