



Who's Responsible?

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Statistics Canada estimates that more than four million Canadians live abroad, accounting for over 11% of the national population.

This does not include the 34 million trips Canadians take outside of Canada annually.

At any given time there are millions of Canadians outside of Canada living, working or vacationing.

When all goes well, this is not a problem, but when Canadians abroad encounter trouble, they look to the Canadian government (taxpayers) for help.

Understandably, many circumstances are completely unforeseeable and unpredictable, such as terrorism, pandemics, earthquakes or airline bankruptcies.

On the other hand, many high risk situations do come with sufficient advance warning. In such cases, the Government of Canada advises against all travel to a country or region. They also further advise Canadians living in those areas to return to Canada while commercial options still exist.

However, many ignore these warnings and then expect Canadian taxpayers to help them leave those areas when local circumstances make it dangerous and difficult.

There is no question the Government of Canada has a responsibility to assist Canadians abroad. However, how much responsibility does each Canadian have when it comes to ensuring their own safety and how much financial burden should taxpayers shoulder for those who ignore official travel directives?

As the number of Canadians ignoring travel advice increases, so do the costs for Canadian taxpayers.

In 2006, for example, Canadians paid \$85 million to evacuate 15,000 people from Lebanon in July and it is reported 7,000 returned by September.

Canada has advised against all travel to Lebanon for the past three years. For a year, the Canadian government has been telling Canadians to get out of the country. When hostilities increased in September, we found out there were 45,000 Canadians living in the country and we are again arranging for their evacuation.

Increasingly, I am getting constituents asking that we take a different approach to these matters and make people more personally responsible for their own actions and decisions. Should those that choose to be in countries against the advice of the government be eligible for government-assisted evacuation?

Let me know what you think by returning the survey inside.

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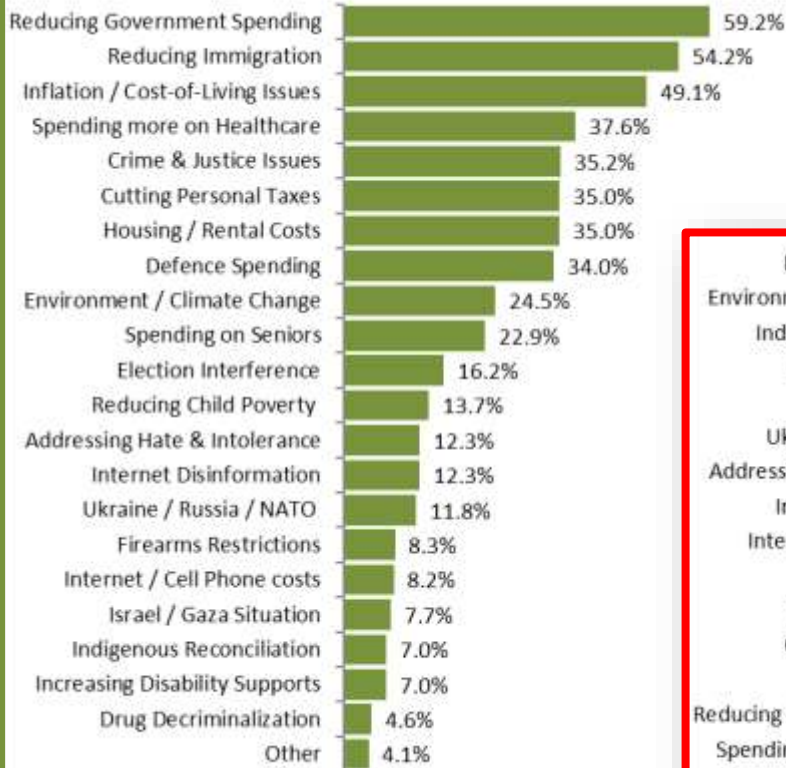
Each month I share important information on government programs and services.

The monthly online poll lets me know how you want to be represented in Parliament.



