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Colon Cancer Screening in Canada Survey

I am going to read you statements people have made about testing for colorectal cancer. For each statement, please tell me if you strongly disagree, moderately disagree, moderately agree, or strongly agree:

If colorectal cancer is found early, it greatly improves your chances of survival.

	National
Strongly disagree	1%
Moderately disagree	1%
Moderately agree	15%
Strongly agree	79%
Don't know	3%

Please note: Any discrepancies in totals are due to rounding

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If caught early enough, colorectal cancer can be treated successfully.

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Strongly disagree	2%
Moderately disagree	2%
Moderately agree	30%
Strongly agree	62%
Refused	4%

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The test is a small price to pay for such a large potential benefit to my health.

	National
Strongly disagree	3%
Moderately disagree	3%
Moderately agree	15%
Strongly agree	75%
Don't know	3%

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Now I'll read you a list of items and for each please tell me to the best of your knowledge whether it puts people at increased risk of developing colorectal cancer? If you don't know please also tell me.

How about "being over the age of 50", does it put people at increased risk of developing colorectal cancer?

	National
Yes	68%
No	19%
Don't know	13%

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People my age should get screened for colorectal cancer.

	National
Strongly disagree	4%
Moderately disagree	8%
Moderately agree	26%
Strongly agree	58%
Don't know	5%

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Have you ever had:

An FOBT, that is, a test to check for blood in your stool, where you have a bowel movement and use a stick to smear a small sample on a special card?

A colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy, that is, when a tube is inserted into the rectum to view the bowel for early signs of cancer and other health problems?

When was the last time you had FOBT
When was that last time you had a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy?

	National
Up to date screening (Had an FOBT in the last 2 years and/or a colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy in the last five years)	44%
Lapsed screening (Had an FOBT 2 or more years ago and/or a colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy 5 or more years ago)	19%
Never screened (Never had an FOBT nor colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy)	37%

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And to your knowledge, are individuals first screened for cancer : [RANDOMIZED] When they are well, before they experience symptoms; After they experience symptoms;

	National
When they are well, before they experience symptoms	40%
After they experience symptoms	44%
Don't Know	15%

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Has a doctor ever discussed getting tested for colorectal cancer with you?

	National
YES	29%
NO	70%
Don't know	1%

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