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Report

Trust in Government, and Views on Provincial Sovereignty

May 12, 2025

Methodology

Method

Online survey among Canadian respondents 18 years of age or older. (**n= 1,537**)

Respondents had the option of completing the survey in French and English and were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.

Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, mother tongue, region, education and presence of children in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the population.

When

Data collection from **May 16 to May 18, 2025**.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than **±2.50%**, (19 times out of 20) for the sample.

Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

Questions

Have questions about the data presented in this report? Please contact Andrew Enns, Executive Vice-President, Central Canada at the following e-mail address: aenns@leger360.com or Sébastien Dallaire, Executive Vice-President, Eastern Canada, at sdallaire@leger360.com.

➲ Notes

A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.

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CANADA 2021

	LEGER POLL Published on September 18, 2021	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2021 Canada Federal Election
(Conservative)	33%	33.7%
(Liberal)	32%	32.6%
NDP	19%	17.8%
(Bloc)	7%	7.7%
PPC	6%	5.0%
(Green)	2%	2.3%

BRITISH COLUMBIA 2024

	LEGER POLL Published on October 18, 2024	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2024 British Columbia Provincial Election
BC NDP	46%	45%
(BC Conservative)	42%	43%
greens	9%	8%
Others	3%	4%

UNITED STATES 2024

	LEGER POLL Published on November 4, 2024	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2024 United States Presidential Election
(Trump)	49%	50%
(Harris)	49%	48%
Others	2%	2%

New this week

Some of **the key highlights** of our survey...

PROVINCIAL SOVEREIGNTY AND ALBERTA INDEPENDENCE

- **If a referendum on provincial sovereignty were held, 31% of Canadians would vote in favour and 52% against,** with the strongest support for independence in Alberta (41%).

- **Nearly two thirds of Canadians (62%) oppose Alberta becoming an independent country**, including 50% who say they are strongly opposed. Opposition is highest in British Columbia (76%) and Ontario (69%) and among Liberal (83%) and NDP voters (80%). **In Alberta, however, support is notably higher, with 47% in favour and only 48% opposed.**

- **However, a majority (55%) say they understand why Alberta might want independence**, particularly respondents in Alberta (70%) and Conservative Party voters (77%)

**SENSE OF ATTACHMENT AND TRUST IN GOVERNMENT**

- **Canadians report strong attachment to their country (82%) and province (80%), with slightly lower attachment to their municipality (71%).**

- **Trust is also evenly split across government levels: 51% trust the federal and municipal governments, and 47% trust their provincial government.**

Views on Provincial Sovereignty

Voting Intentions in a Provincial Sovereignty Referendum

SOUVQPA. If a referendum were held on your province's sovereignty, would you vote FOR or AGAINST?

Base: Decided respondents (n=1,537)
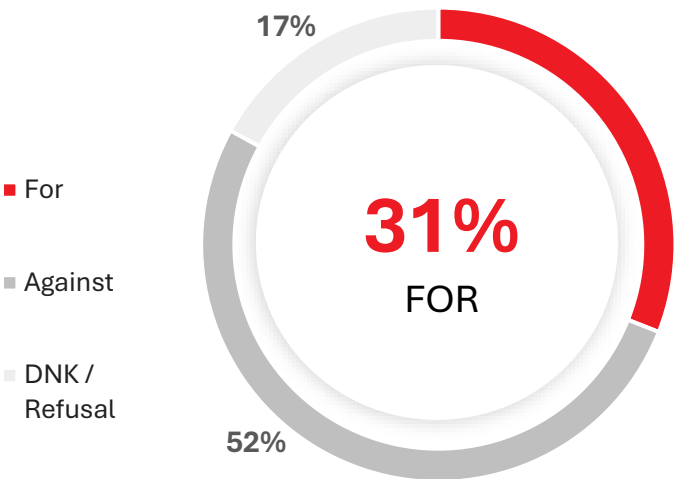
- For
- Against
- DNK / Refusal

17%

31%
FOR

52%

	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	*1,537*	*103*	*355*	*595*	*99*	*171*	*214*	*749*	*788*	*410*	*495*	*632*
Unweighted n=	*1,537*	*102*	*412*	*604*	*125*	*133*	*161*	*801*	*736*	*424*	*475*	*638*
For	**31%**	23%	33%	31%	35%	41%	22%	36%	26%	33%	30%	31%
Against	**52%**	55%	59%	50%	47%	44%	57%	53%	52%	49%	51%	56%
DNK / Refusal	**17%**	22%	8%	19%	18%	14%	21%	11%	22%	19%	19%	13%

Voting Intentions in a Provincial Sovereignty Referendum – *By Expressed Votes*

SOUVQPA. If a referendum were held on your province's sovereignty, would you vote FOR or AGAINST?

Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

	Total Canada	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
Weighted n=	**1,537**	**565**	**534**	**82**	**83**	**23**
Unweighted n=	**1,537**	**647**	**398**	**99**	**110**	**33**
For	**31%**	24%	38%	21%	73%	27%
Against	**52%**	68%	45%	65%	23%	60%
DNK / Refusal	**17%**	8%	17%	15%	5%	14%

Support for Alberta Becoming Independent from Canada (1/2)

Q3. There has been ongoing public discussion about Alberta's place within Canada and the possibility of different political arrangements for Alberta and other western provinces. To what extent would you support or oppose the province of Alberta becoming a country independent of Canada?

Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

Total Support: 26%

Total Opposed: 62%

Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat opposed	Strongly opposed	I don't know
12%	15%	13%	50%	11%
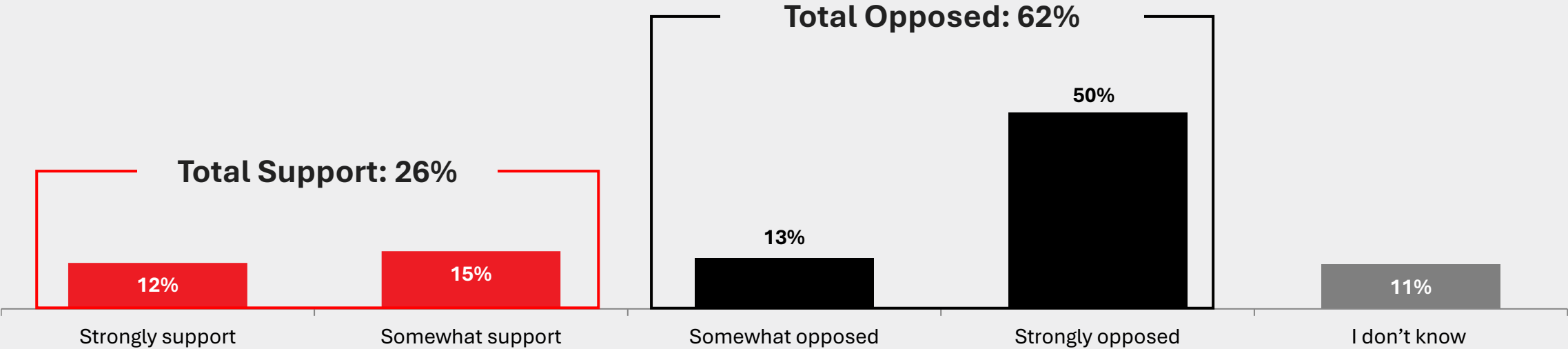
Support for Alberta Becoming Independent from Canada (2/2)

Q3. There has been ongoing public discussion about Alberta's place within Canada and the possibility of different political arrangements for Alberta and other western provinces. To what extent would you support or oppose the province of Alberta becoming a country independent of Canada?

Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,537	103	355	595	99	171	214	749	788	410	495	632
Unweighted n=	1,537	102	412	604	125	133	161	801	736	424	475	638
TOTAL SUPPORT	**26%**	31%	29%	22%	30%	47%	14%	34%	19%	33%	28%	21%
Strongly support	**12%**	10%	14%	11%	12%	18%	6%	16%	8%	12%	12%	11%
Somewhat support	**15%**	21%	15%	11%	17%	29%	8%	18%	11%	20%	16%	10%
TOTAL OPPOSED	**62%**	62%	53%	69%	54%	48%	76%	59%	66%	55%	58%	71%
Somewhat opposed	**13%**	9%	17%	12%	7%	10%	14%	13%	13%	14%	14%	11%
Strongly opposed	**50%**	54%	36%	57%	46%	38%	62%	46%	53%	40%	44%	60%
I don't know	**11%**	7%	17%	10%	17%	5%	10%	8%	15%	13%	14%	8%

Support for Alberta Becoming Independent from Canada – *By Expressed Votes*

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Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