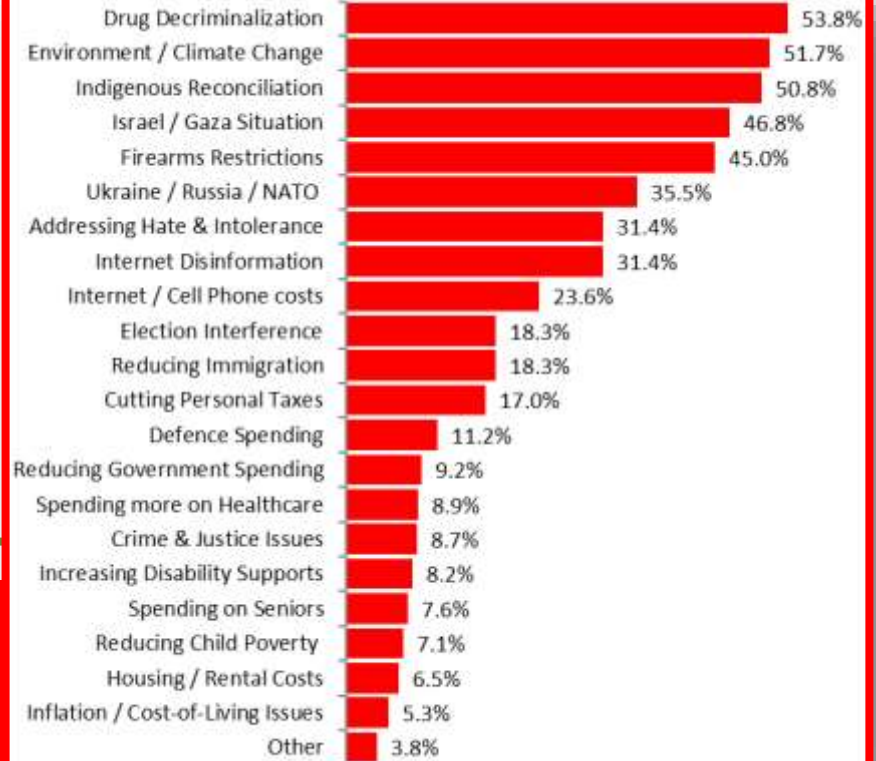
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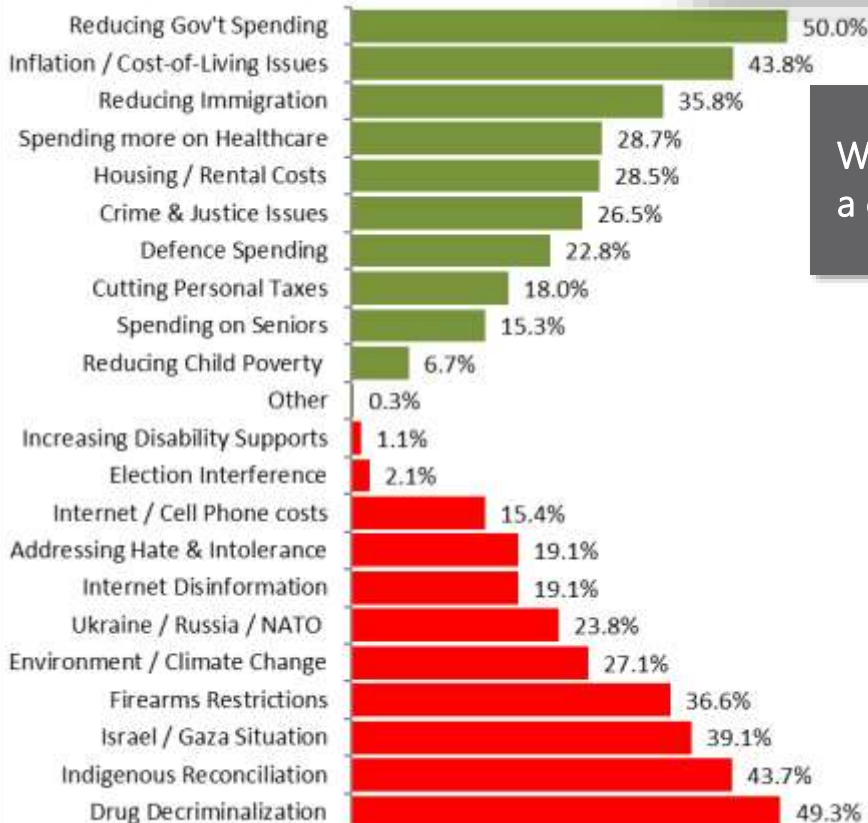
Please choose the top five issues you would like to see Parliament focus on more.

