

E-Pendix: Questions and methodology

POLL QUESTIONS

C1. First, do you have any children under the age of 6 currently living in your household?

- Yes
- No

C2. Below are some possible arrangements for caring for children under six. Please tell me which arrangement you would ideally prefer for your children, even if you don't have children under six. Would you prefer to:

- Have one parent stay home to care for your child
- Have your child looked after by a competent care giver
- Don't know

C3. If you had to work full time and could not have a parent stay at home with your child, with which one of the following would you prefer to leave your child while you work:

- A non-profit day care centre
- A for-profit day care centre
- A family daycare (that is in a neighbourhood home)
- A relative, such as the child's aunt or grandparent
- Don't know

C4. I am going to read you some possible arrangements for caring for children under six. Please tell me which arrangement you think is best for children in general. Do you think it is better for children if:

- One of the parents stays at home to care with their child
- Parents have their child looked after by a competent care giver
- Don't know

C5. Sometimes, staying at home full-time with children is not option for many parents. If the parents have to work full time and cannot stay at home with their child, which one of the following arrangements is best for young children:

- A non-profit day care centre
- A for-profit day care centre
- A family daycare (that is in a neighbourhood home)
- A relative, such as the child's aunt or grandparent
- Don't know

C6. If the government should spend money to look after children, how should they do so? Please choose the option that is closest to your own point of view.

- Change the tax system to provide all parents with a child tax deduction whether they work or stay at home with their children
- Provide subsidies directly to child care centres in order to improve quality and/or create more spaces
- Provide cash payments directly to parents who could choose any form of childcare they deem best, including having a parent stay at home and care for their children
- Expand the public school system to include younger children so that eventually, childcare for children

of all ages exists within the public school system

- Return the money to all tax payers through reduced taxes
- Provide targeted childcare funding exclusively for disadvantaged families
- Don't know

D1. Now we are going to ask you some demographic questions to help us analyze the results. What is your current employment status?

- Working full-time (35 or more hours per week)
- Working part-time (less than 35 hours per week)
- Self-employed
- Unemployed, but looking for work
- Attending school full-time/A student
- Retired
- Not in the workforce (Full-time homemaker/Unemployed, not looking for work)

D2. What is your current marital status?

- Single and never married
- Married
- Common-law
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed or Widower

ASK D3 ONLY IF D2 IS MARRIED OR COMMON-LAW

D3. What is your spouse's or partner's current employment status?

- Working full-time (35 or more hours per week)

- Working part-time (less than 35 hours per week)
- Self-employed
- Unemployed, but looking for work
- Attending school full-time/A student
- Retired
- Not in the workforce (Full-time homemaker/Unemployed, not looking for work)

D5. In what year were you born?

D6. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

D7. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

- Grade 8 or less
- Some high school
- Complete high school
- Technical, vocational post-secondary , CEGEP
- Some university
- Complete university degree
- Post graduate degree

D8. Which of the following categories best describes your total household income? That is, the total income of all persons in your household combined, before taxes?

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 to just under \$50,000
- \$50,000 to just under \$75,000
- \$75,000 to just under \$100,000
- \$100,000 to just under \$125,000
- \$125,000 to just under \$150,000

- More than \$150,000

Thank you for your time.

METHODOLOGY

2,022 Canadians were interviewed using a representative online panel between January 25 and 28, 2013.

The margin of error is +/- 2.2%, nineteen times out of twenty.

Questions were asked in English or French, depending on the preference of the respondent.

The results have been weighted according to the most recent Statistics Canada by region, age and gender.

The poll was conducted by Abingdon Research, <http://www.abingdon.ca/>