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Unweighted n=	*1,537*	*647*	*398*	*99*	*110*	*33*
TOTAL SUPPORT	**26%**	**12%**	**43%**	**12%**	**49%**	28%
Strongly support	12%	5%	19%	4%	30%	18%
Somewhat support	15%	7%	24%	7%	19%	10%
TOTAL OPPOSED	**62%**	**83%**	**49%**	**80%**	**28%**	63%
Somewhat opposed	13%	11%	14%	16%	15%	15%
Strongly opposed	50%	72%	35%	64%	13%	48%
I don't know	11%	5%	9%	8%	23%	9%

Understanding of Alberta's Desire for Independence

Q4. Do you understand why the province of Alberta might want to become an independent country?

Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

■ Yes
■ No
■ DNK

8%
37%
55%
YES
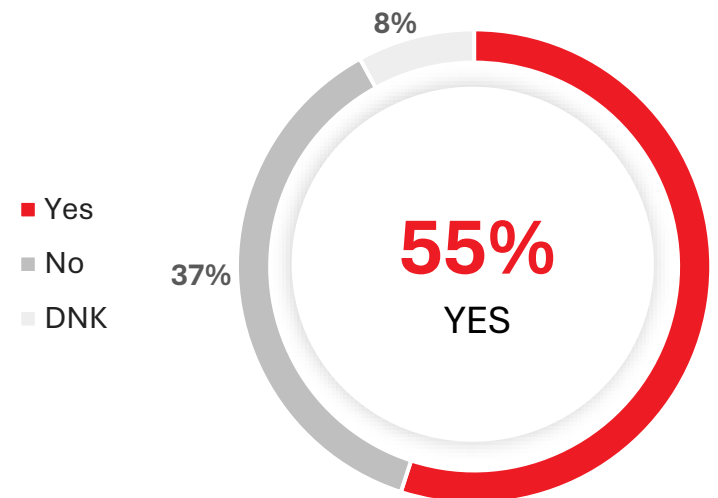
Among respondents who support the province of Alberta becoming a country, **76% says they understand why Alberta might want to become an independent country.**

	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	*1,537*	*103*	*355*	*595*	*99*	*171*	*214*	*749*	*788*	*410*	*495*	*632*
Unweighted n=	*1,537*	*102*	*412*	*604*	*125*	*133*	*161*	*801*	*736*	*424*	*475*	*638*
Yes	55%	50%	52%	55%	55%	70%	56%	63%	48%	54%	50%	60%
No	37%	41%	40%	39%	32%	28%	33%	31%	42%	37%	41%	33%
I don't know	8%	9%	9%	7%	13%	2%	11%	6%	10%	8%	8%	7%

Understanding of Alberta's Desire for Independence – *By Expressed Votes*

Q4. Do you understand why the province of Alberta might want to become an independent country?

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	Total Canada	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
Weighted n=	**1,537**	**565**	**534**	**82**	**83**	**23**
Unweighted n=	**1,537**	**647**	**398**	**99**	**110**	**33**
Yes	**55%**	48%	77%	39%	58%	46%
No	**37%**	45%	20%	51%	35%	38%
I don't know	**8%**	7%	3%	10%	7%	16%

Sense of Attachment and Trust in Government

Sense of Attachment to Country, Province, and Municipality (1/2)

Q1. To what extent do you feel attached to...
Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

■ DK/Prefer not to answer ■ Not at all attached ■ Not very attached ■ Somewhat attached ■ Very attached

