# 2005 Lethbridge Public Opinion Study (Winter) 

Social Values Study<br>for<br>Global News Lethbridge

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## City of Lethbridge

Located in southwestern Alberta, the city of Lethbridge is home to 72,717 residents, 57,674 of which are 18 years of age or older.


The city is divided into six census areas, two each for its South, North and West geographic areas. It is divided north and south by Alberta highway 3, and east west by the Oldman River.

South Lethbridge's 27,941 residents represent 38.4 of the city's total population. West Lethbridge $(22,429)$ and north Lethbridge $(22,347)$ represent 30.8 and 30.7 respectively.

## Methodology

This report is based on data collected by Lethbridge Community College and Athabasca University students enrolled in STS270 - Social Science Research Methods at Lethbridge Community College in the winter of 2005. Students interviewed 551 adult residents of the city of Lethbridge on February $12^{\text {th }}$ and $13^{\text {th }}, 2005$ by telephone using the Western Wats Lethbridge call center facility. Telephone numbers were selected using random predictive dialing. We sincerely thank Western Wats for their hospitality.

The weighted sample yields a margin of error of $\pm 4.15 \%$, 19 times out of 20 . The margin of error increases when analyzing sub-samples of the data.

Analysis of the demographic data indicates that, within acceptable limits, the sample accurately represents the demographic distribution of the voting age population within the city of Lethbridge. The sample has been statistically weighted where necessary to even better reflect the demographic distribution of the population.

These data are part of a larger study of the opinions and attitudes of Lethbridge residents conducted by the Citizen Society Research Lab at LCC. Global News Lethbridge sponsored this particular set of questions. We thank Global News for their support of our research endeavors.

What follows is a selection of our findings based on the questions below.

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Q. Abortion is a matter of choice that should be decided between a woman and her doctor.
Q. People with terminal illnesses should be allowed to legally access doctor assisted suicides.
Q. Canada should re-introduce capital punishment for people convicted of first-degree murderers.
Q. The federal government should recognize same sex marriages giving them equal legal standing with traditional marriages.
Q. Canada should re-introduce capital punishment for people convicted of first-degree murder based on conclusive DNA evidence.
Q. Incarceration (jail time) is the best way to rehabilitate criminals who commit serious offences?
Q. Marijuana should be decriminalized for recreational purposes.
Q. Young offenders convicted of serious crimes should receive sentences similar to those given to adult offenders.
Q. The same sex marriage issue will be an important factor in determining which party I will vote for in the next federal election.

## Social Issues Barometer

As a group, Lethbridge residents demonstrate a complex pattern of opinions and attitudes on a range of social and justice policy issues. Some of parts of Lethbridge residents' collective opinion structure reinforce certain stereotypes about city residents while others debunk a few myths.

In some instances, such as with taking a tougher stand on Young Offenders (74.4\% agree with giving serious young offenders adult sentences) or with respect to decriminalizing recreational marijuana (68.5\% disagree), Lethbridge residents tend to have attitudes that reinforce the stereotype of a socially conservative opinion structure.

On other issues, however, Lethbridge residents are quite liberal in their views. For example, a large majority of residents agree that medical marijuana should be legal (70.4\%) and an equally large majority believes abortion is a matter of choice (70.3\%).

Opinion structure is more mixed with respect to other issues. Almost three-in-five residents (59.2\%) believe doctor assisted suicide should be an option for individuals suffering with terminal illnesses.

A slight majority of Lethbridge residents (56.4\%) support a return to capital punishment for criminals convicted of first degree murder. This majority increases to $61.8 \%$ if the conviction is based on conclusive DNA evidence, indicating that only a small
percentage of Lethbridge residents are basing their opinion on the fear of a wrongful conviction.

A majority (60.6\%) is also opposed to providing same sex marriages with the same legal status as traditional marriages. More complete analysis of this issue follows (pages $10 \& .15)$.

A clear majority (63.3\%) also believes that incarceration is the best way to rehabilitate criminals who commit serious offenses.

