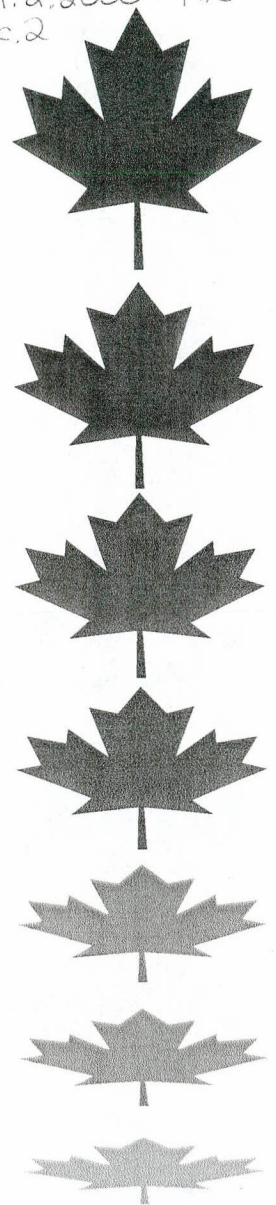


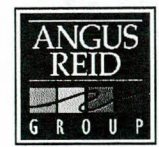
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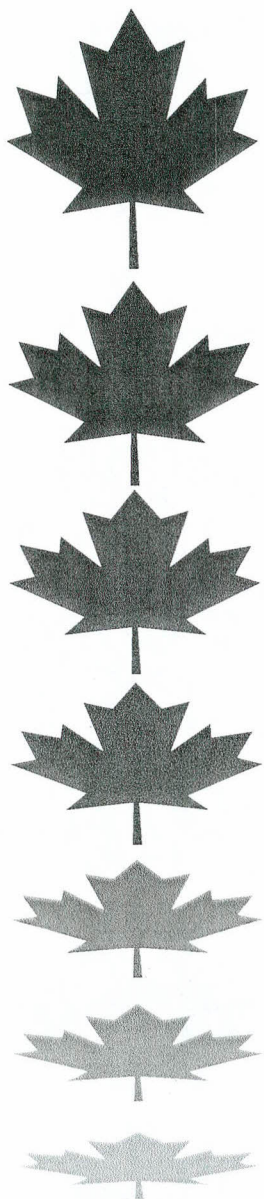
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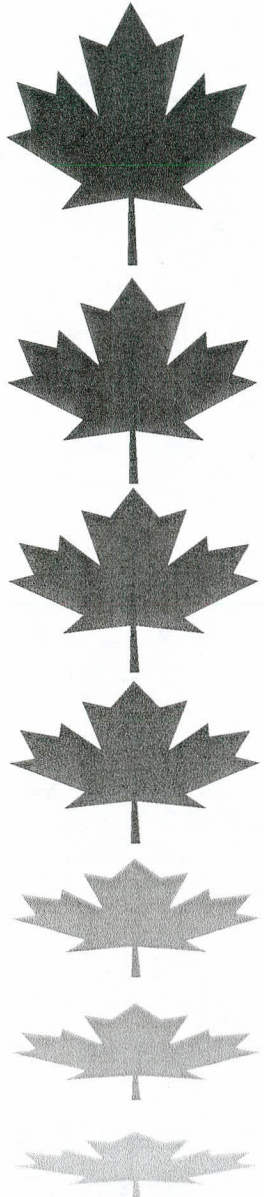
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Outline

- Methodology
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- Overall Attitudes
- Conclusions



Methodology

- Telephone survey with 400 Alberta and 400 Canadians outside Alberta residents aged 18 and older
- Total margin of error: ± 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20
- Sample is weighted to reflect regional demographics



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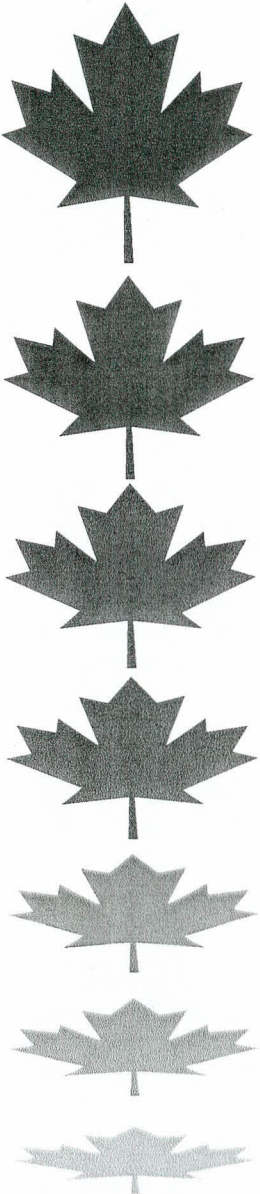
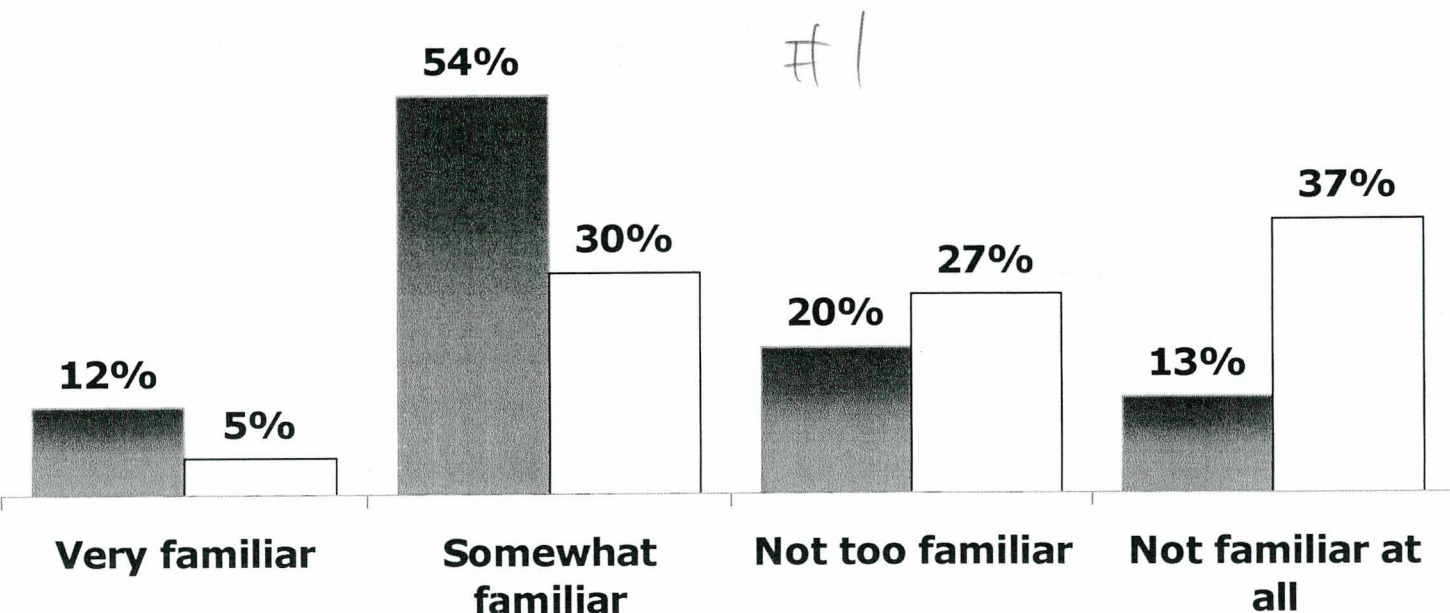
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Awareness of Premier Klein's Healthcare Announcement

