

Angus Reid Survey Data – September 2011

From September 7 to September 9, 2011, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 800 British Columbian adults who are Angus Reid Forum panellists.

The margin of error – which measures sampling variability – is +/-3.5%

The results have been statistical weighed according to the most current education, age, gender and region census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of British Columbia. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

Poll Results

A majority of British Columbians do not trust federal politicians when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the illegal marijuana trade.

1. How do you trust Federal politicians when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the marijuana trade?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote					
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other	
Completely trust	1%	3%	0%	1%			2%	1%	1%	3%		1%	4%				
Moderately trust	27%	25%	26%	30%	28%	25%	29%	19%	37%	17%	16%	39%	22%	17%	18%	38%	
Moderately distrust	37%	38%	38%	34%	43%	39%	34%	41%	37%	33%	40%	37%	44%	38%	32%	17%	
Completely distrust	31%	31%	32%	30%	24%	31%	31%	38%	21%	45%	40%	18%	34%	41%	44%	45%	
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	6%	5%	2%	6%	2%	2%	5%	3%	3%		3%	7%		

A majority of British Columbians do not trust provincial politicians when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the illegal marijuana trade.

2. How do you trust Provincial politicians when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the marijuana trade?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Completely trust	1%	1%		1%		1%		1%	1%		1%	2%				
Moderately trust	26%	25%	25%	28%	37%	23%	29%	17%	36%	17%	15%	35%	24%	17%	20%	38%
Moderately distrust	38%	40%	41%	34%	39%	41%	36%	41%	42%	30%	40%	38%	44%	43%	32%	17%
Completely distrust	31%	32%	33%	31%	19%	33%	30%	39%	19%	48%	42%	23%	32%	37%	41%	45%
Not sure	4%	3%	2%	6%	5%	2%	5%	2%	2%	5%	3%	3%		3%	7%	

A majority of British Columbians do not trust municipal politicians when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the illegal marijuana trade.

3. How do you trust Municipal politicians when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the marijuana trade?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Completely trust	2%	2%	2%	2%		3%	1%	2%	3%		1%	3%	1%	1%		
Moderately trust	30%	30%	33%	30%	24%	28%	33%	27%	36%	23%	43%	36%	24%	29%	32%	
Moderately distrust	38%	38%	34%	40%	48%	38%	38%	43%	40%	34%	18%	35%	46%	43%	30%	35%
Completely distrust	24%	24%	26%	23%	19%	26%	22%	25%	18%	37%	35%	21%	28%	23%	30%	45%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	6%	9%	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	5%	2%	4%	9%	20%

A majority of British Columbians trust scientists and other experts when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the illegal marijuana trade.

4. How do you trust--Scientists and other experts (e.g. criminologists, economists, public health physicians, etc.) when it comes to designing policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the marijuana trade?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Completely trust	14%	14%	14%	15%	8%	15%	12%	16%	10%	13%	29%	10%	14%	17%	20%	31%
Moderately trust	55%	55%	60%	49%	65%	53%	56%	56%	57%	53%	28%	55%	55%	55%	60%	20%
Moderately distrust	19%	20%	13%	21%	19%	19%	19%	20%	22%	17%	19%	21%	19%	20%	3%	49%
Completely distrust	6%	5%	8%	8%	3%	9%	4%	4%	8%	9%	21%	9%	7%	4%	5%	
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%	4%	9%	4%	3%	9%	4%	4%	5%	4%	12%	

A majority of British Columbians trust their local police force to design policies.

5. How do you trust your local police force to design policies that can effectively reduce criminal, health and social harms stemming from the marijuana trade?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Completely trust	13%	14%	11%	14%	10%	14%	12%	12%	16%	11%	32%	20%	9%	11%	9%	
Moderately trust	52%	51%	54%	52%	61%	50%	54%	50%	59%	36%	28%	57%	53%	49%	53%	31%
Moderately distrust	19%	18%	19%	20%	11%	20%	18%	19%	15%	28%	25%	15%	22%	19%	22%	53%
Completely distrust	11%	13%	13%	8%	5%	12%	10%	15%	6%	22%	13%	6%	13%	16%	11%	16%
Not sure	5%	4%	2%	6%	13%	3%	6%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	6%	5%	

A majority of British Columbians are dissatisfied with the way federal politicians are responding to the problems stemming from the illegal marijuana industry in British Columbia.

6. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Federal politicians are responding to the problems stemming from the illegal marijuana industry?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Very satisfied	1%	1%	2%		0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%		
Moderately satisfied	11%	12%	3%	16%	6%	12%	10%	6%	18%	2%	10%	18%	10%	4%	5%	
Moderately dissatisfied	30%	30%	27%	28%	43%	26%	33%	28%	37%	24%	24%	36%	31%	26%	21%	
Very dissatisfied	48%	48%	55%	46%	36%	54%	42%	59%	38%	47%	60%	39%	51%	60%	44%	62%
Not sure	10%	9%	12%	11%	14%	6%	15%	6%	5%	24%	5%	5%	7%	9%	29%	38%

A majority of British Columbians are dissatisfied with the way provincial politicians are responding to the problems stemming from the illegal marijuana industry in British Columbia.

7. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Provincial politicians are responding to the problems stemming from the illegal marijuana industry?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Very satisfied	1%	1%	2%			2%	0%	0%	1%	2%		1%	1%	1%		
Moderately satisfied	11%	11%	4%	18%	6%	11%	11%	6%	19%	3%	8%	15%	14%	6%	7%	
Moderately dissatisfied	33%	36%	31%	25%	47%	31%	34%	32%	41%	24%	27%	37%	37%	32%	22%	
Very dissatisfied	45%	43%	50%	46%	33%	50%	40%	55%	34%	48%	60%	42%	42%	50%	44%	62%
Not sure	10%	9%	12%	11%	14%	6%	14%	7%	5%	23%	5%	5%	6%	10%	27%	38%

A majority of British Columbians are dissatisfied with the way municipal politicians are responding to the problems stemming from the illegal marijuana industry in British Columbia.

8. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Municipal politicians are responding to the problems stemming from the illegal marijuana industry?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Very satisfied	1%	1%	2%	1%		2%	0%	1%	2%	2%		2%	2%	1%		
Moderately satisfied	13%	13%	6%	18%	5%	12%	13%	11%	17%	6%	8%	14%	12%	11%	12%	
Moderately dissatisfied	31%	33%	30%	24%	46%	29%	33%	35%	33%	29%	28%	30%	36%	33%	29%	
Very dissatisfied	40%	40%	41%	41%	31%	45%	36%	43%	36%	40%	59%	41%	36%	42%	29%	62%
Not sure	15%	12%	20%	15%	18%	12%	18%	10%	12%	23%	5%	13%	14%	12%	30%	38%

A majority of British Columbians would develop a more favourable opinion of a politician if they advocated for a new marijuana strategy.

9. Would you develop a more favourable or less favourable opinion of this politician if they advocated for a new marijuana strategy?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
More favourable opinion	56%	55%	60%	55%	53%	61%	51%	59%	61%	49%	22%	55%	67%	57%	55%	50%
Less favourable opinion	6%	5%	4%	8%	6%	7%	5%	8%	5%	2%	5%	6%	3%	8%		
It would make no difference to me	29%	30%	29%	27%	33%	25%	33%	27%	28%	35%	67%	31%	27%	27%	34%	16%
Not sure	9%	10%	6%	10%	8%	8%	10%	6%	6%	15%	6%	8%	3%	7%	11%	35%

A majority of British Columbians believe that implementing stiffer sentences cannot reverse trends in marijuana arrests, use and price.

10. Do you believe that implementing stiffer sentences for marijuana growers can reverse these trends?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
Definitely Can	12%	11%	9%	16%	16%	12%	12%	11%	13%	10%	28%	19%	4%	10%	5%	
Probably Can	19%	21%	13%	20%	17%	19%	19%	16%	23%	7%	14%	25%	13%	15%	15%	
Probably Cannot	29%	29%	31%	27%	39%	27%	32%	26%	33%	36%	16%	28%	37%	25%	46%	18%
Definitely cannot	35%	34%	41%	35%	22%	39%	31%	44%	27%	47%	38%	23%	42%	47%	33%	82%
Not sure	4%	5%	6%	2%	6%	3%	6%	4%	3%		4%	4%	5%	3%		

A majority of British Columbians support taxing and legally regulating marijuana use for adults in order to reduce gang-related violence in BC.

11. Which of these two approaches would you support in order to reduce gang-related violence in British Columbia?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Implementing stiffer prison sentences for marijuana growers	28%	29%	17%	32%	35%	28%	28%	24%	33%	9%	37%	41%	12%	22%	10%	
Taxing and legally regulating marijuana use for adults as ha	66%	64%	77%	62%	64%	68%	64%	70%	61%	87%	57%	54%	77%	71%	85%	100%
Not Sure	6%	7%	5%	7%	1%	4%	9%	7%	6%	4%	6%	4%	10%	7%	5%	

British Columbians believe that violence between drug gangs would stay the same or decrease if marijuana were legalized.

12. Do you think violence between drug gangs in British Columbia would increase, stay the same, or decrease?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Increase	6%	9%	3%	3%	9%	5%	8%	5%	6%	2%	7%	9%	4%	5%		
Stay the Same	38%	35%	38%	44%	42%	38%	39%	32%	45%	37%	63%	45%	34%	33%	28%	70%
Decrease	48%	47%	51%	49%	42%	53%	43%	54%	45%	62%	26%	40%	54%	54%	69%	30%
Not sure	7%	9%	9%	4%	8%	4%	10%	9%	4%		4%	5%	8%	9%	3%	

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