

**Federal Gun Registry and Provincial Policy Alternative – October 2003**

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## Methodology:

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Data were collected between October 19 and 30, 2003 by JMCK Polling (A division of JMCK Communications Inc.). JMCK Polling is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta.

A total of 1,018 adult Canadians were interviewed by telephone. Where necessary, the sample has been statistically weighted to more accurately represent the demographic distribution of the Canadian population. The margin of error is  $\pm 3.1$  percent, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error increases when analyzing sub-samples of the total.

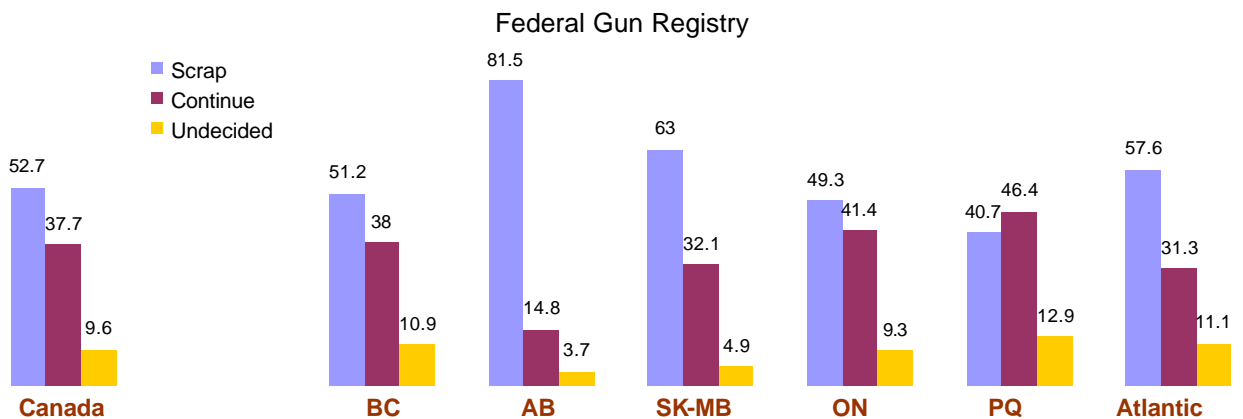
## Q1 - Federal Gun Registry: Question

**Q1.** As you may know, there has been an ongoing controversy associated with the federal government's firearm registry ever since the federal Auditor General released a report last December saying that the registry is badly managed and has gone over budget by about one billion dollars. Since that time, eight provinces and three territories have called for the gun registry to either be suspended or scrapped altogether and six provinces have advised the federal government that they will not prosecute federal Firearms Act offences. The registry was designed to give Canada's security officials basic information about the firearms that we own. Some people say that the major cost over-runs show that the gun registry is badly organized, isn't working properly, and should be scrapped. Other people say that even though the registry has had management problems and has gone over budget, it will save lives and should be continued. Which statement is closest to your point of view?

- Gun registry is badly organized and should be *scrapped*
- Gun registry will save lives and should be *continued*
- *Undecided*

### Federal Gun Registry

Scrap	52.7%
Continue	37.7%
Undecided	9.6%



## Q1 - Federal Gun Registry: Tables

### Federal Gun Registry

Scrap	52.7
Continue	37.7
Undecided	9.6

### Gun Registry by Gender

	Men	Women
Scrap	58.3	48.6
Continue	32.8	41.3
Undecided	8.9	10.1

### Gun Registry by Income

	Under \$30k	\$30-\$50k	\$50-\$80k	Over \$80k
Scrap	51.6	53.2	51.3	52.9
Continue	36.4	36.5	40.9	40.5
Undecided	12.0	10.3	7.8	6.5

### Gun Registry by Age

	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 Plus
Scrap	45.5	50.9	55.8	54.5
Continue	43.3	39.5	35.3	35.4
Undecided	11.2	9.6	8.8	10.1

### Gun Registry by Education

	HS or Less	Some PS	Col-Tech Grad	University Grad
Scrap	61.3	56.1	56.6	37.5
Continue	30.5	35.6	32.8	51.5
Undecided	8.2	8.3	10.6	11.0

### Gun Reg. by Region

	BC	AB	SK-MB	ON	PQ	ATL
Scrap	51.2	81.5	63.0	49.3	40.7	57.6
Continue	38.0	14.8	32.1	41.4	46.4	31.3
Undecided	10.9	3.7	4.9	9.3	12.9	11.1

