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Plastic Pollution in Canada

Survey Report



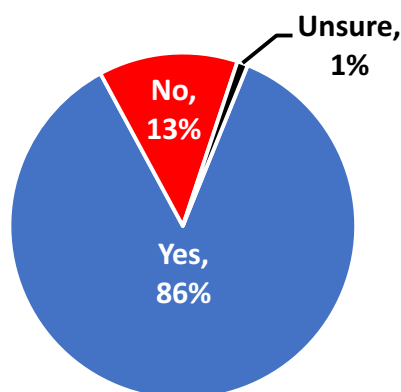
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PLASTICS POLLUTION REDUCTION

Introductory Statement

"Almost all plastic is made from fossil fuels and some experts say plastic is among the most important and growing sources of greenhouse gas emissions and the most widespread and lasting pollutants on earth. In Canada in 2016, 86% of plastics ended up in landfills."

"Canada needs to take more action to combat plastics pollution as a way to reduce climate harmful greenhouse gases?"



Eighty six percent of Canadians feel that more action is needed to combat plastic pollution, with residents of Quebec, BC and Ontario most in favour. Results were also strong across all Party lines, but lower among Conservatives and People's Party backers.

	YES	NO	UNSURE
Liberal	94%	5%	1%
Conservative	71%	28%	1%
NDP	92%	7%	1%
Green	97%	2%	1%
People's Party	63%	33%	4%
Bloc	91%	7%	2%
Undecided	89%	10%	1%

	YES	NO	UNSURE
Atlantic	82%	17%	1%
Ontario	90%	9%	1%
Quebec	93%	6%	1%
Man / Sask.	70%	26%	4%
Alberta	67%	33%	1%
BC	90%	9%	1%

Those aged 18-34 most feel there is a need to take more action (90%), followed by those aged 35-64 (86%) and then 65+ (80%).

"Should Canada introduce new laws to eliminate single use plastics?"

79% YES



18% No

3% Unsure

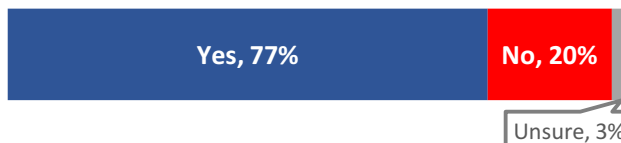
Almost eight in ten are of the opinion that Canada should introduce new laws to eliminate single use plastics, while 18% oppose the measure and 3% were uncertain.

MICROBEADS

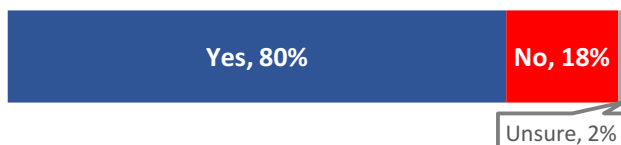
Introductory Statement

"Canada has banned one kind of plastic called microbeads that were used in cosmetics like facial cleaners. When these tiny plastic beads get into municipal wastewater systems, they then accumulate in drinking water, wildlife and fish. Plastics are still contained in other products like flushable wipes and other household products such as detergents."

"Do you feel that Canada should extend the microbeads ban to all plastic pollution that goes down drains and toilets including flushable's?"



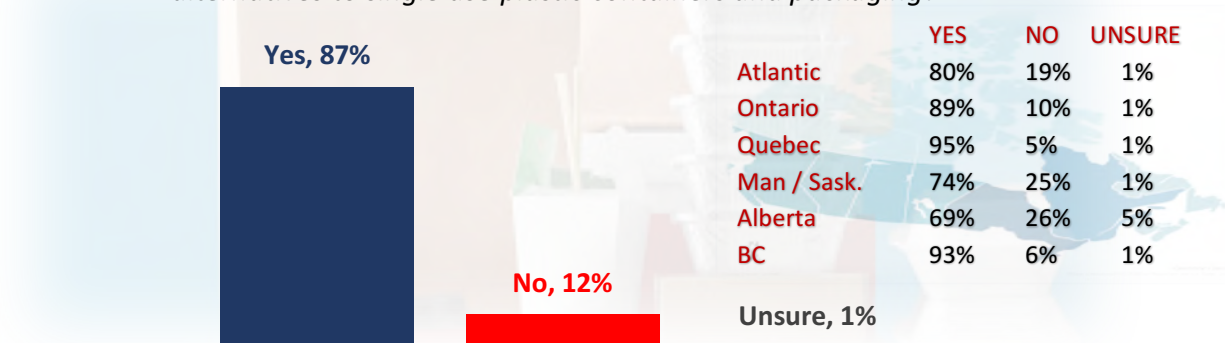
"Should Canada ban the production and use of single-use disposable plastic containers and packaging?"