As the analysis that follows indicates, although a number of socio-demographic variable impact on opinion in a number of areas, religious participation (church attendance) and age tend to be the most important factors influencing opinion differences within the city of Lethbridge.

Support for Various Social-Justice Policy Issues

|  | Agree | Disagree |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Medical Marijuana | 70.4 | 29.6 |
| Abortion Choice | 70.3 | 29.7 |
| Doctor Asst. Suicide | 59.2 | 40.8 |
| Capital Punishment | 56.4 | 43.6 |
| Same Sex Marriage | 39.4 | 60.6 |
| Capital Pun. DNA | 61.8 | 38.2 |
| Incarceration Best | 63.6 | 36.4 |
| Rec. Marijuana | 31.5 | 68.5 |
| Young Offenders | 74.4 | 25.6 |



## Medical Marijuana

A clear majority of Lethbridge residents (70.4\%) support the legalization of medical marijuana, as do majorities of all demographic subgroups.

Women (73.6\%) are slightly more supportive than are men (67.2\%).
Although majorities of seniors (56\%) and
those who attend church most (58.5\%) are supportive, these groups stand out as those least supportive.

| Medical Marijuana |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 70.4 |
| Disagree | 29.6 |
| See page 6 for full tabular data |  |

## Abortion Choice

A clear majority of Lethbridge residents support a woman's right to choose an abortion, as do majorities in most demographic subgroups.

Men (70.4\%) are just as supportive as are women (70.3\%).

Lethbridge's youth (67.4\%) are slightly less supportive than are other age groups, including their parents' generation (45 to 64) who are most supportive (75.8\%)

Religious participation is the most important variable in determining opinion on abortion choice. Only $47.2 \%$ of those who attend church frequently (2-3 times per week or more) support abortion choice while $85.3 \%$ of those who rarely or never attend church are supportive.

| Abortion Choice |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 70.3 |
| Disagree | 29.7 |
| See page 7 for full tabular data |  |

## Doctor Assisted Suicide

A majority of Lethbridge residents (59.2\%) support legal access to doctor assisted suicides for people with terminal illnesses.

Religious participation and age are the most important variables affecting opinion.

A clear majority of those who attend church most are opposed (71.1\%) while over twothirds of those who attend church less frequently are supportive (69.9\%). Support increases to $77.6 \%$ among those who rarely or never attend church.

Seniors (58.8\%) are the only age group where a majority is opposed, however, only a slim majority of the youth are supportive (56.6\%). Support increases to approximately two-thirds amongst gen-xers (65.6\%) and boomers (67.1\%).

Doctor Assisted Suicide

| Agree | 59.2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Disagree | 40.8 |
| See page 8 for full tabular data |  |

## Capital Punishment

Opinion on reinstating capital punishment for first-degree murderers is more divided; with a slightly majority of Lethbridge residents supportive (56.4\%), and 43.6\% opposed.

Gender, area of the city, education and age are all important factors in determining opinion on this issue.

A majority of men are supportive (65.4\%) while a slight majority of women are opposed (52.1\%).

A clear majority of north Lethbridge residents are supportive (68.8\%) while a slight majority
of westside residents is opposed (51.5\%)
Those with the least amount of formal education are most supportive (73.7\%) while university graduates are most opposed (60.4\%).

A majority of youth is opposed (56.7\%) while majorities of all other age groups are supportive.

Capital Punishment

| Agree | 56.4 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Disagree | 43.6 |
| See page 9 for full tabular data |  |

## Same Sex Marriage

A majority of Lethbridge residents oppose legalizing same sex marriages (60.6\%).

Gender, religious participation and age are the most important determinants of opinion.

Men (66.7\%) are more opposed than are women (54.8\%).

Frequent church attendees are most opposed (80.8\%) while a majority of those who rarely or never attend church are supportive (54.8\%).

A clear majority of Lethbridge youth is supportive of legalizing same sex marriages (58.1\%). Opposition increases with age to a high of $83.1 \%$ opposed amongst seniors.

Conservative voters are most opposed (76.5\%), Liberal voters are most divided (50.4\% opposed, $49.6 \%$ support), while NDP voters are most supportive (70.7\%).

