

**Canadian Attitudes Toward Firearms Registry**  
(Commissioned by Garry Breitkreuz, MP)

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## Methodology:

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Data were collected April 25 to 30, 2004 by **JMCK Polling** (a division of JMCK Communications Inc.). JMCK Polling is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta.

A total of 1,586 adult Canadians were interviewed by telephone. Where necessary, the sample has been statistically weighted to more accurately represent the demographic distribution of the population. The margin of error is  $\pm 2.5$  per cent, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error increases when analyzing sub-samples of the total.

## Executive Summary:

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A substantial majority of Canadians (76.7%) agree that the federal gun registry should be scrapped, allowing the federal government to fight violent crime by devoting more resources to other law enforcement priorities. A clear majority (61.6%) strongly agrees. Only 16.7% somewhat or strongly disagree while 6.7% are undecided.

Men (67.8%) are more likely than women (55.6%) to strongly agree, as are Canadians with least amount of formal education (67.8%), seniors (67.7%) and Albertans (84.8%).

Ontarians (58.9%) and Quebecers (50.7%) are the least likely to strongly agree, but majorities in both provinces strongly support scrapping the gun registry.

Conservatives (78.4%) are most likely to want to abolish the registry, while undecided voters (50.0%), New Democrats (53.6%) and Liberals (56.0%) are somewhat less likely to be opposed.

<b>Gun Registry by Vote</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>NDP</b>	<b>BQ</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Undecided</b>
Strongly agree	56.0	78.4	53.6	59.3	66.2	50.0
Somewhat agree	15.2	13.3	15.6	14.2	11.7	19.4
Somewhat disagree	15.8	4.3	19.8	11.5	6.5	10.4
Strongly disagree	7.9	1.2	5.7	5.3	7.8	5.4
Undecided	5.2	2.9	5.2	9.7	7.8	14.9

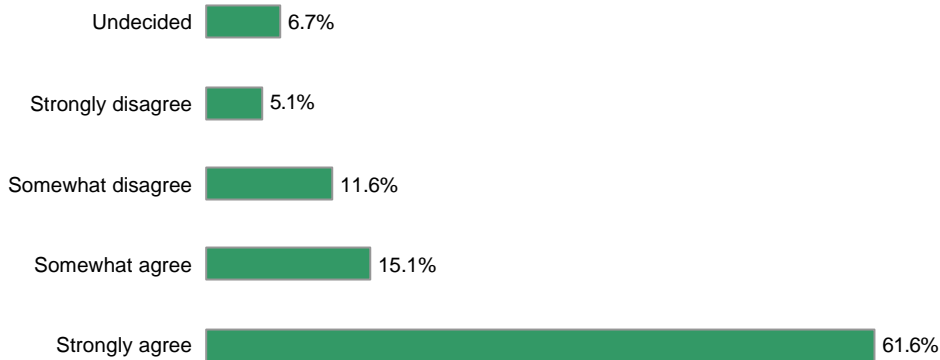
## Questionnaire:

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## Federal Gun Registry:

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### Gun Registry

Strongly agree	61.6
Somewhat agree	15.1
Somewhat disagree	11.6
Strongly disagree	5.1
Undecided	6.7

Gun Registry by Gender	Male	Female
Strongly agree	67.8	55.6
Somewhat agree	11.3	18.7
Somewhat disagree	10.1	13.0
Strongly disagree	5.4	4.8
Undecided	5.4	7.9

Gun Registry by Income	Under \$40,000	\$40-\$80,000	Over \$80,000
Strongly agree	60.8	60.5	64.3
Somewhat agree	16.9	16.2	12.8
Somewhat disagree	11.3	11.8	12.8
Strongly disagree	4.8	3.8	6.2
Undecided	6.3	7.8	3.9

Gun Registry by Education	HS or less	College-Tech-Trade	University
Strongly agree	67.8	58.0	52.6
Somewhat agree	12.8	17.6	18.3
Somewhat disagree	9.1	11.9	17.6
Strongly disagree	4.1	6.5	4.2
Undecided	6.2	6.0	7.3

Gun Registry by Age	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 +
Strongly agree	46.2	60.4	65.0	67.7
Somewhat agree	16.6	18.5	15.3	8.9
Somewhat disagree	16.6	11.2	9.4	12.5
Strongly disagree	7.5	3.9	3.3	8.5
Undecided	13.1	5.9	6.9	2.4

<b>Gun Registry by Province</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>SKMB</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>PQ</b>	<b>ATL</b>
Strongly agree	67.4	84.8	62.6	58.9	50.7	61.2
Somewhat agree	14.4	6.9	12.1	15.9	16.2	20.9
Somewhat disagree	12.2	4.1	12.1	12.9	14.1	7.8
Strongly disagree	2.8	2.1	8.8	5.0	7.6	4.7
Undecided	3.3	2.1	4.4	7.3	11.4	5.4

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