

**Firearms Act Poll**  
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## Methodology:

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Data were collected between July 16 and August 2, 2003 by JMCK Polling (A division of JMCK Communications Inc.). JMCK Communications Inc. has offices in Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge.

A total of 1,054 voting age Canadians were interviewed by telephone. The sample has been statistically weighted to accurately represent the demographic distribution of the Canadian population. The margin of error is  $\pm 3.1$  per cent, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error increases when analyzing sub-samples of the total.

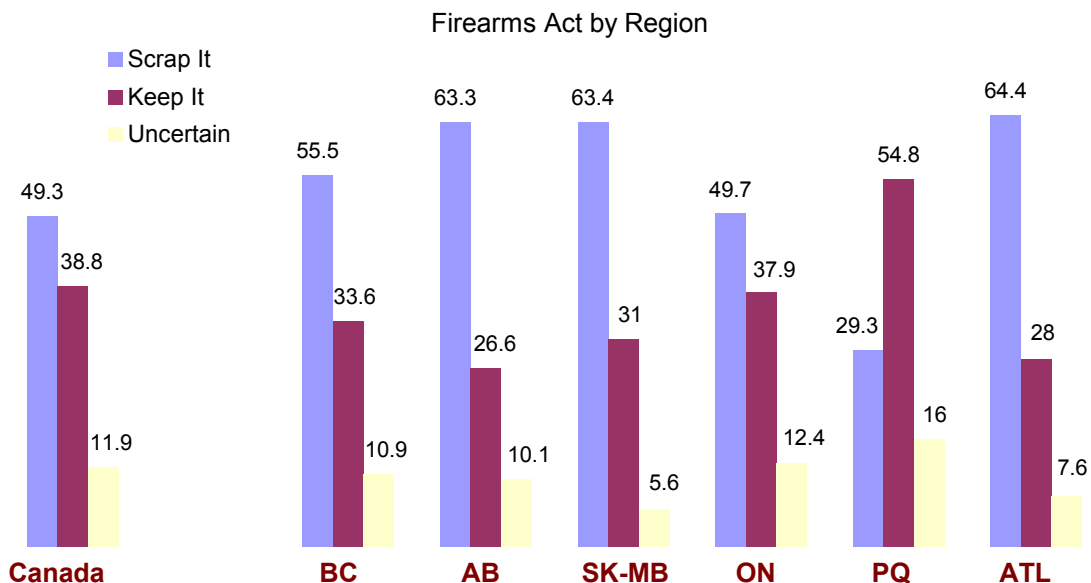
## Canadians' Opinions on the Firearms Act:

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Canadians' frustrations with the federal government's Firearms Act and accompanying registry are beginning to show in all provinces except Quebec. Nearly a majority of all Canadians (49.3%) believe the federal government should scrap its controversial legislation and registry. Slightly over one-third of all Canadians (38.8%) believe the registry, despite its problems, is important enough to keep. Just fewer than 12% are undecided.

In all provinces except Quebec, a majority (or near majority in the case of Ontario) believe the Firearms Act should be abolished. Opposition to the Act is strongest in the Atlantic provinces and on the prairies, reaching nearly two-thirds while support hovers under one-third and dips as low as 26.6% in Alberta. Quebecers are the only Canadians to support keeping the Act with a majority (54.8%) in favour of keeping it while only 29.3% favour abolishing it.

Men are slightly more opposed to the Act than are women, while middle income Canadians are more opposed than are lower and upper income earners. Opposition increases with age with the youngest Canadians, those aged 18-29, being the only group to be more supportive than opposed, but they are also the most undecided.



## Tabular Data:

### Firearms Act

Scrap it	49.3
Keep it	38.8
Undecided	11.9

### Firearms Act by Gender

	Men	Women
Scrap it	52.7	46.8
Keep it	37.9	39.5
Undecided	9.4	13.8

### Firearms Act by Income

	Under \$40k	\$40-\$80k	Over \$80k
Scrap it	47.5	52.5	45.1
Keep it	39.1	37.0	43.8
Undecided	13.4	10.5	11.2

### Firearms Act by Age

	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 plus
Scrap it	34.8	49.3	53.9	58.4
Keep it	46.4	38.6	37.9	32.0
Undecided	18.9	12.1	8.2	9.6

### Firearms Act by Education

	HS or less	Some PS	Col-Tech Grad	University Grad
Scrap it	54.1	54.1	51.7	39.5
Keep it	34.1	33.2	37.6	48.2
Undecided	11.8	12.7	10.7	12.2

### Firearms Act by Region

	BC	AB	SK-MB	ON	PQ	ATL
Scrap it	55.5	63.3	63.4	49.7	29.3	64.4
Keep it	33.6	26.6	31.0	37.9	54.8	28.0
Undecided	10.9	10.1	5.6	12.4	16.0	7.6

## Question:

As you may know, there has been an ongoing controversy associated with the federal government's firearm registry 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 has saved lives and should be continued. Which statement is closest to your point of view?

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