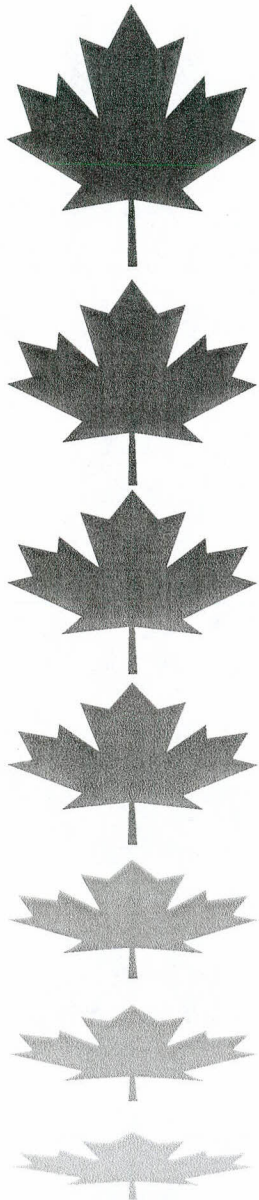
As you may know, Premier Klein recently made a major announcement concerning the health care system and the role of the private sector. Would you say that you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar or not familiar at all with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

■ Alberta □ Rest of Canada



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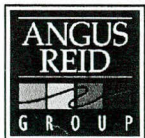
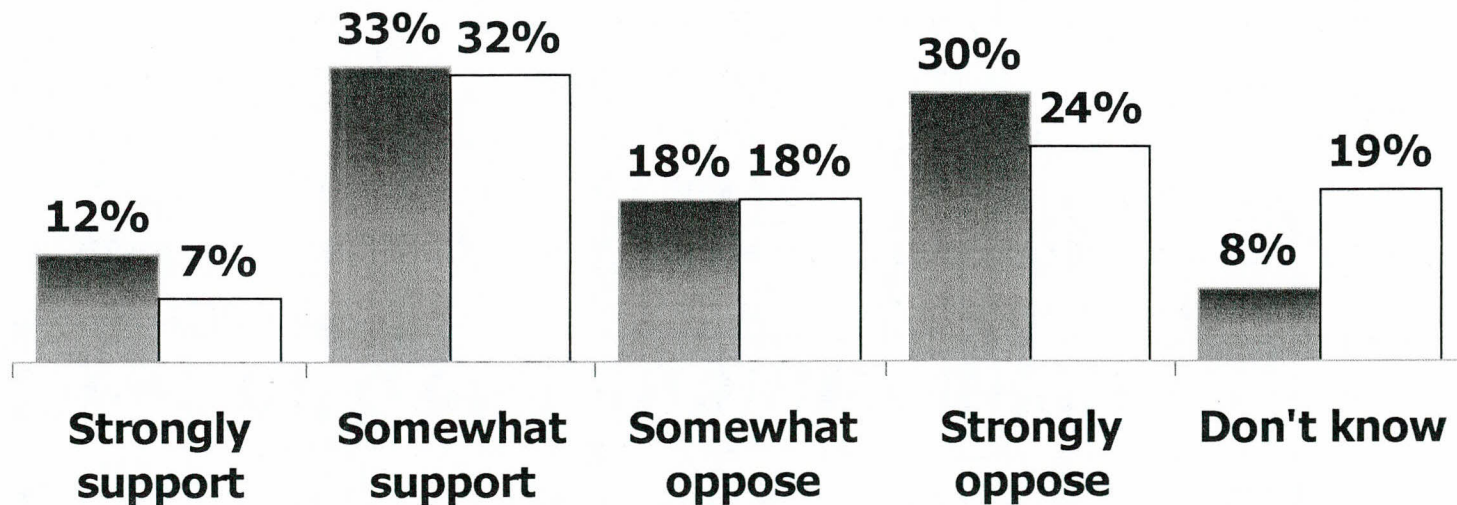
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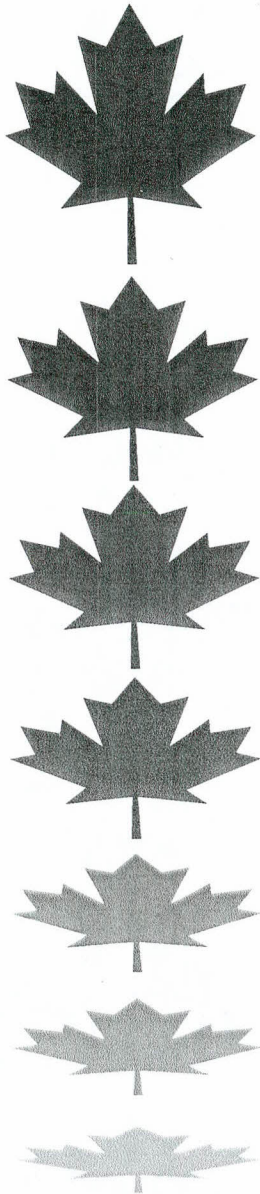
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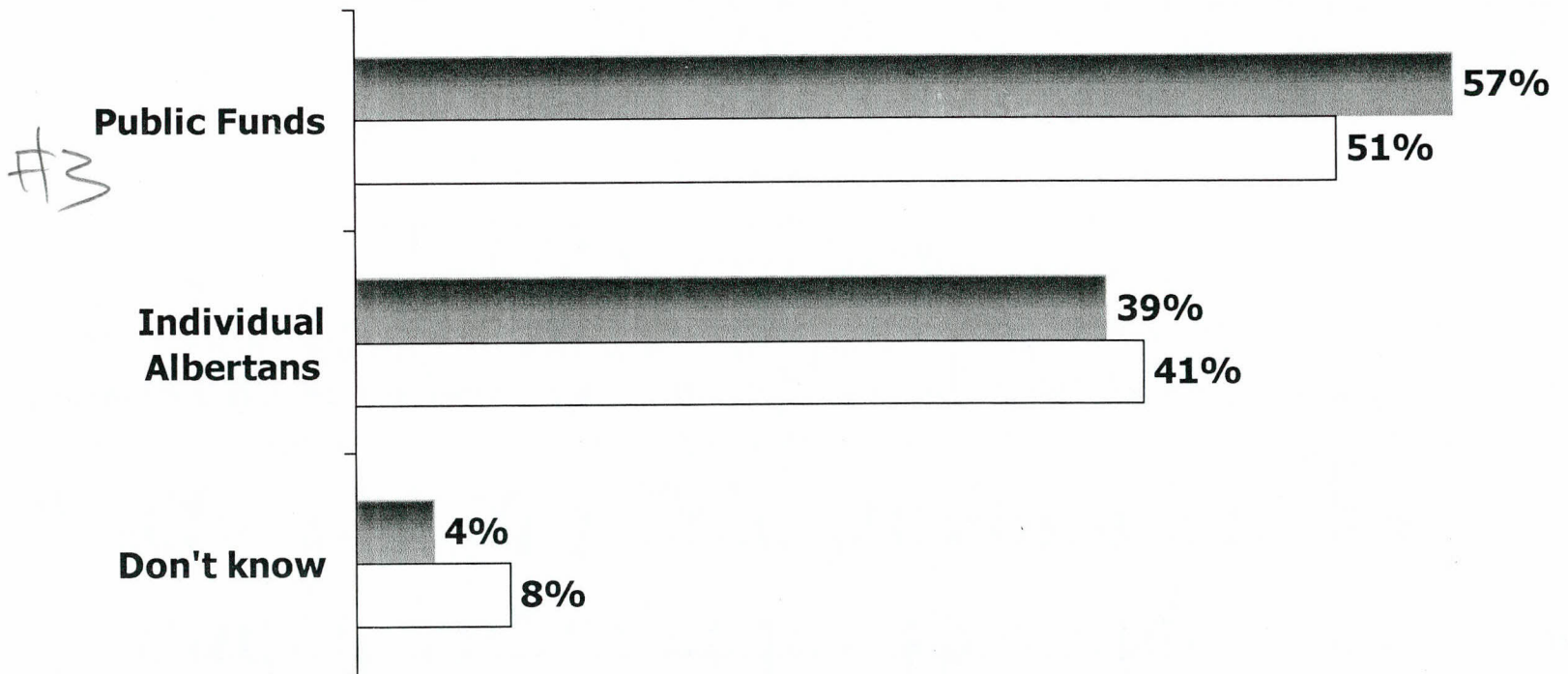