TOTAL ATTACHED *(very + somewhat)*

Your country 1% 4% 12% 36% 46% → **82%**

Your province 1% 4% 14% 38% 42% → **80%**

Your municipality 2% 6% 21% 45% 26% → **71%**

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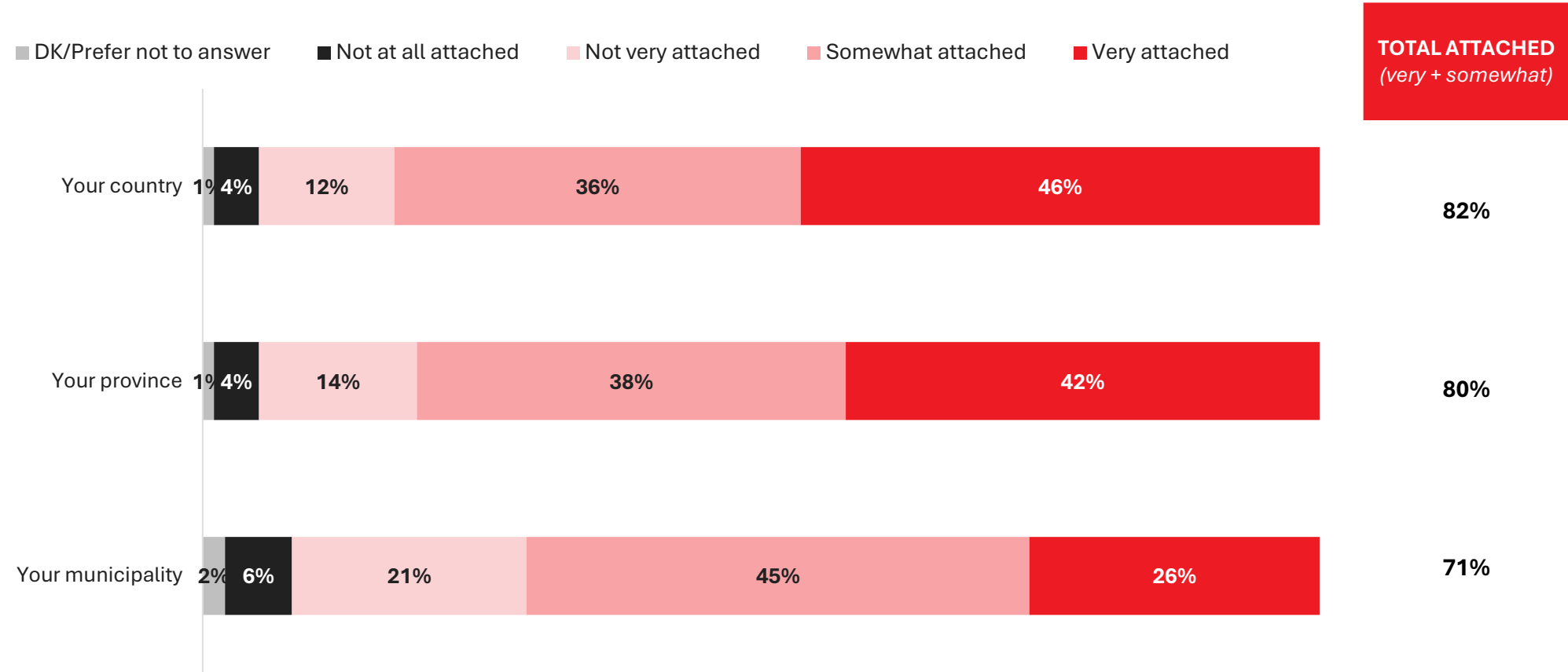
Sense of Attachment to Country, Province, and Municipality (2/2)

Q1. To what extent do you feel attached to…

Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

% TOTAL ATTACHED (very + somewhat)	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	**1,537**	**103**	**355**	**595**	**99**	**171**	**214**	**749**	**788**	**410**	**495**	**632**
Unweighted n=	**1,537**	**102**	**412**	**604**	**125**	**133**	**161**	**801**	**736**	**424**	**475**	**638**
Your country	**82%**	89%	80%	**86%**	83%	**70%**	83%	**79%**	**85%**	**74%**	82%	**88%**
Your province	**80%**	**90%**	80%	80%	78%	73%	83%	79%	81%	**73%**	**76%**	**89%**
Your municipality	**71%**	77%	70%	71%	72%	64%	76%	**68%**	**74%**	**61%**	70%	**78%**

Sense of Attachment to Country, Province, and Municipality – *By Expressed Votes*

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Your country	**82%**	**93%**	**75%**	82%	**67%**	73%
Your province	**80%**	**84%**	**75%**	85%	**97%**	76%
Your municipality	**71%**	**77%**	68%	74%	70%	70%

Level of Trust in Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governments (1/2)

Q2. To what extent do you trust or distrust…

Base: All respondents (n=1,537)

■ DK/Prefer not to answer ■ Completely distrust ■ Mostly distrust ■ Mostly trust ■ Completely trust

TOTAL TRUST
(completely + mostly)