Lethbridge residents who have the most intense feelings about this issues (those most supportive or most opposed) are most likely to state that this issue will be an important factor in determining how they will vote in the next federal election.

Same Sex Marriage

| Agree | 39.4 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Disagree | 60.6 |
| See pages 10 and 15 for full tabular data |  |

## Capital Punishment Based on DNA

Support for reinstating capital punishment increases only slightly to $61.8 \%$ if the conviction were to be based on conclusive DNA evidence.

These data indicate that opinion patterns on this issue are not significantly influenced by the possibility of a wrongful conviction.

Similar demographic differences are evident as were measured with the more general issue of reintroducing capital punishment.

| Capital Punishment - DNA |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 61.8 |
| Disagree | 38.2 |
| See page 11 for full tabular data |  |

## Incarceration Best Rehabilitation

A majority of Lethbridge residents (63.6\%) support incarceration as the best way to rehabilitate serious criminal offenders.

Majorities in all demographic categories are supportive of incarceration with support highest among those with moderate religious
participation (71.4\%) and seniors (74.7\%).
Incarceration Best Rehabilitation

| Agree | 63.6 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Disagree | 36.4 |
| See page 12 for full tabular data |  |

## Recreational Marijuana

A clear majority of Lethbridge residents (68.5\%) are opposed to decriminalizing marijuana for recreational purposes.

Age is the most important determinant of opinion with $48.6 \%$ of the youth supportive and $87.6 \%$ of seniors opposed.

Recreational Marijuana

| Agree | 31.5 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Disagree | 68.5 |

See page 13 for full tabular data

## Young Offenders

A clear majority of Lethbridge residents (74.4\%) believe that serious young offenders should receive adult sentences.

Lethbridge youth (74.6\%) are just as likely to support increased penalties as are other Lethbridge residents.

| Young Offenders |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 74.4 |
| Disagree | 25.6 |
| See page 14 for full tabular data |  |

## Snapshot of Responses (\%)

| Support for various social-justice policy issues |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Agree | Disagree |
| Medical Marijuana | 70.4 | 29.6 |
| Abortion Choice | 70.3 | 29.7 |
| Doctor Asst. Suicide | 59.2 | 40.8 |
| Capital Punishment | 56.4 | 43.6 |
| Same Sex Marriage | 39.4 | 60.6 |
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| Medical Marijuana |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 70.4 |
| Disagree | 29.6 |


| Abortion Choice |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 70.3 |
| Disagree | 29.7 |

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| Agree | 59.2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Disagree | 40.8 |

Capital Punishment

| Agree | 56.4 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Disagree | 43.6 |

Same Sex Marriage

| Agree | 39.4 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Disagree | 60.6 |

Capital Punishment - DNA

| Agree | 61.8 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Disagree | 38.2 |


| Incarceration Best Rehabilitation |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 63.6 |
| Disagree | 36.4 |


| Recreational Marijuana |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 31.5 |
| Disagree | 68.5 |


| Young Offenders |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agree | 74.4 |
| Disagree | 25.6 |

## Tabular Data

## Medical Marijuana (\%)

Q. Marijuana should be legal for medical purposes.

Medical Marijuana by Gender (\%)

|  | Male | Female | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 67.2 | 73.6 | 70.4 |
| Disagree | 32.8 | 26.4 | 29.6 |


| Medical Marijuana by Area of City (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | South | North | West |
| Agree | 69.2 | 72.9 | 71.2 |
| Disagree | 30.8 | 27.1 | 28.8 |


| Medical Marijuana by Income (\%) | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 74.1 | 69.4 | 71.6 |
| Disagree | 25.9 | 30.6 | 28.4 |

Medical Marijuana by Church Attendance (\%)

|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 58.5 | 72.5 | 78.8 |
| Disagree | 41.5 | 27.5 | 21.2 |


| Medical Marijuana by Education (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |  |  |  |
| Agree | 71.7 | 72.6 | 66.9 | 70.2 |  |  |  |
| Disagree | 28.3 | 27.4 | 33.1 | 29.8 |  |  |  |


| Medical Marijuana by Age (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |
| Agree | 76.2 | 75.2 | 71.0 | 56.0 |
| Disagree | 23.8 | 24.8 | 29.0 | 44.0 |