Understanding of Premier Klein's Healthcare Announcement

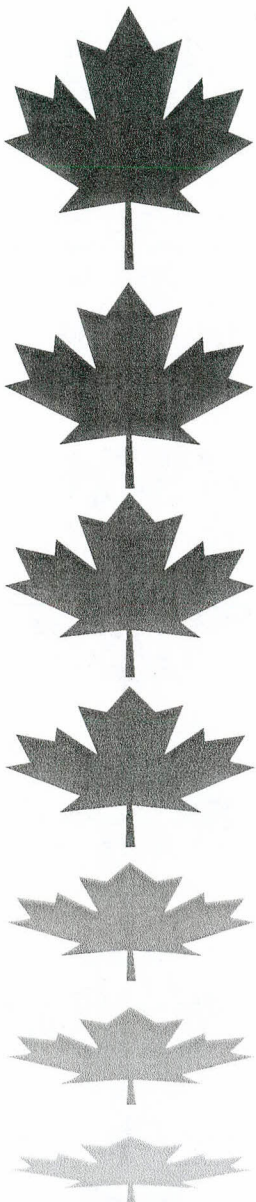
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The Government of Alberta will allow private health institutions to offer services like hip replacements and they will be paid with public funds.
OR *The Government of Alberta will allow private health institutions to offer services like hip replacements and they will be paid by individual Albertans.*

■ Alberta □ Rest of Canada



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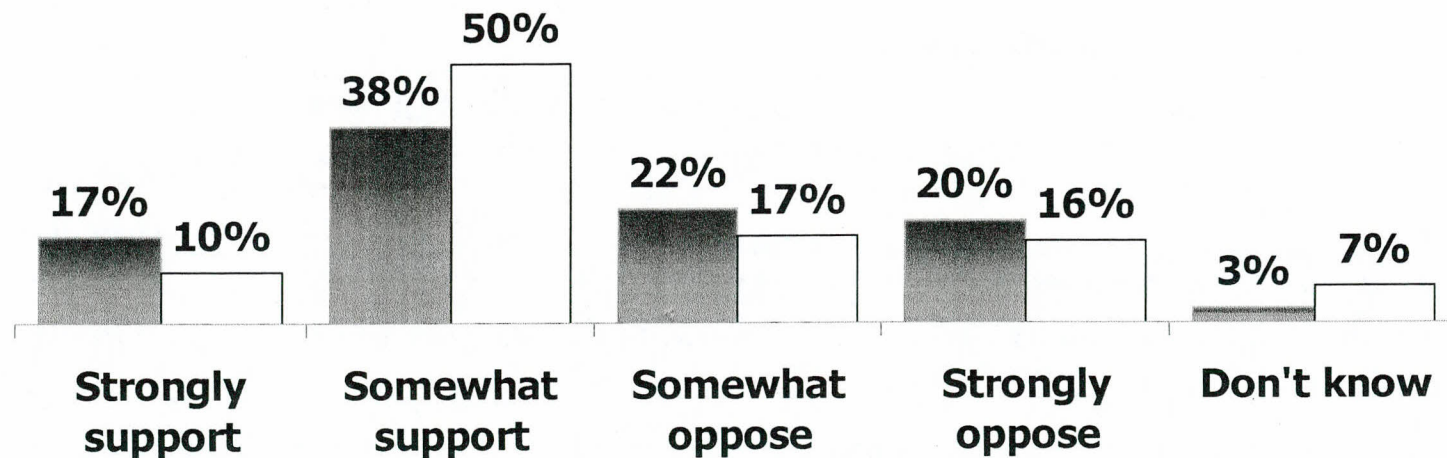


Aided Support for Premier Klein's Healthcare Announcement

As you may or may not know the provincial government in Alberta recently announced its intention to allow regional health authorities to contract with private health care providers to provide some surgical services. The Government of Alberta's intent is to have these private providers operate under the jurisdiction of a regional health authority and that under this arrangement these private providers will be paid by the government and not by individual Albertans. From what you know, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the proposal put forward by Premier Klein ?

