

G8 AND G20 SUMMITS

Canadians Want Federal Government to Pick Up the Tab for G20 Disruption

Respondents across the country—and in the City of Toronto—feel disgusted and ashamed after last weekend's demonstrations.

[TORONTO – Jul. 1, 2010] – Canadians and Torontonians think the federal government should be responsible for compensating the businesses that were negatively affected during the G20 summit in the country's largest city, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

The online survey of representative samples of 1,003 Canadian adults and 503 adult residents of the City of Toronto finds that people hold negative views on the demonstrations that took place last weekend as the gathering of world leaders took place.

Summit and Protests

Three-in-ten Canadians (31%) and almost half of Torontonians (46%) say they followed the final communiqués from participating nations "very closely" or "moderately closely." A majority of respondents across the country (53%) and four-in-five who reside in the G20 host city (86%) paid the same level of attention to the demonstrations.

Respondents were asked about their feelings on the demonstrations that took place in Toronto during the G20 summit. Two-thirds of Canadians (69%) are disgusted, 59 per cent are ashamed, 57 per cent are angry, and 54 per cent are sad. In Toronto, the proportion of respondents who reported negative feelings was higher (Disgust 81%, Anger 74%, Sadness 65%, Shame 61%).

KEY FINDINGS

- **80% of Canadians and 90% of Torontonians want the federal government to compensate businesses that suffered damages or had to close during the G20 summit**
- **66% of Canadians and 73% of Torontonians believe the reaction of the police in Toronto to the demonstrations was justified**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

From June 28 to June 29, 2010, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 1,003 randomly selected Canadian adults and 503 City of Toronto adults who are Angus Reid Forum panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.1% for the Canadian sample, and 4.4 per cent for the Toronto sample, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult populations of Canada and the City of Toronto. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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Police Reaction and Compensation

When asked about the reaction of the police in Toronto to the demonstrations, two-thirds of Canadians (66%) and three-in-four Torontonians (73%) believe it was justified. In addition, 57 per cent of respondents across the country think it was a mistake to hold the G20 summit in Toronto—a view shared by 73 per cent of Toronto residents.

Toronto Mayor David Miller has said he will be asking the federal government to compensate businesses that suffered damages or had to close during the G20 summit in Toronto. An overwhelming proportion of Canadians (80%) and Torontonians (90%) agree with this course of action.

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The final communiqués from participating nations

	Canada	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL	City of Toronto
Very closely	7%	5%	6%	3%	4%	10%	4%	14%
Moderately closely	24%	23%	18%	29%	25%	28%	25%	32%
Not too closely	28%	26%	30%	48%	24%	30%	27%	30%
Not closely at all	41%	46%	46%	20%	48%	33%	45%	24%

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The demonstrations in Toronto

	Canada	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL	City of Toronto
Very closely	21%	13%	16%	7%	20%	31%	12%	57%
Moderately closely	35%	39%	43%	56%	36%	37%	31%	29%
Not too closely	19%	24%	11%	19%	17%	14%	23%	9%
Not closely at all	25%	23%	30%	17%	27%	18%	33%	5%

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Here are some feelings that you may have about the demonstrations that took place on Saturday and Sunday in Toronto. Please select up to four.

	Canada	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL	City of Toronto
Pride	3%	5%	2%	14%	0%	3%	2%	5%
Shame	59%	54%	58%	62%	70%	63%	53%	61%
Joy	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Sadness	54%	43%	53%	81%	72%	61%	42%	65%
Trust	2%	2%	0%	3%	0%	2%	4%	2%
Disgust	69%	63%	72%	76%	84%	78%	55%	81%
Fear	14%	10%	10%	5%	15%	10%	23%	18%
Anger	57%	55%	58%	59%	71%	66%	45%	74%
Enthusiasm	2%	4%	3%	7%	0%	1%	1%	3%
Indifference	14%	9%	13%	0%	15%	13%	21%	9%
None of these	3%	5%	2%	14%	0%	3%	2%	2%

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Overall, how would you describe the reaction of the police in Toronto to the demonstrations that took place on Saturday and Sunday?

	Canada	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL	City of Toronto
Completely justified	41%	33%	48%	60%	32%	47%	31%	42%
Moderately justified	25%	21%	23%	7%	49%	24%	26%	31%
Moderately unjustified	11%	13%	5%	12%	13%	9%	15%	13%
Completely unjustified	6%	6%	7%	12%	0%	5%	9%	10%
Not sure	17%	27%	17%	9%	6%	15%	19%	3%

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All things considered, do you think it was a mistake to hold the G20 summit in Toronto?

	Canada	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL	City of Toronto
Yes	57%	47%	56%	59%	48%	60%	61%	73%
No	27%	32%	25%	40%	38%	30%	19%	17%
Not sure	16%	21%	19%	1%	14%	10%	20%	9%

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All things considered, do you agree or disagree with this statement? –

“The federal government should compensate businesses that suffered damages or had to close during the G20 summit in Toronto.”

	Canada	BC	AB	MB/SK	ON	PQ	ATL	City of Toronto
Strongly agree	51%	38%	38%	32%	49%	59%	53%	70%
Moderately agree	29%	35%	26%	44%	29%	28%	26%	20%
Moderately disagree	9%	12%	18%	17%	3%	7%	8%	6%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	14%	7%	6%	5%	6%	2%
Not sure	5%	7%	4%	0%	13%	1%	7%	2%

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