	DK/Prefer not to answer	Completely distrust	Mostly distrust	Mostly trust	Completely trust	TOTAL TRUST
… the federal government	7%	20%	23%	45%	6%	**51%**
… your municipal government	10%	15%	25%	45%	6%	**51%**
… your provincial government	5%	19%	29%	40%	7%	**47%**
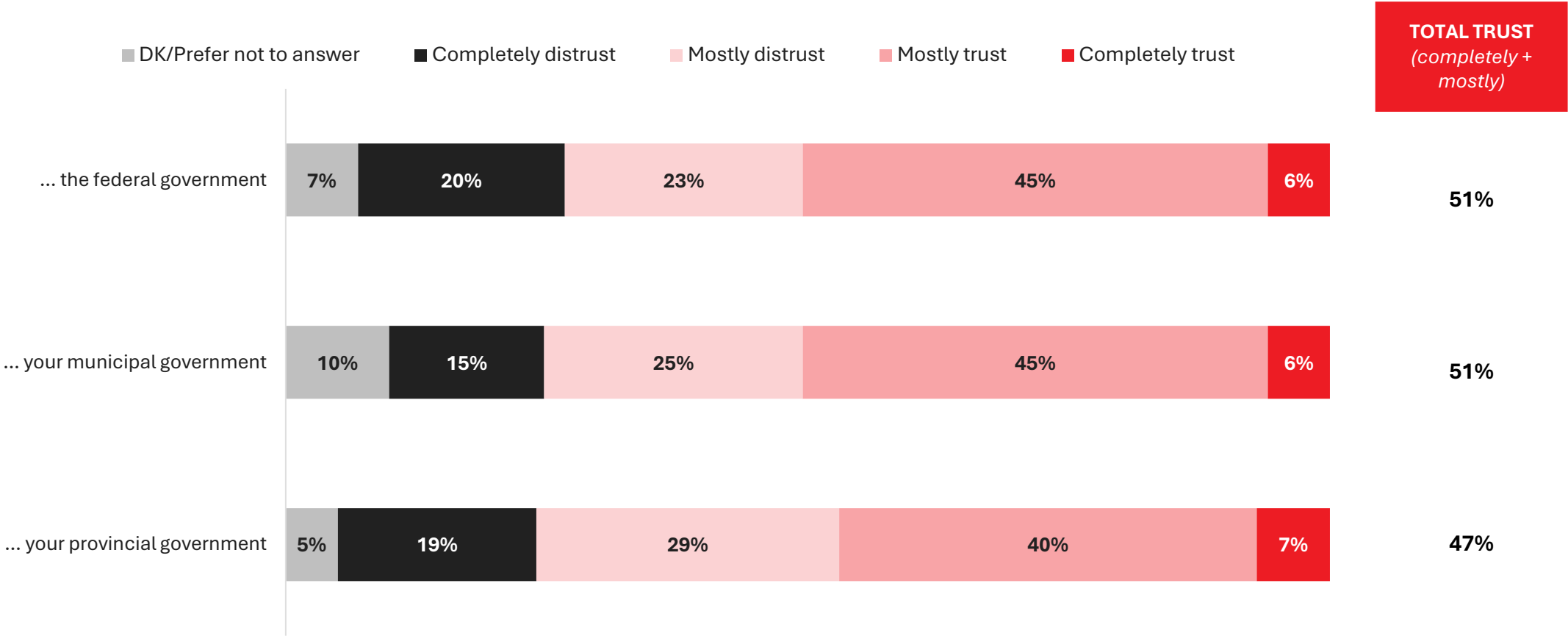
Level of Trust in Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governments (2/2)

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… your municipal government	**51%**	50%	**56%**	50%	55%	**41%**	51%	53%	48%	50%	50%	52%
… your provincial government	**47%**	54%	45%	44%	56%	43%	**56%**	50%	45%	44%	47%	49%

Level of Trust in Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governments – *By Expressed Votes*

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… your municipal government	51%	64%	40%	53%	56%	42%
… your provincial government	47%	55%	41%	46%	45%	44%

Respondent Profile

Respondent profiles

(Base n=1,537)

The table below presents the Canadian distribution of respondents before weighting.

Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	801	749
Female	736	768

Language (Mother Tongue)

	Unweighted	Weighted
French	361	303
English	1,044	1,109
Other	132	125

Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
18 to 34	424	410
35 to 54	475	495
55+	638	632

Province

	Unweighted	Weighted
British Columbia	161	214
Alberta	133	171
Manitoba/Saskatchewan	125	99
Ontario	604	595
Quebec	412	355
Atlantic	102	103

Our Credentials

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