■ Alberta □ Rest of Canada

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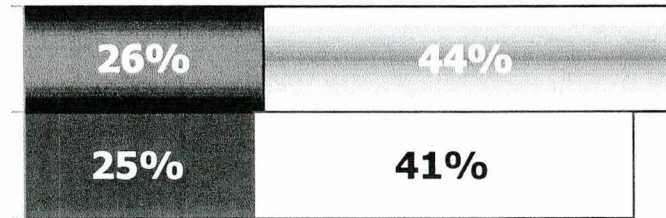


Supportive Arguments

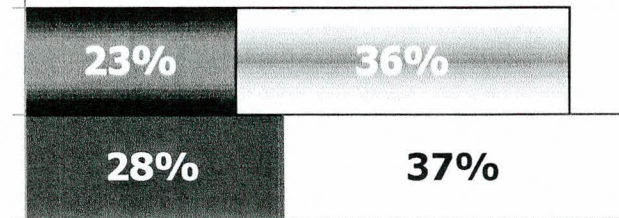
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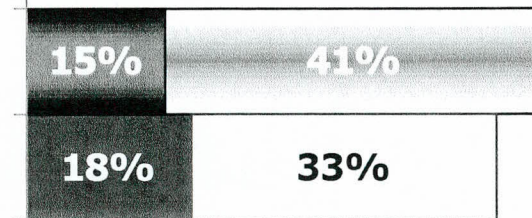
a Paying the private system with public funds will improve services and reduce waiting times especially for specific operations like hip replacement.



b Decisions like this are necessary because the current public system is not able to meet the rising demand for increased health care services.

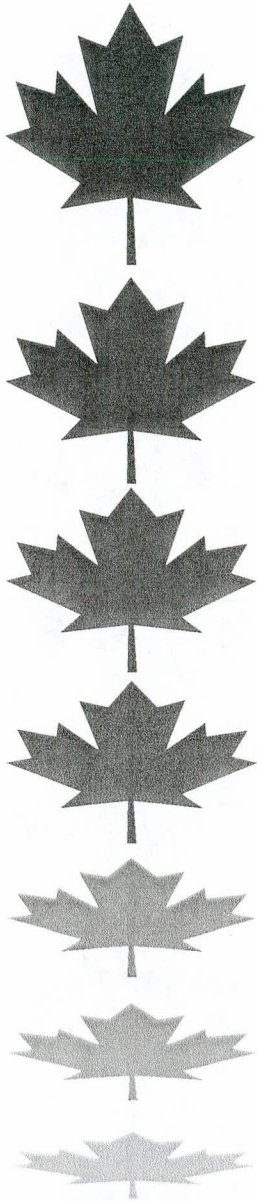


c Paying the private system with public funds to provide certain services will reduce the costs to tax payers because the provincial government will not have to pay to build new facilities. As a result more money will go toward the provision of services.

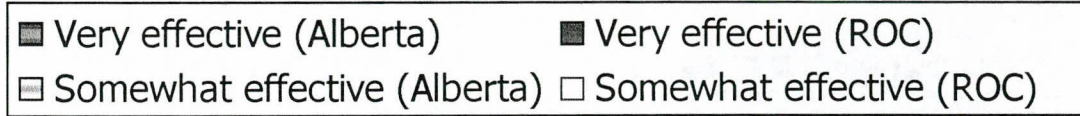


Opposing Arguments

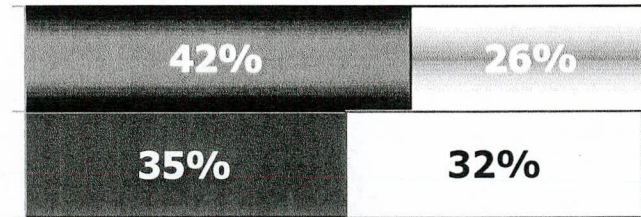
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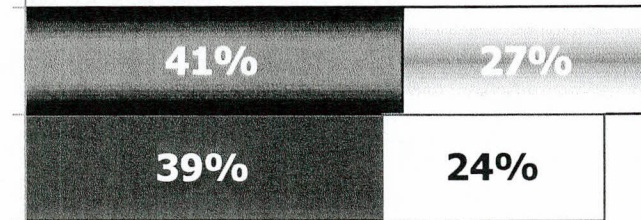
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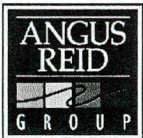
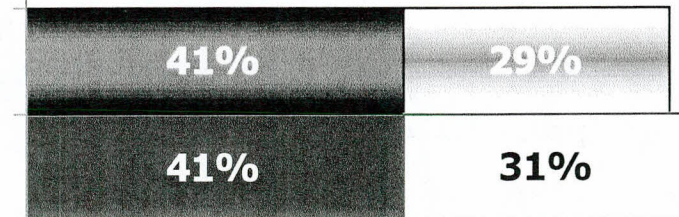
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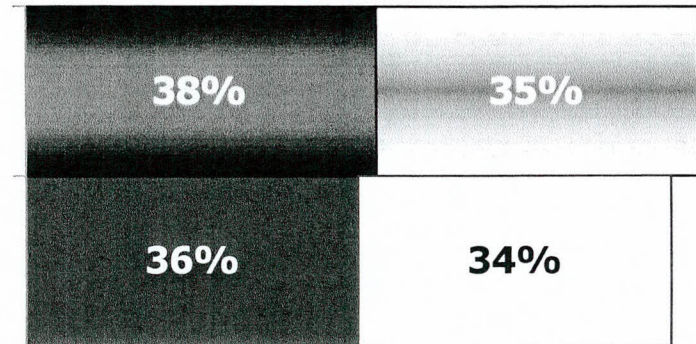
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The following are arguments some people have used in opposition to the Alberta government's recent decision to pay private health providers to deliver some health care services. Please tell me whether you feel these arguments very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective ?

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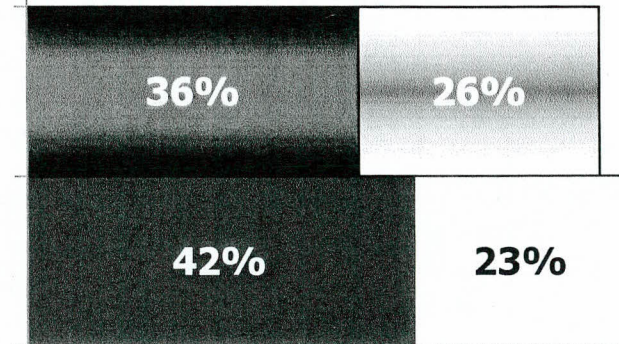
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Public funds are better spent on improving the public system rather than creating a parallel private health care sector.