(The percentages represent the percentage of respondents who selected the issue as one of their 'top five'.)



Please choose the top five issues you would like to see Parliament focus on less.

(The percentages represent the percentage of respondents who selected the issue as one of their 'top five'.)



When the results are combined, we see a consensus around a few issues...

For the seventh year in a row, I received an incredible response to my annual Community Survey.

A copy of this survey was mailed to every household in the Calgary Confederation riding and the results are accurate to within +/-3.01% 19 times out of 20.

It is worth noting that with this margin of error many of the issues are considered to be statistically tied.

2024 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

As part of my ongoing pledge to represent you in Parliament, I regularly consult with you on important issues through my community mailings and online surveys.

A mail-in survey was sent to all households asking which issues you would like to see Parliament focus on more and which issues you would like to see Parliament focus on less.

This feedback, along with hundreds of letters and thousands of emails, helps me to better represent the community — even if it is not always in line with my party's position.

The top five issues the community wants Parliament to focus on more are:

- Reduce Government Spending (59%)
- Reducing Immigration (54%)
- Inflation/Cost-of-Living Issues (49%)
- Spending More On Healthcare (38%)
- Crime & Justice Issues, Cutting Personal Taxes, and Housing/Rental Costs (all tied at 32%)

On the other hand, the five issues the community wants Parliament to focus on less are:

- Drug Decriminalization (54%)
- Environment/Climate Change (52%)
- Indigenous Reconciliation (51%)
- Israel/Gaza Situation (47%)
- Firearms Restrictions (45%)

It was clear that there was a stark polarization of political views on a few issues, but when the results are combined, a consensus seem to form around a few issues with the most important being:

- Reduce Government Spending
- Inflation/Cost-of-Living Issues
- Reducing Immigration

And the issues people want Parliament to focus on the least being:

- Drug Decriminalization
- Indigenous Reconciliation
- Israel/Gaza Situation

All the above issues included in the survey are important, but the survey results help identify the issues that constituents want me to prioritize over others.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Your participation greatly influences how you are represented in Parliament.

In your service,



Len Webber, MP
Calgary Confederation
Alberta Caucus Chair

Do you register your travel plans with the Canadian government every time you leave Canada?

(Information on how to do this is on the following page.)

Yes No Unsure

Should Canadians who ignore official travel directives be fully responsible for their own safety at their own cost?

Yes No Unsure

Should those that choose to be in a country against the advice of the Government be eligible for government-assisted evacuation?

Yes No Unsure

SURVEY RESULTS ARE PRINTED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. SUBSCRIBE AT LENWEBBER.CA

When it comes to addressing the concerns of Canadians...

What do you think of the job the Conservative caucus is doing?

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 POOR

What do you think of the job the Liberal caucus is doing?

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 POOR

What do you think of the job the NDP caucus is doing?

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 POOR

What do you think of the job your Member of Parliament Len Webber is doing?

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 POOR

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Planning to travel abroad?

Before you travel, visit www.canada.ca/travel.

Get free travel advice and be aware of any travel advisories at your destination.

Register your trip in case you need help and ensure you have the travel documents you need.

You can also learn how to receive emergency assistance while outside Canada.



SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE

Is it safe to travel?

Get the latest travel advice and advisories for destinations outside of Canada before you go so that you can travel safely and make informed decisions.

Get information on security issues, public health concerns, entry and exit requirements, local laws and how to get in contact with Canadian officials locally if you have an emergency.



SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE

Looking for a job?

If you are seeking employment, visit www.jobbank.gc.ca for a list of public and private sector job opportunities.

You can search for job by location, type, full time/part time/casual.

You can also download the app, set up alerts, look for skills matches and build your resume.



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Looking for benefits?

If you are in need of government assistance benefits, please visit www.canadabenefits.gc.ca

You will be provided with all the benefits you may be eligible for after answering 20 multiple-choice questions.

You may be surprised to find out you are entitled to benefits you are not currently receiving.



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