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Survey Report

Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Governor General Expense Survey

National Omnibus

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Methodology

Method

Online survey via Leger's LEO panel, with n=1,505 Canadians aged 18+.

When

The weekly online omnibus was in field from the 9th to the 12th of July 2026, inclusive, using Leger's online panel, LEO.

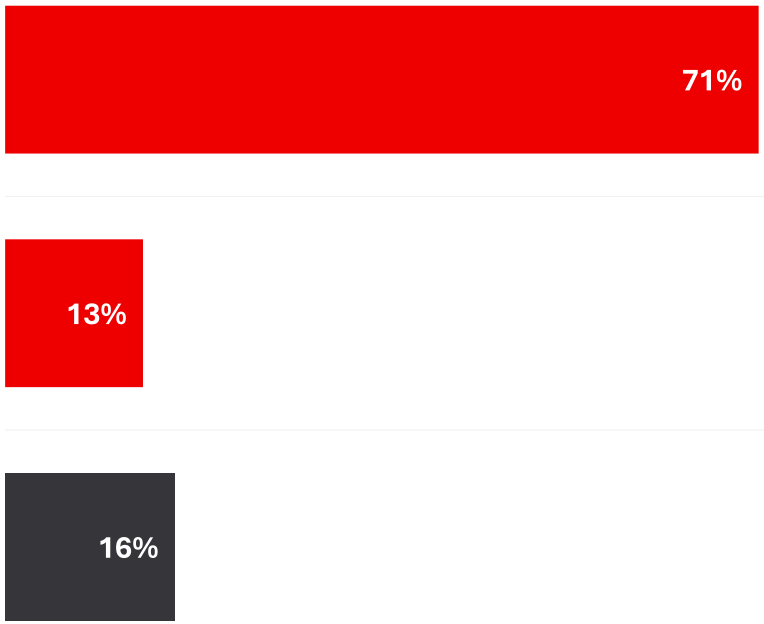
Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size (n=1,505) yields a margin of error no greater than ±2.5%, (19 times out of 20).

Detailed Results

Most Canadians (71%) support ending the expense account for former governor generals.

In contrast, less than three-in-ten Canadians say the account should remain or are unsure. Those aged 55+ and Quebecers are more likely to say the governor general's expense account should end, while men, those living outside Quebec, and those aged 18-34 are more likely to be in favour of keeping the account.



	Total	Gender		Age			Region	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-55	55+	Quebec	ROC
End it	71%	70%	73%	54%	71%	83%	78%	69%
Keep it	13%	17%	9%	22%	11%	8%	7%	14%
I don't know	16%	13%	18%	23%	18%	9%	15%	16%

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Base: All (n=1505)

Significantly higher

Among those with an opinion, almost nine in ten (85%) support ending the expense account for former governor generals.

Less than 20% of Canadians support keeping the governor generals expense account. Women, Quebecers, and those 35 and older (89% vs. 71% 18-34) are more inclined to support ending the account, while men, those aged 18-34 (29% vs. 11% aged 35+), and Canadians living outside Quebec are more likely to say the account should stay.

		Gender		Age			Region	
		Male	**Female**	**18-34**	**35-54**	**55+**	**Quebec**	**ROC**
End it	85%	80%	89%	71%	87%	91%	92%	83%
Keep it	15%	20%	11%	29%	13%	9%	8%	17%

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Base: All, except those who said “I don’t know” (n=1292)

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