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This decision will mean that those who can afford it will get better healthcare services.



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Overall Attitudes

Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.



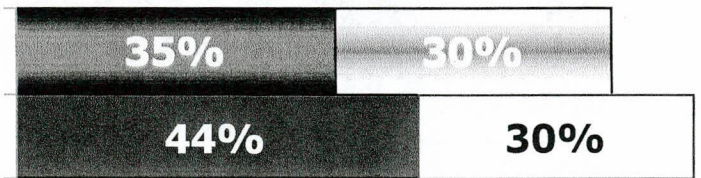
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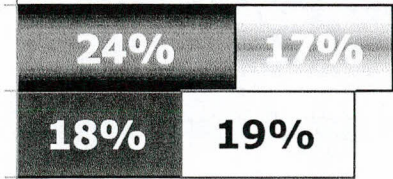
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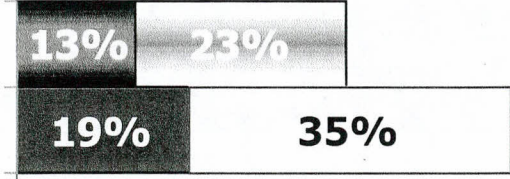
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This is an Alberta issue to be solved by Albertans and any intervention by the Government of Canada is inappropriate.



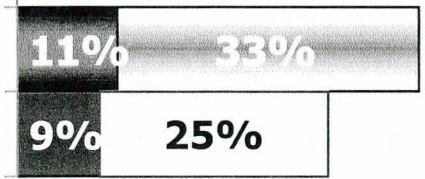
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It is all right if Canada's healthcare system evolves into a two-tier system where private and public health institutions offer all health services



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A two-tier healthcare system has existed in Alberta for quite some time now, this is no change.



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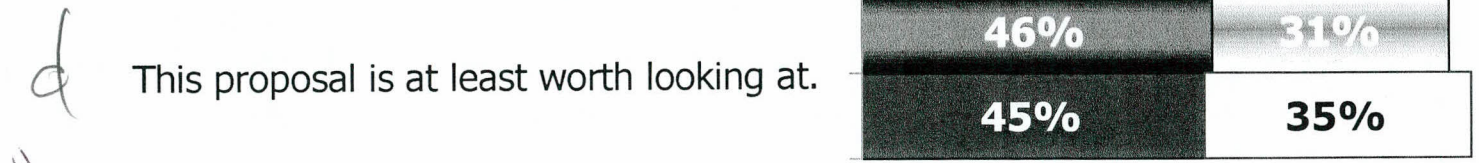
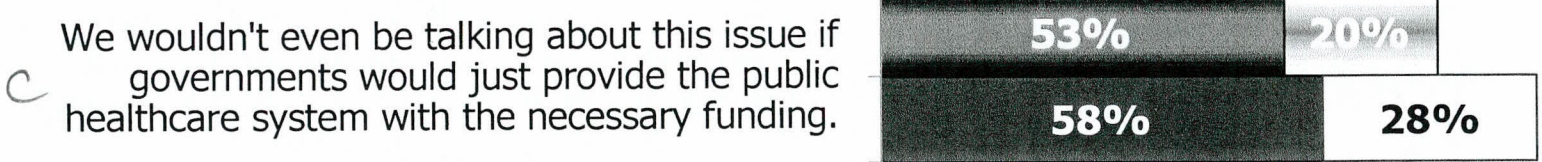
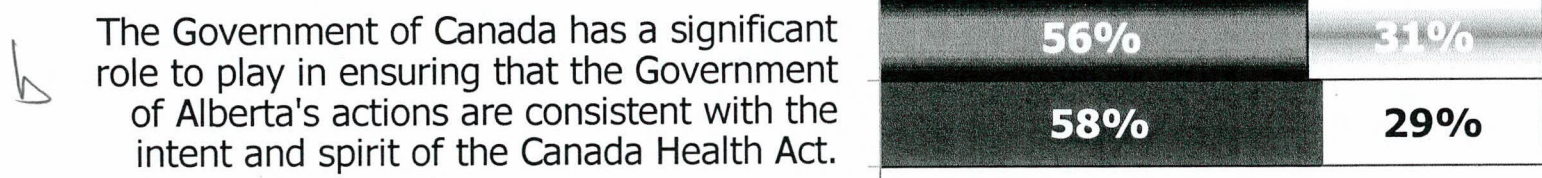
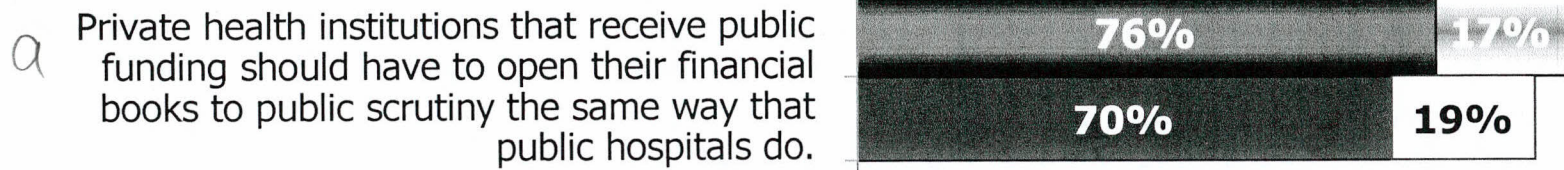
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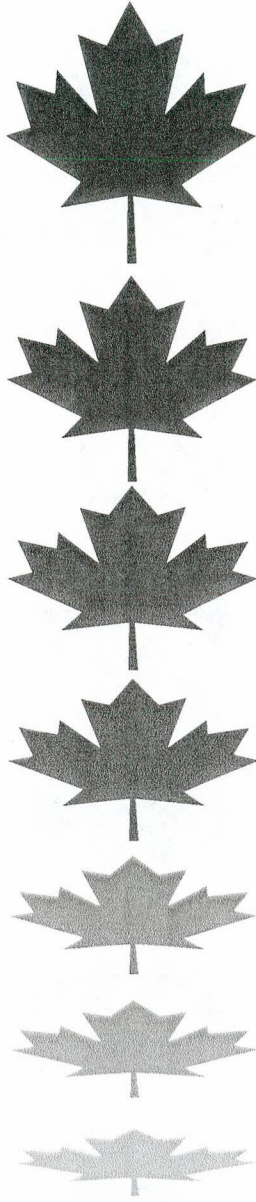
Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.