## Abortion Choice (\%)

Q. Abortion is a matter of choice that should be decided between a woman and her doctor.

| Abortion Choice by Gender (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |
| Agree | 70.4 | 70.3 | 70.3 |
| Disagree | 29.6 | 29.7 | 29.7 |

Abortion Choice by Area of City (\%)

|  | South | North | West |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 73.5 | 66.7 | 72.0 |
| Disagree | 26.5 | 33.3 | 28.0 |

Abortion Choice by Income (\%)

|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 69.2 | 70.5 | 70.1 |
| Disagree | 30.8 | 29.5 | 29.9 |

Abortion Choice by Church Attendance (\%)

|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 47.2 | 79.3 | 85.3 |
| Disagree | 52.8 | 20.7 | 14.7 |


| Abortion Choice by Education (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |  |  |  |
| Agree | 67.7 | 73.9 | 68.5 | 71.6 |  |  |  |
| Disagree | 32.3 | 26.1 | 31.5 | 28.4 |  |  |  |

Abortion Choice by Age (\%)

|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Agree | 67.4 | 69.0 | 75.8 | 71.4 |
| Disagree | 32.6 | 31.0 | 24.2 | 28.6 |

## Doctor Assisted Suicide (\%)

Q. People with terminal illnesses should be allowed to legally access doctor assisted suicides.

| Doctor Assisted Suicide by Gender (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |
| Agree | 59.4 | 59.0 | 59.2 |
| Disagree | 40.6 | 41.0 | 40.8 |

Doctor Assisted Suicide by Area of City (\%)

|  | South | North | West |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 61.1 | 64.8 | 55.6 |
| Disagree | 38.9 | 35.2 | 44.4 |


| Doctor Assisted Suicide by Income (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| Agree | 58.7 | 57.0 | 65.4 |
| Disagree | 41.3 | 43.0 | 34.6 |

Doctor Assisted Suicide by Church Attendance (\%)

|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 28.9 | 69.9 | 77.6 |
| Disagree | 71.1 | 30.1 | 22.4 |


| Doctor Assisted Suicide by Education (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |  |  |  |
| Agree | 59.3 | 56.0 | 56.7 | 62.9 |  |  |  |
| Disagree | 40.7 | 44.0 | 43.3 | 37.1 |  |  |  |


| Doctor Assisted Suicide by Age (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |
| Agree | 56.6 | 65.6 | 67.1 | 41.2 |
| Disagree | 43.4 | 34.4 | 32.9 | 58.8 |

## Capital Punishment for First Degree Murder (\%)

Q. Canada should re-introduce capital punishment for people convicted of first-degree murderers.

| Capital Punishment by Gender (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |
| Agree | 65.4 | 47.9 | 56.4 |
| Disagree | 34.6 | 52.1 | 43.6 |

Capital Punishment by Area of City (\%)

|  | South | North | West |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 52.8 | 68.8 | 48.5 |
| Disagree | 47.2 | 31.3 | 51.5 |

Capital Punishment by Income (\%)

|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 56.4 | 57.5 | 55.2 |
| Disagree | 43.6 | 42.5 | 44.8 |

Capital Punishment by Church Attendance (\%)

|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 53.5 | 55.4 | 58.9 |
| Disagree | 46.5 | 44.6 | 41.1 |

Capital Punishment by Education (\%)

|  | H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 73.7 | 48.3 | 66.1 | 39.6 |
| Disagree | 26.3 | 51.7 | 33.9 | 60.4 |


| Capital Punishment by Age (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | 43.3 | 57.1 | 63.5 | 66.3 |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree | 56.7 | 42.9 | 36.5 | 33.7 |  |  |  |  |

## Same Sex Marriage (\%)

Q. The federal government should recognize same sex marriages giving them equal legal standing with traditional marriages.

