

Canadian Taxpayers Federation Tax Issue Survey National Survey n=1,000, Margin of Error <u>+</u>3.1% January 4 – 8, 2008

The following questions deal with the federal <u>personal</u> income tax system in Canada. We are talking about taxes on individuals like yourself, not businesses and corporations.

Q1.1 Would you say federal income tax rates are much too low, somewhat too low, about right, somewhat too high or much too high?

| Much too low | 2% |
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| Somewhat too low | 3% |
| About right | 25% |
| Somewhat too high | 33% |
| Much too high | 32% |
| Don't know/Refused | 5% |

Q1.2 Do you find the federal income tax system to be very simple, somewhat simple, somewhat complicated or very complicated?

| SIMPLE | 32% |
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| Very simple | 7% |
| Somewhat simple | 25% |
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| COMPLICATED | 63% |
| Somewhat complicated | 46% |
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| Very complicated | 17% |

Q1.3 Would you say the tax system is very unfair, somewhat unfair, somewhat fair or very fair to taxpayers?

| Very unfair | 17% |
|--------------------|------|
| Somewhat unfair | 40% |
| Somewhat fair | 35% |
| Very fair | 5% |
| Don't know/Refused | 4% |
| Total | 100% |



Q2. If the federal government decided to cut taxes, what should the priority should be? [RANDOMIZE]

| Personal income taxes | 45% |
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| Gas taxes | 18% |
| The GST | 10% |
| Payroll taxes like CPP and EI | 10% |
| Capital gains tax | 5% |
| Taxes on business | 3% |
| All of them | 2% |
| None of them | 1% |
| Tax breaks on seniors | 0% |
| Other | 2% |
| Don't know/Refused | 4% |

Q3. Which of these two tax methods of reducing taxes do you prefer ...

| Target tax relief to specific taxpayers or specific activities such as seniors, parents, environmentally friendly | |
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| activities and so on. | 44% |
| Provide tax relief to all taxpayers regardless of their | |
| income level or the activities they undertake. | 51% |
| Don't know/Refused | 5% |