Seventy seven percent back extending the ban on all plastics that enter drains and eight in ten support prohibiting the production of all single use plastic containers.

ALTERNATIVES

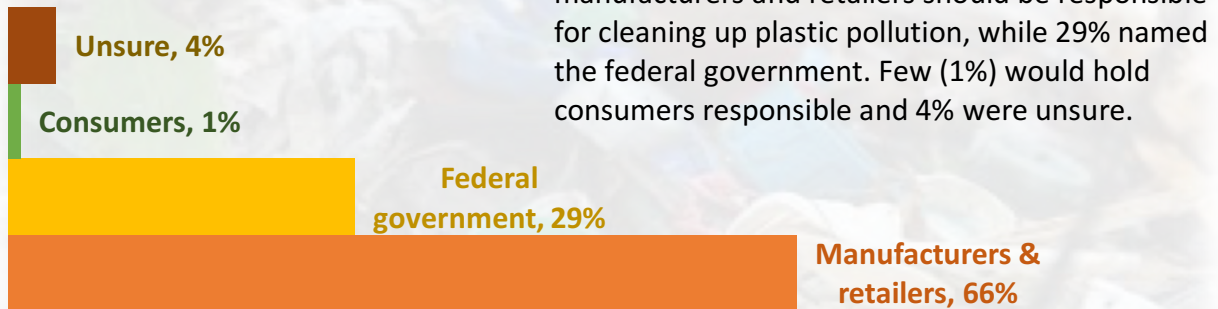
"Should Canada require manufacturers and retailers to find alternatives to single use plastic containers and packaging?"



A strong majority or 87% feel that manufacturers and retailers should find alternatives to single use plastic containers.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEANUP

“Who should pay for costs to clean up plastic pollution?”



PLASTICS POLLUTION CONCERNS

“Are you concerned with the impact of plastics pollution in each of the following areas?”



90% concern over groundwater sources & drinking water



87% concern over soil quality & food eaten



74% concern over long term human health



67% concern over air quality

METHODOLOGY

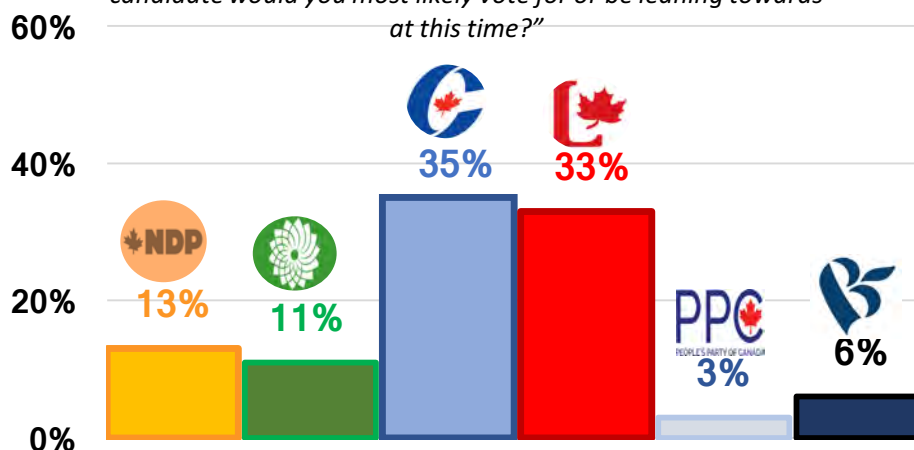
The following represents the results of a September 2019 omnibus telephone survey of N=1200 Canadian voters, 18 years of age or older, conducted by Oraclepoll Research Ltd. All surveys were conducted by telephone using live operators at the Oraclepoll call center facility using computer-assisted techniques of telephone interviewing (CATI) and random number selection (RDD). The dual sample frame random database was inclusive of landline and cellular telephone numbers.







Interviews were completed between the days of September 20th to September 23rd, 2019. The margin of error for the total N=1200 sample is $\pm 2.8\%$, 19 times out of 20.

VOTE INTENT

DECIDED VOTE INTENT (September 20-23, 2019)

"If a federal Election were held today, which Party and its candidate would you most likely vote for or be leaning towards at this time?"



						
Atlantic	42%	29%	10%	16%	3%	
Ontario	38%	34%	12%	11%	4%	
Quebec	34%	18%	11%	9%	1%	26%
Man / Sask.	21%	51%	13%	10%	5%	
Alberta	20%	61%	9%	6%	3%	
BC	27%	35%	19%	16%	3%	