Same Sex Marriage by Gender (\%)

|  | Male | Female | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 33.3 | 45.2 | 39.4 |
| Disagree | 66.7 | 54.8 | 60.6 |

Same Sex Marriage by Area of City (\%)

|  | South | North | West |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 42.3 | 36.4 | 42.1 |
| Disagree | 57.7 | 63.6 | 57.9 |

Same Sex Marriage by Income (\%)

|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 44.5 | 31.5 | 43.5 |
| Disagree | 55.5 | 68.5 | 56.5 |

Same Sex Marriage by Church Attendance (\%)

|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 19.2 | 40.3 | 54.8 |
| Disagree | 80.8 | 59.7 | 45.2 |

Same Sex Marriage by Education (\%)

|  | H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 29.9 | 52.7 | 35.8 | 41.6 |
| Disagree | 70.1 | 47.3 | 64.2 | 58.4 |

Same Sex Marriage by Age (\%)

|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Agree | 58.1 | 42.6 | 34.0 | 16.9 |
| Disagree | 41.9 | 57.4 | 66.0 | 83.1 |

## Capital Punishment - DNA Evidence (\%)

Q. Canada should re-introduce capital punishment for people convicted of first-degree murder based on conclusive DNA evidence.

Capital Punishment - DNA by Gender (\%)

|  | Male | Female | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 65.2 | 58.6 | 61.8 |
| Disagree | 34.8 | 41.4 | 38.2 |


| Capital Punishment - DNA by Area of City (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | South | North | West |
| Agree | 58.6 | 71.1 | 55.0 |
| Disagree | 41.4 | 28.9 | 45.0 |

Capital Punishment - DNA by Income (\%)

|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 62.0 | 63.3 | 59.6 |
| Disagree | 38.0 | 36.7 | 40.4 |

Capital Punishment - DNA by Church Attendance (\%) $\qquad$

|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 58.1 | 65.5 | 63.4 |
| Disagree | 41.9 | 34.5 | 36.6 |


| Capital Punishment - DNA by Education (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | 78.4 | 54.7 | 70.4 | 45.0 |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree | 21.6 | 45.3 | 29.6 | 55.0 |  |  |  |  |

Capital Punishment - DNA by Age (\%)

|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 50.7 | 63.9 | 63.8 | 72.7 |
| Disagree | 49.3 | 36.1 | 36.3 | 27.3 |

## Incarceration Best Rehabilitation (\%)

Q. Incarceration (jail time) is the best way to rehabilitate criminals who commit serious offences?

| Incarceration Best Rehabilitation by Gender (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |
| Agree | 65.7 | 61.4 | 63.6 |
| Disagree | 34.3 | 38.6 | 36.4 |

Incarceration Best Rehabilitation by Area of City (\%)

|  | South | North | West |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 60.8 | 65.5 | 64.6 |
| Disagree | 39.2 | 34.5 | 35.4 |


| Incarceration Best Rehabilitation by Income (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| Agree | 60.4 | 64.6 | 61.4 |
| Disagree | 39.6 | 35.4 | 38.6 |


| Incarceration Best Rehabilitation by Church Attendance (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
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Incarceration Best Rehabilitation by Education (\%)

|  | H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 66.7 | 69.4 | 63.3 | 56.3 |
| Disagree | 33.3 | 30.6 | 36.7 | 43.7 |

Incarceration Best Rehabilitation by Age (\%)

|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Agree | 62.3 | 56.2 | 65.3 | 74.7 |
| Disagree | 37.7 | 43.8 | 34.7 | 25.3 |

## Recreational Marijuana (\%)

Q. Marijuana should be decriminalized for recreational purposes.

| Recreational Marijuana by Gender (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |
| Agree | 34.9 | 28.0 | 31.5 |
| Disagree | 65.1 | 72.0 | 68.5 |

Recreational Marijuana by Area of City (\%)

|  | South | North | West |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 34.2 | 37.9 | 26.3 |
| Disagree | 65.8 | 62.1 | 73.7 |

Recreational Marijuana by Income (\%)

|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over $\$ 60,000$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 43.0 | 25.8 | 30.0 |
| Disagree | 57.0 | 74.2 | 70.0 |

