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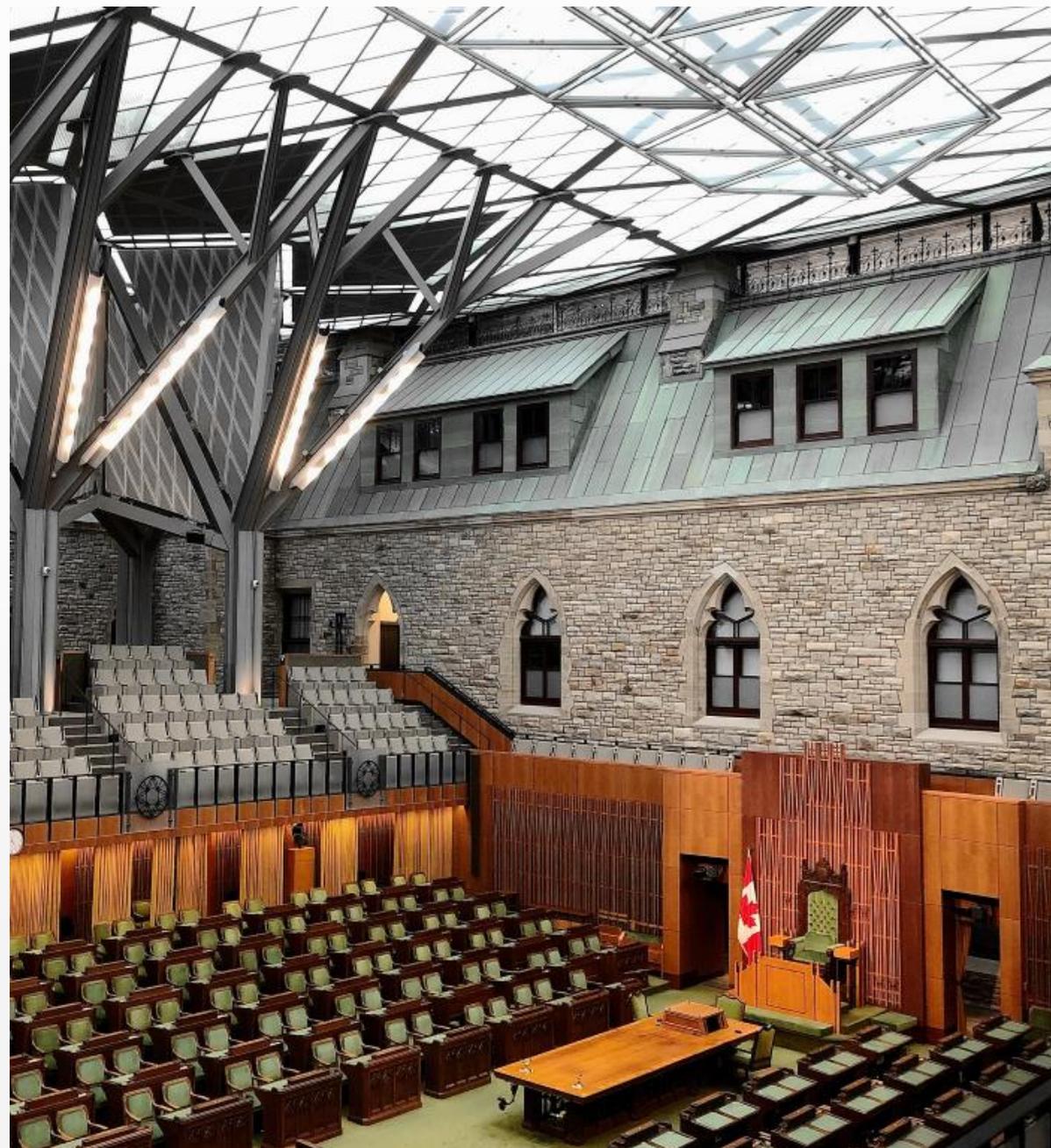
Survey Report

**Canadian**  
**Taxpayers**  
Federation

**MP Salary**

**National Omnibus**

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# Methodology



## Method

Online survey via Leger's LEO panel, with n=1509 Canadians aged 18+.

## When

The weekly online omnibus was in field from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>, of February 2026, inclusive, using Leger's online panel, LEO.

## Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size (n=1509) yields a margin of error no greater than  $\pm 2.5\%$ , (19 times out of 20).

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# Detailed Results



# Over three quarters of Canadians support MP Mike Dawson’s decision to refuse the pay raise.

Roughly six-in-ten *strongly support* and two-in-ten *somewhat support* the decision. In contrast, less than two-in-ten *oppose* or are *unsure*. Those aged 55+ (compared to ages 18-54) are more likely to *support* Dawson refusing the pay raise. Regionally, western Canadians are more likely to *strongly support* whereas eastern Canadians are more likely to *somewhat support* his decision.