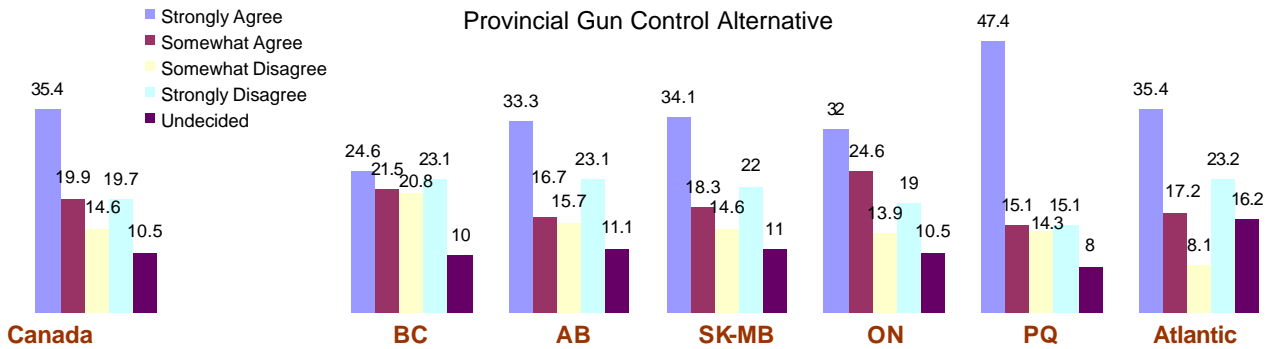
## Q2 - Federal Gun Registry and Provincial Alternative: Question

**Q2.** Thinking about the federal gun registry, some people say that we should scrap the current federal gun registration legislation and allow the provinces to design and operate their own gun control programs. Would you agree or disagree with a provincial gun control policy alternative to the federal gun registry?

- *Strongly agree* with a provincial gun control policy alternative
- *Somewhat agree* with a provincial gun control policy alternative
- *Somewhat disagree* with a provincial gun control policy alternative
- *Strongly disagree* with a provincial gun control policy alternative
- *Undecided*

### Provincial Gun Control Alternative

Strongly Agree	35.4%
Somewhat Agree	19.9%
Somewhat Disagree	14.6%
Strongly Disagree	19.7%
Undecided	10.5%



## Q2 - Federal Gun Registry and Provincial Alternative: Tables

### Provincial Gun Control Alternative

Strongly Agree	35.4
Somewhat Agree	19.9
Somewhat Oppose	14.6
Strongly Oppose	19.7
Undecided	10.5

Prov. Control by Gender	Men	Women
Strongly Agree	34.8	34.7
Somewhat Agree	17.8	21.8
Somewhat Oppose	15.2	14.1
Strongly Oppose	24.9	17.8
Undecided	7.4	11.6

Prov. Control by Income	Under \$30k	\$30-\$50k	\$50-\$80k	Over \$80k
Strongly Agree	41.7	35.3	34.8	26.0
Somewhat Agree	14.7	23.7	21.7	20.1
Somewhat Oppose	13.7	14.3	13.9	16.2
Strongly Oppose	17.6	17.3	21.3	29.9
Undecided	12.2	9.4	8.3	7.8

Prov. Control by Age	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 Plus
Strongly Agree	29.7	33.8	34.8	40.5
Somewhat Agree	28.3	22.4	18.7	12.6
Somewhat Oppose	13.8	13.5	16.1	14.2
Strongly Oppose	21.0	22.1	19.5	20.5
Undecided	7.2	8.2	10.8	12.1

Prov. Control by Education	HS or Less	Some PS	Col-Tech Grad	University Grad
Strongly Agree	39.7	31.9	38.1	29.3
Somewhat Agree	19.1	21.4	17.4	22.4
Somewhat Oppose	13.0	15.9	14.0	15.6
Strongly Oppose	14.1	22.5	20.3	26.2
Undecided	14.1	8.2	10.2	6.5

Prov. Con. by Region	BC	AB	SK-MB	ON	PQ	ATL
Strongly Agree	24.6	33.3	34.1	32.0	47.4	35.4
Somewhat Agree	21.5	16.7	18.3	24.6	15.1	17.2
Somewhat Oppose	20.8	15.7	14.6	13.9	14.3	8.1
Strongly Oppose	23.1	23.1	22.0	19.0	15.1	23.2
Undecided	10.0	11.1	11.0	10.5	8.0	16.2

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