Recreational Marijuana by Church Attendance (\%)

|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 14.6 | 32.5 | 43.9 |
| Disagree | 85.4 | 67.5 | 56.1 |


| Recreational Marijuana by Education (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |  |  |  |
| Agree | 28.9 | 37.7 | 30.0 | 30.1 |  |  |
| Disagree | 71.1 | 62.3 | 70.0 | 69.9 |  |  |


| Recreational Marijuana by Age (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |  |
| Agree | 48.6 | 31.1 | 28.2 | 12.4 |  |
| Disagree | 51.4 | 68.9 | 71.8 | 87.6 |  |

## Young Offenders (\%)

Q. Young offenders convicted of serious crimes should receive sentences similar to those given to adult offenders.

Young Offenders by Gender (\%)

|  | Male | Female | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 77.8 | 71.1 | 74.4 |
| Disagree | 22.2 | 28.9 | 25.6 |


| Young Offenders by Area of City (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | South | North | West |
| Agree | 72.2 | 80.8 | 71.4 |
| Disagree | 27.8 | 19.2 | 28.6 |


| Young Offenders by Income (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000$ | Over \$60,000 |
| Agree | 74.2 | 75.4 | 69.6 |
| Disagree | 25.8 | 24.6 | 30.4 |


| Young Offenders by Church Attendance (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2-3$ times per <br> week or more | Few per month <br> to few per year | Rarely or <br> never |
| Agree | 71.9 | 70.4 | 77.5 |
| Disagree | 28.1 | 29.6 | 22.5 |


| Young Offenders by Education (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | H-School <br> or less | Some Post- <br> Secondary | Col-Tech- <br> Trade Grad | University <br> Grad |
| Agree | 79.4 | 72.3 | 80.8 | 66.0 |
| Disagree | 20.6 | 27.7 | 19.2 | 34.0 |


| Young Offenders by Age (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $18-29$ | $30-44$ | $45-64$ | 65 or older |
| Agree | 74.6 | 76.7 | 77.2 | 63.9 |
| Disagree | 25.4 | 23.3 | 22.8 | 36.1 |

## Same Sex Marriage (\%)

Q. The federal government should recognize same sex marriages giving them equal legal standing with traditional marriages.
Q. The same sex marriage issue will be an important factor in determining which party I will vote for in the next federal election.

Same Sex Marriage by Federal Vote Intention(\%)

|  | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Other | Undecided |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 23.5 | 49.6 | 70.7 | 55.6 | 34.5 |
| Disagree | 76.5 | 50.4 | 29.3 | 44.4 | 65.5 |

Same Sex Marriage by Federal Vote Intention (\%)

|  | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Other | Undecided |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Will Influence Vote | 60.8 | 45.6 | 52.7 | 50.0 | 41.8 |
| Won't Influence | 39.2 | 54.4 | 47.3 | 50.0 | 58.2 |


| Same Sex Marriage |  | Same Sex Marriage (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agree | 39.4 | Strongly Agree | 11.9 |
| Disagree | 60.6 | Agree | 27.6 |
| Disagree <br> Strongly Disagree |  |  | 32.4 |
|  |  |  | 28.1 |


| Same Sex Marriage Important for Vote |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Important | 52.6 |
| Not Important | 47.4 |


| Same Sex Marriage Important for Vote (\%) |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 16.9 |
| Agree | 35.7 |
| Disagree | 37.0 |
| Strongly Disagree | 10.5 |

Same Sex Marriage by Same Sex Marriage Will Be Important for Vote (\%)

|  | Strongly Agree <br> With SSM | Agree With <br> SSM | Disagree With <br> SSM | Strongly <br> Disagree With <br> SSM |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| Strongly Influence Vote | 28.6 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 41.4 |
| Influence Vote | 42.9 | 28.7 | 45.8 | 31.4 |
| Won't Influence Vote | 14.3 | 53.7 | 47.1 | 15.0 |
| Definitely No Influence | 14.3 | 14.7 | 2.6 | 12.1 |