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Strongly Agree (Alberta) Strongly Agree (ROC)
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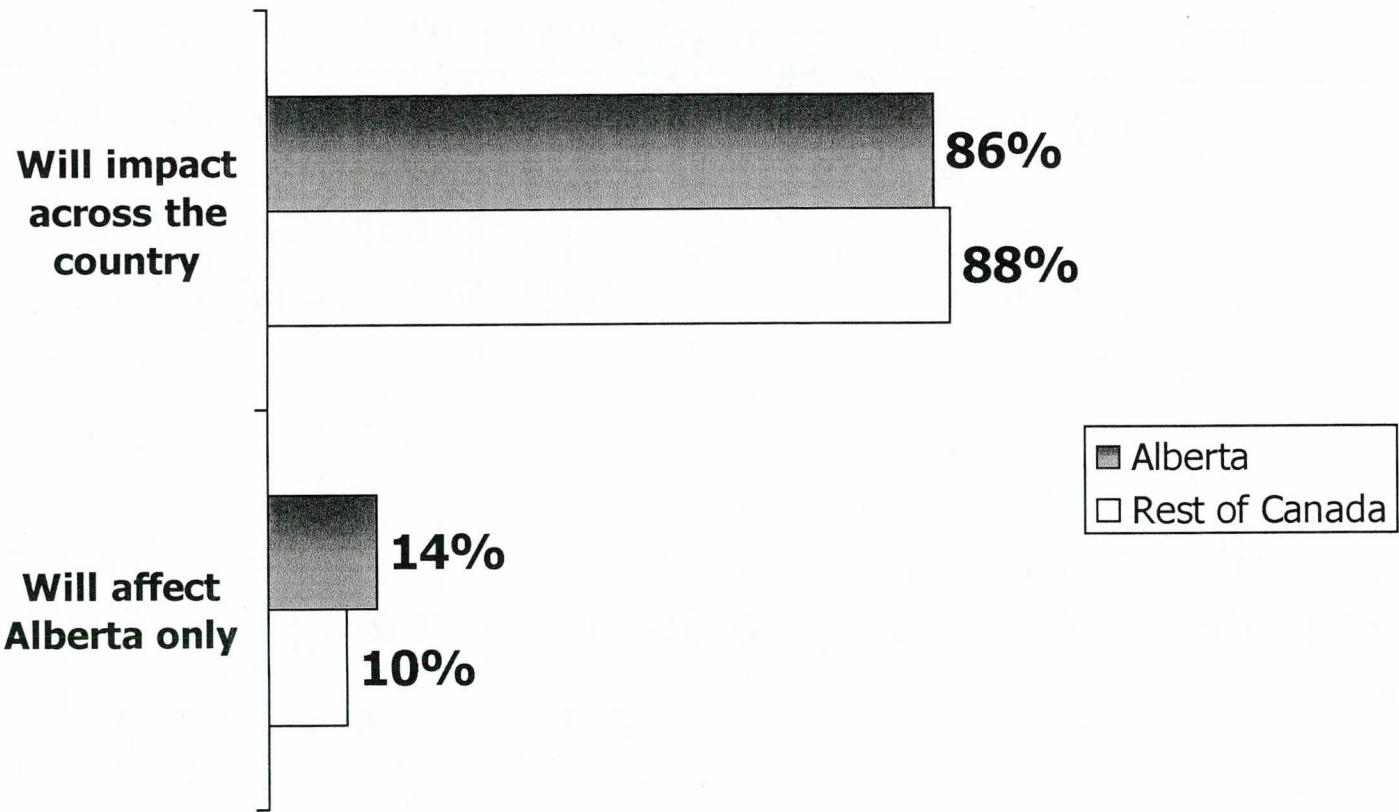




Alberta's Actions will impact across the country

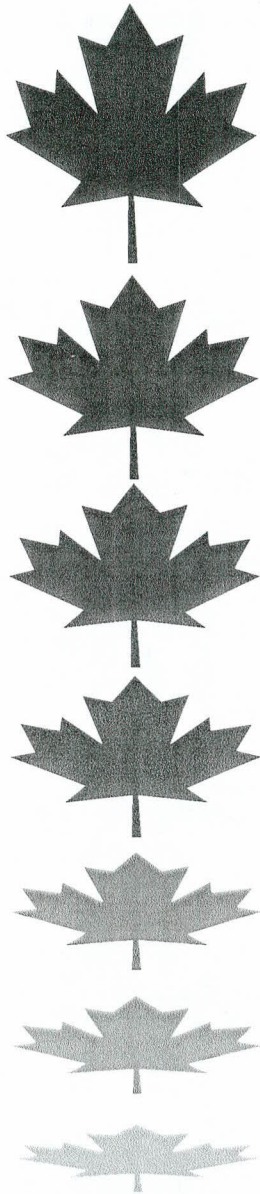
Some people say that this proposal, if enacted in Alberta, will only affect the health care system of Albertans and will not have an effect on how health care is delivered in other parts of the country. Other people say that this proposed change in Alberta will have broad implications for health care right across the country. Which of these two views is closest to your own?

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Conclusions

- Government of Canada has credibility on this issue and is well positioned to defend Canada Health Act and national position.
- Vast majority of Albertans and Canadians residing outside of Alberta feel that this is a decision that will impact all of Canada.
- Government of Canada focus should be on long-term implications (i.e., thin edge of privatized healthcare) and avoid short-term service delivery issues.
- Key messages for Government of Canada:
 - “public funds should be spent on public system”
 - “will not allow this decision to undermine the Canada Health Act, now or at any time in the future”



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1. Thinking about the issues presently facing your province, which one do you feel should receive the greatest attention from your provincial government?