		REGION		AGE		
		West	East	18-34	35-54	55+
NET: Support	78%	80%	77%	74%	76%	82%
Strongly support	57%	63%	54%	44%	58%	65%
Somewhat support	21%	17%	23%	30%	18%	17%
NET: Oppose	15%	15%	15%	18%	16%	13%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%	8%	13%	8%	5%
Strongly Oppose	7%	8%	7%	5%	8%	8%
Unsure	7%	5%	7%	8%	8%	4%

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Base: All (n=1509)

Significantly higher

## Among those with an opinion, more than eight-in-ten support Dawson’s decision.

Six-in ten *strongly support* and two-in-ten *somewhat support*, while less than two-in-ten *oppose*. Those aged 35+ (compared to ages 18-34) are more likely to *strongly support* Dawson refusing the pay raise. Regionally, western Canadians are more likely to strongly support whereas eastern Canadians are more likely to somewhat support the decision.

		REGION		AGE		
		West	East	18-34	35-54	55+
NET: Support	84%	84%	83%	80%	83%	86%
Strongly support	61%	67%	59%	48%	63%	68%
Somewhat support	22%	18%	25%	33%	20%	18%
NET: Oppose	16%	16%	17%	20%	17%	14%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%	9%	14%	8%	5%
Strongly Oppose	8%	9%	8%	6%	9%	9%

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Base: All, except those who said “unsure” (n=1403)

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## Eight-in-ten Canadians oppose MPs receiving another pay raise.

Over half *strongly oppose* the pay raise, while close to a quarter somewhat oppose it. In contrast, support for the raise is limited, with only 13% of Canadians in favour. Looking across demographics, opposition is highest among women and Canadians age 35+, while men and younger Canadians are more likely to support it.

		GENDER		AGE		
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
NET: Support	13%	17%	9%	22%	10%	9%
Strongly support	3%	4%	1%	5%	1%	2%
Somewhat support	10%	12%	8%	17%	8%	7%
NET: Oppose	80%	76%	83%	65%	83%	86%
Somewhat oppose	23%	22%	25%	26%	24%	22%
Strongly Oppose	56%	54%	58%	39%	60%	64%
Unsure	8%	7%	8%	12%	7%	5%

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Base: All (n=1509)

Significantly higher

## Among Canadians with an opinion, the vast majority (86%) oppose MPs receiving a raise.

Six-in-ten *strongly oppose* and a quarter *somewhat oppose*, whereas only 14% of Canadians show *support*. Opposition is greatest among women and Canadians aged 35+, while men and younger Canadians are more likely to support the raise.

		GENDER		AGE		
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+
NET: Support	14%	18%	10%	25%	10%	10%
Strongly support	3%	5%	1%	6%	1%	2%
Somewhat support	11%	13%	9%	20%	9%	7%
NET: Oppose	86%	82%	90%	75%	90%	90%
Somewhat oppose	25%	24%	27%	30%	25%	23%
Strongly Oppose	61%	58%	63%	45%	64%	68%

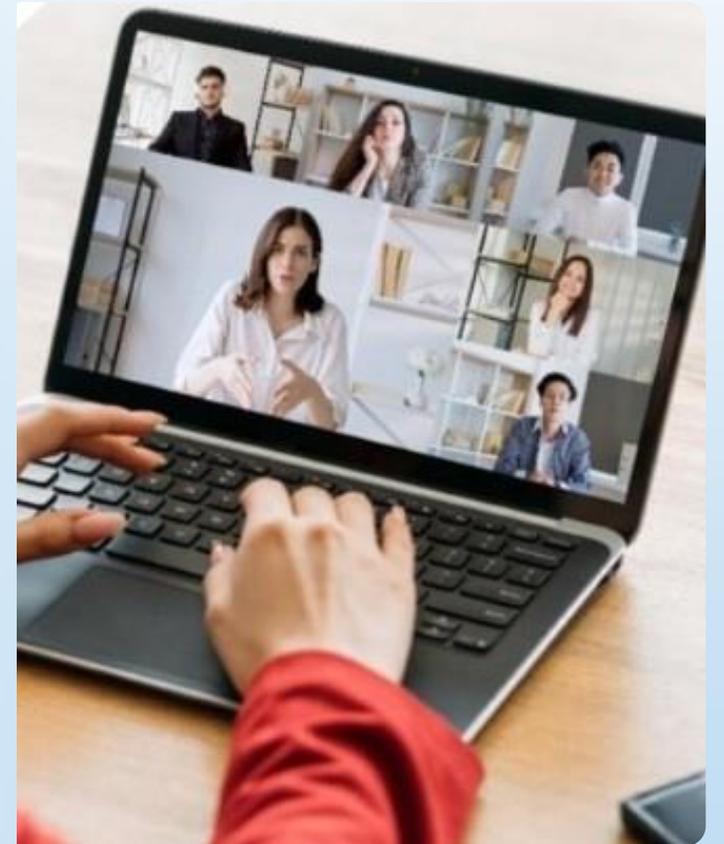
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