COMPARATIVE MEDIA SYSTEMS, CANADA
ENGLISH VERSION

Knowledge

In this first section, we'd like you to identify various persons, groups, or events that have been in the news recently. There is a 30 second time limitation on each question. If you're not sure about the correct answer to any question, just check "can't say."

Common Questions (H=hard, I=Int'l, D=dom, S=soft)

H1_I1 The Copenhagen Summit refers to a:
Conference on climate change
Meeting of EU Heads of State
Free Trade Treaty
Agreement to increase foreign aid for developing nations
Can't say

H2_I2 Angela Merkel holds what position?
Chancellor of Germany
US Attorney General
European Union chairman
Austrian Prime Minister
Can't say

H3_I3 Vladimir Putin serves as:
Prime Minister of Russia
Coach of the Edmonton Oilers
Owner of the Yokos Oil Company
Russia's UN ambassador
Can't say

H3_I3_3 Please identify the UN secretary General:
Ban Ki-Moon
Hu Jintao
Wen Jiabao
Pratibha Patil
Can't say

H3_I3_2 In Thailand the 'red shirts' are:
demonstrators sympathetic to ousted prime minister, Thaksin Shinawatra
Buddhist social movement
pro-communist demonstrators
a section of the armed forces violently suppressing dissent
Can't say

H5_I5 The term Taliban refers to:
The Rulers of Afghanistan 1996-2001
An Iranian political party
A Province in the disputed Kashmir region
Supporters of the former dictator of Iraq
Can't say

H6_I7 The 2010 World Exposition is taking place in
Shanghai
Paris
Mumbai
Vancouver
Can't say

H7_D1 The national unemployment rate at the moment is around
10 percent
15 percent
5 percent
20 percent
Can't say

Country-Specific Questions

Can1 The Speaker of the House of Commons recently issued a ruling related to what issue?
Afghan detainees
Illegal immigration
Private healthcare
Unemployment
Can't say

H9_D3 The current Secretary of State of the United States is
Hillary Clinton
Barak Obama
Joe Biden
John McCain
Can't say

S2_D4 Who was voted "best actress" at the last Academy Awards ceremony? [celebrity]
Sandra Bullock
Helen Mirren
Meryl Streep
Jodie Foster
Can't say

H10_D5 Former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer is involved in a parliamentary investigation about what?
Lobbying activities and parliamentary ethics
Using undisclosed personal finances to pay for his campaign
Unauthorized publication of government documents
Human rights violations
Can't say

S3_D6 Sidney Crosby is a member of which professional sports team? [celebrity athlete]
Pittsburg Penguins
Toronto Maple Leafs
Saskatchewan Rough Riders
Vancouver Whitecaps
Can't say

tiger

Party Placements

Where would you place the NDP, Liberal Party and Conservative Party on the scale shown below? [party placement$_1$]

QUEBEC ONLY: Where would you place the Liberal, Conservative, and Bloc Québécois Parties on the scale shown below? [party placement$_1$]

And where would you place yourself on this same scale?
1. Strengthen government regulation of banking and financial services
7. Weaken government regulation of banking and financial services
9. Can't say

scale1a Bank regulation - Liberal Party
scale1b Bank regulation - Conservative Party
scale1c Bank regulation - Bloc Québécois
scale1d Bank regulation - NDP
scale1e Bank regulation - Self

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And where would you place yourself on this same scale?
1. Strengthen federal transfers for public healthcare and prevent privatization
7. Maintain federal transfers for public healthcare and encourage privatization
9. Can't say

scale2a Public healthcare - Liberal Party
scale2b Public healthcare - Conservative Party
scale2c Public healthcare - Bloc Québécois
scale2d Public healthcare - NDP
scale2e Public healthcare - Self

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And where would you place yourself on this same scale?
1. Encourage development of alternative, renewable energy sources in Canada
7. Encourage exploration for oil and gas in Canada

scale3a Energy - Liberal Party
scale3b Energy - Conservative Party
scale3c Energy - Bloc Québécois
scale3d Energy - NDP
scale3e Energy - Self

Polarization
Using the feeling thermometer shown below, please indicate how warm/favorable or cold/unfavorable you feel toward the following groups in Canada:

therm1 Political Party$_1$ (Liberals)
therm2 Political Party$_2$ (Conservatives)
therm3 [IN ROC]: Political Party$_3$ (NDP)
therm4 [IN QUEBEC]: Political Party$_3$ (Bloc Québécois)
therm5 Religion$_1$ (Evangelical Christians)
therm6 Religion$_2$ (Muslims)
therm7 Ethnic Group$_1$ (Blacks)
therm8 Ethnic Group$_2$ (Whites)
therm9 Ethnic Group$_3$ (Arabs)
therm10 Political-Economic Group$_1$ (Labor Unions)
therm11 Political-Economic Group$_2$ (Private healthcare providers)
therm12 Political-Economic Group$_3$ (Groups that oppose same-sex marriage)

marry How would you feel if your son or daughter decided to marry someone who supported the Liberal (Conservative. NDP) Party?
I'd be very unhappy___
Somewhat unhappy___
Neither happy nor unhappy___
Somewhat happy___

Very happy___

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Efficacy, Trust, Civic Duty

att1 I am better informed about politics and government than most people.

att2 I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country.

att3 Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated, a person like me can't really understand what's happening.

att4 It is important to vote even when your preferred candidate or party has no chance of winning.
(agree strongly__ agree__ disagree__ disagree strongly__ can't say__)

att5 Generally speaking, do you believe that you have a duty to vote in every federal election, or do you believe that you do not have a duty to vote in every federal election?
Yes, have a duty __   No, don't have a duty__ Can't say__

vote_diff Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it wont make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference. Using the scale below, where 1 means voting won't make any difference and 5 means that voting can
make a big difference, where would you place yourself?
1. Voting makes a big difference__   5. Voting makes no difference___ Can't say__

trust How much of the time can you trust the people who run our government to do what is right?

promise How often do you think that the people we elect to public office keep the promises they make before the election?

statement When our government leaders make public statements on television and in newspapers, how often do you think they are telling the truth?

Just about always__ Most of the time__ Some of the time__ Hardly ever__ Can't say__

Media Exposure/Political Interest

politics Generally speaking, how often do you follow news about politics and public affairs?
Regularly__ Sometimes__ Now and then__ Hardly ever__

local_int Generally speaking, how interested are you in local events and issues?
1= not at all interested ...5 =extremely interested

nat_int Generally speaking, how interested are you in national events and issues?
1= not at all ...5 =extremely

internat_int Generally speaking, how interested are you in international events and issues?
1= not at all ...5 =extremely

In a typical week, how many days do you
media_freq_tv …, watch TV news?
media_freq_cbc …, watch news on CBC? (RDS Quebec)
media_freq_ctv …, watch news on CTV (TVA Quebec)
media_freq_cnn …, watch news on CNN or an American network station?
media_freq_newsp …, read a daily newspaper?
media_freq_radio …, listen to radio news?
media_freq_online …, visit an online news website?
Every day__   5-6 days__ 3-4 days__ 1-2 days__ Hardly ever__

internet What best describes the access you have to the Internet at home?
 Cable, DSL or other broadband__ Dial-up modem__ None__