FIRST MENTION	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Crime/ violence	1%	1%	1%
Deficit/ debt/ gov't spending	5%	4%	5%
Economy -general/ recession	4%	2%	4%
Education/ schools	17%	16%	17%
Environment/ pollution	1%	1%	1%
Immigration/ refugees	1%	-	1%
Jobs/ unemployment	5%	1%	5%
Justice system-Young Offenders Act	0	1%	0
Medicare/ healthcare	36%	54%	34%
National unity/ Quebec's future	0	-	0
Poverty/ the poor/ welfare/ homeless	5%	1%	5%
Social services-pensions/ daycare/ housing	1%	1%	1%
Taxes/ tax reform/ GST -general	7%	6%	7%
Cdn dollar	0	0	-
Gov't politics/ salaries/ pensions	1%	1%	1%
Foreign aid/ Honduras	0	-	0
Language issue	0	-	0
Native issues	1%	-	1%
None	3%	1%	3%
Other	8%	6%	8%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%

topline tables

2. As you may know, Premier Klein recently made a major announcement concerning the health care system and the role of the private sector. Would you say that you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar or not familiar at all with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Very familiar	5%	12%	5%
Somewhat familiar	33%	54%	30%
Not too familiar	26%	20%	27%
Not familiar at all	35%	13%	37%
Don't know	1%	-	1%

3. And do you personally strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	514	62	451
BASE (Unweighted): Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	601	348	253
Strongly support	8%	12%	7%
Somewhat support	32%	33%	32%
Somewhat oppose	18%	18%	18%
Strongly oppose	24%	30%	24%
Don't know	18%	8%	19%

4. Which of the following statements most closely represents your own personal understanding about Premier Klein's recent announcement?

The Government of Alberta will allow private health institutions to offer services like hip replacements and they will be paid with public funds.

OR

The Government of Alberta will allow private health institutions to offer services like hip replacements and they will be paid by individual Albertans.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	514	62	451
BASE (Unweighted): Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	601	348	253
Public Funds	52%	57%	51%
Individual Albertans	41%	39%	41%
Don't know	7%	4%	8%

5. As you may or may not know the provincial government in Alberta recently announced its intention to allow regional health authorities to contract with private health care providers to provide some surgical services. The Government of Alberta's intent is to have these private providers operate under the jurisdiction of a regional health authority and that under this arrangement these private providers will be paid by the government and not by individual Albertans. From what you know, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly support	10%	17%	10%
Somewhat support	49%	38%	50%
Somewhat oppose	18%	22%	17%
Strongly oppose	16%	20%	16%
Don't know	7%	3%	7%

topline tables

6. And do you think that most Albertans strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly support	7%	4%	7%
Somewhat support	36%	30%	36%
Somewhat oppose	20%	34%	18%
Strongly oppose	12%	21%	11%
Don't know	26%	10%	27%

7. The following are arguments some people have used in support of the Alberta government's recent decision to pay private health providers to deliver some health care services. Please tell me whether you feel these arguments very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective?

A) Paying the private system with public funds will improve services and reduce waiting times especially for specific operations like hip replacement.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Very effective	25%	26%	25%
Somewhat effective	41%	44%	41%
Not very effective	19%	15%	19%
Not at all effective	14%	14%	14%
Don't know	1%	2%	1%

B) Paying the private system with public funds to provide certain services will reduce the costs to tax payers because the provincial government will not have to pay to build new facilities. As a result more money will go toward the provision of services.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Very effective	18%	15%	18%
Somewhat effective	34%	41%	33%
Not very effective	26%	25%	26%
Not at all effective	20%	18%	20%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%

C) Decisions like this are necessary because the current public system is not able to meet the rising demand for increased health care services.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Very effective	28%	23%	28%
Somewhat effective	37%	36%	37%
Not very effective	19%	23%	18%
Not at all effective	16%	17%	16%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%

topline tables

8. The following are arguments some people have used in opposition to the Alberta government's recent decision to pay private health providers to deliver some health care services. Please tell me whether you feel these arguments very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective?

A) Decisions like this put Canada one step closer to having an American style health care system.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : 50% of respondents	390	35	354
BASE (Unweighted): 50% of respondents	400	199	201
Very effective	39%	41%	39%
Somewhat effective	24%	27%	24%
Not very effective	19%	22%	19%
Not at all effective	16%	10%	17%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%

B) Decisions like this move Canada one step closer to a two tier health care system.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : 50% of respondents	410	37	373
BASE (Unweighted): 50% of respondents	400	201	199
Very effective	36%	42%	35%
Somewhat effective	31%	26%	32%
Not very effective	20%	16%	20%
Not at all effective	12%	14%	12%
Don't know	1%	2%	1%

C) This decision will mean that those who can afford it will get better healthcare services.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Very effective	42%	36%	42%
Somewhat effective	23%	26%	23%
Not very effective	19%	22%	19%
Not at all effective	16%	16%	16%
Don't know	1%	0	1%

D) Public funds are better spent on improving the public system rather than creating a parallel private health care sector.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Very effective	37%	38%	36%
Somewhat effective	34%	35%	34%
Not very effective	18%	19%	18%
Not at all effective	9%	6%	9%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%

E) This decision undermines universality and the principle that access to healthcare in Canada is based on medical need, not ability to pay.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Very effective	41%	41%	41%
Somewhat effective	30%	29%	31%
Not very effective	18%	18%	18%
Not at all effective	10%	11%	10%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%

9. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

A) A two-tier healthcare system has existed in Alberta for quite some time now, this is no change.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	9%	11%	9%
Somewhat agree	25%	33%	25%
Somewhat disagree	23%	27%	23%
Strongly disagree	12%	24%	11%
Don't know	30%	5%	33%

B) The Government of Canada has a significant role to play in ensuring that the Government of Alberta's actions are consistent with the intent and spirit of the Canada Health Act.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	57%	56%	58%
Somewhat agree	29%	31%	29%
Somewhat disagree	8%	6%	8%
Strongly disagree	4%	6%	4%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%

C) This proposal is at least worth looking at.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	46%	46%	45%
Somewhat agree	35%	31%	35%
Somewhat disagree	8%	7%	8%
Strongly disagree	11%	15%	11%
Don't know	0	1%	-

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D) Anything that can be done to improve healthcare services and reduce waiting times in Canada should be done, including paying private facilities to provide certain health care services.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	44%	35%	44%
Somewhat agree	30%	30%	30%
Somewhat disagree	12%	17%	11%
Strongly disagree	14%	17%	13%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%

E) This is an Alberta issue to be solved by Albertans and any intervention by the Government of Canada is inappropriate.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	18%	24%	18%
Somewhat agree	18%	17%	19%
Somewhat disagree	24%	23%	24%
Strongly disagree	38%	34%	38%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%

F) It is all right if Canada's healthcare system evolves into a two-tier system where private and public health institutions offer all health services.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	19%	13%	19%
Somewhat agree	34%	23%	35%
Somewhat disagree	13%	16%	13%
Strongly disagree	32%	45%	31%
Don't know	1%	3%	1%

G) Private health institutions that receive public funding should have to open their financial books to public scrutiny the same way that public hospitals do.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	70%	76%	70%
Somewhat agree	19%	17%	19%
Somewhat disagree	6%	3%	6%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	4%
Don't know	1%	0	1%

H) We wouldn't even be talking about this issue if governments would just provide the public healthcare system with the necessary funding.

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Strongly agree	55%	53%	55%
Somewhat agree	28%	20%	28%
Somewhat disagree	12%	16%	11%
Strongly disagree	6%	11%	5%
Don't know	0	0	-

10. Some people say that this proposal, if enacted in Alberta, will only affect the health care system of Albertans and will not have an effect on how health care is delivered in other parts of the country. Other people say that this proposed change in Alberta will have broad implications for health care right across the country. Which of these two views is closest to your own?

	Total	REGION	
		Alberta	Rest of Canada
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	800	72	728
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	800	400	400
Will affect Alberta only	11%	14%	10%
Will impact across the country	88%	86%	88%
Don't know	1%	-	2%

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1. Thinking about the issues presently facing your province, which one do you feel should receive the greatest attention from your provincial government?

FIRST MENTION	TOTAL
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	392
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	392
Medicare/ healthcare	54%
Education/ schools	16%
Taxes/ tax reform/ GST -general	6%
Deficit/ debt/ gov't spending	5%
Crime/ violence	1%
Economy -general/ recession	1%
Environment/ pollution	1%
Jobs/ unemployment	1%
Justice system-Young Offenders Act	1%
Poverty/ the poor/ welfare/ homeless	1%
Social services-pensions/ daycare/ housing	1%
Gov't/ politics/ salaries/ pensions	1%
Cdn dollar	0
None	1%
Other	6%
Don't know	4%

2. As you may know, Premier Klein recently made a major announcement concerning the health care system and the role of the private sector. Would you say that you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar or not familiar at all with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	TOTAL
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	392
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	392
Very familiar	12%
Somewhat familiar	55%
Not too familiar	20%
Not familiar at all	14%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
Familiar (Top2Box)	67%
Not Familiar (Low2Box)	33%

3. And do you personally strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	TOTAL
BASE (Weighted) : Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	339
BASE (Unweighted): Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	341
Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	32%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	30%
Don't know	8%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
Support (Top2Box)	44%
Oppose (Low2Box)	48%



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4. Which of the following statements most closely represents your own personal understanding about Premier Klein's recent announcement?

The Government of Alberta will allow private health institutions to offer services like hip replacements and they will be paid with public funds.

OR

The Government of Alberta will allow private health institutions to offer services like hip replacements and they will be paid by individual Albertans.

	TOTAL
BASE (Weighted) : Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	339
BASE (Unweighted): Familiar with the proposal put forward by Premier Klein	341
Public Funds	57%
Individual Albertans	39%
Don't know	4%

5. As you may or may not know the provincial government in Alberta recently announced its intention to allow regional health authorities to contract with private health care providers to provide some surgical services.

The Government of Alberta's intent is to have these private providers operate under the jurisdiction of a regional health authority and that under this arrangement these private providers will be paid by the government and not by individual Albertans.

From what you know, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	TOTAL
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	392
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	392
Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	38%
Somewhat oppose	22%
Strongly oppose	20%
Don't know	3%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
Support (Top2Box)	55%
Oppose (Low2Box)	42%

6. And do you think that most Albertans strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the proposal put forward by Premier Klein?

	TOTAL
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	392
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	392
Strongly support	5%
Somewhat support	30%
Somewhat oppose	33%
Strongly oppose	22%
Don't know	11%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
Support (Top2Box)	34%
Oppose (Low2Box)	55%



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7. The following are arguments some people have used in support of the Alberta government's recent decision to pay private health providers to deliver some health care services. Please tell me whether you feel these arguments very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not very effective	Not at all effective	Don't know	TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
						Effective	Not effective
Paying the private system with public funds will improve services and reduce waiting times especially for specific operations like hip replacement.	26%	43%	15%	14%	2%	69%	29%
Decisions like this are necessary because the current public system is not able to meet the rising demand for increased health care services.	23%	36%	23%	17%	1%	59%	40%
Paying the private system with public funds to provide certain services will reduce the costs to tax payers because the provincial government will not have to pay to build new facilities. As a result more money will go toward the provision of services.	14%	41%	25%	18%	2%	55%	43%

8. The following are arguments some people have used in opposition to the Alberta government's recent decision to pay private health providers to deliver some health care services. Please tell me whether you feel these arguments very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not very effective	Not at all effective	Don't know	TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
						Effective	Not effective
Decisions like this move Canada one step closer to a two tier health care system.	43%	26%	15%	14%	2%	69%	29%
Decisions like this put Canada one step closer to having an American style health care system.	41%	27%	21%	10%	1%	68%	31%
This decision undermines universality and the principle that access to healthcare in Canada is based on medical need, not ability to pay.	41%	29%	18%	10%	1%	70%	29%
Public funds are better spent on improving the public system rather than creating a parallel private health care sector.	39%	35%	19%	6%	1%	73%	25%
This decision will mean that those who can afford it will get better healthcare services.	36%	26%	22%	15%	0	62%	38%

9. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY	
						Agree	Disagree
Private health institutions that receive public funding should have to open their financial books to public scrutiny the same way that public hospitals do.	77%	18%	3%	3%	0	94%	6%
The Government of Canada has a significant role to play in ensuring that the Government of Alberta's actions are consistent with the intent and spirit of the Canada Health Act.	56%	31%	6%	6%	1%	87%	12%
We wouldn't even be talking about this issue if governments would just provide the public healthcare system with the necessary funding.	53%	20%	16%	11%	0	73%	27%
This proposal is at least worth looking at.	46%	31%	7%	15%	1%	77%	22%
Anything that can be done to improve healthcare services and reduce waiting times in Canada should be done, including paying private facilities to provide certain health care services.	34%	30%	18%	18%	1%	64%	35%



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This is an Alberta issue to be solved by Albertans and any intervention by the Government of Canada is inappropriate. It is all right if Canada's healthcare system evolves into a two-tier system where private and public health institutions offer all health services.
A two-tier healthcare system has existed in Alberta for quite some time now, this is no change.

24%	18%	24%	34%	1%	41%	58%
12%	23%	16%	46%	3%	36%	61%
11%	33%	27%	24%	5%	44%	51%

10. Some people say that this proposal, if enacted in Alberta, will only affect the health care system of Albertans and will not have an effect on how health care is delivered in other parts of the country. Other people say that this proposed change in Alberta will have broad implications for health care right across the country. Which of these two views is closest to your own?

	TOTAL
BASE (Weighted) : All respondents	392
BASE (Unweighted): All respondents	392
Will affect Alberta only	14%
Will impact across the country	86%



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