

## DIRECTIONAL OUTLOOK AND PUBLIC RESPONSE TO GROWING U.S.-IRAN TENSIONS

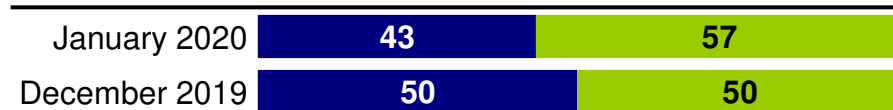
[Ottawa – January 16, 2020] It has been a turbulent beginning to 2020. In particular, the heightened tensions between the United States and Iran have escalated dramatically, resulting in the tragic loss of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 and the deaths of 176 people, including 57 Canadians. In the first instalment of a broader poll looking at public outlook on key issues, we will look at the public response to this crisis.

Despite the very tense context, there is evidence that Canadians are actually feeling more comfortable with both the direction of the country and Justin Trudeau’s performance as Prime Minister in this new minority government.

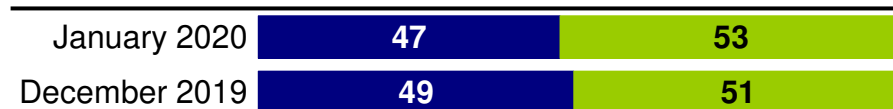
### Direction of country/government

**Q.** All things considered, would you say the country / the Government of Canada is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?

#### The country



#### The Government of Canada



■ Wrong direction

■ Right direction

*Note: Figures adjusted to exclude those who indicated 'Don't know/No response'.*

**BASE:** Canadians (half-sample); January 10-14, 2020, n=603/593, MOE +/- 4.0%, 19 times out of 20

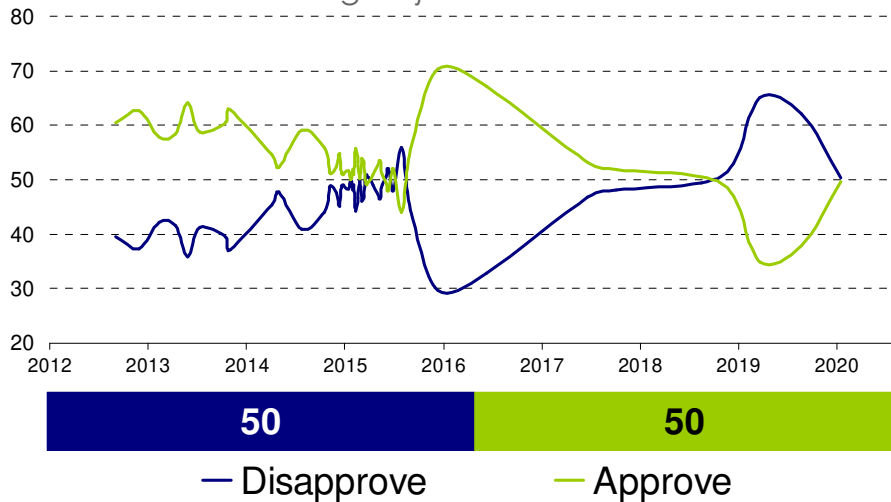
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Mr. Trudeau has seen a significant 12-point boost in his approval rating since our last sounding; however, this newfound favour does not extend to Conservative supporters. The President of the United States, in contrast, casts a long shadow over recent events and it is notable that his approval has continued to descend to a new nadir of 14 points. If we exclude Conservative supporters, his approval rating would be in the two-per-cent range.

## Approval rating: Justin Trudeau\*

**Q.** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Justin Trudeau is handling his job?

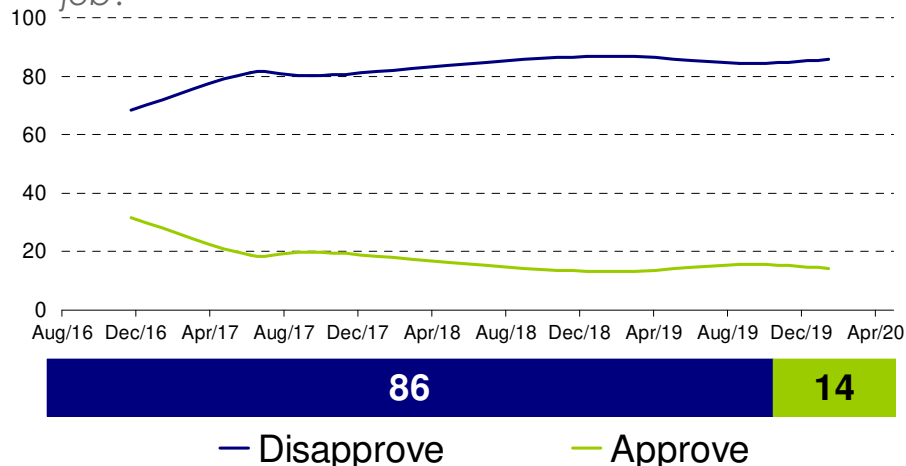


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BASE: Canadians; January 10-14, 2020, n=1,196, MOE +/- 2.8%, 19 times out of 20

## Approval rating: Donald Trump\*

**Q.** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump, President of the United States, is handling his job?



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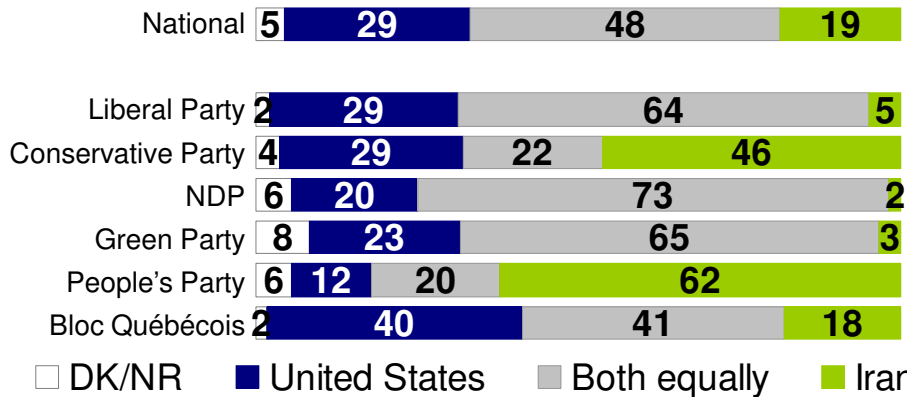
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The public are separating accountability for rising U.S.-Iran tensions and the Flight 752 tragedy. In terms of responsibility for the heightened tensions between the two countries, the lion's share of the blame is assigned to Donald Trump. These critical views of Mr. Trump are significantly

more pronounced outside of Conservative supporters. Notably, Canadians are quite alarmed about the consequences for peace and safety around the world, with a clear majority believing it will have a clear impact on global security.

## Perceived fault for growing U.S.-Iran tensions

**Q.** As you may know, tensions between the United States and Iran have grown worse in recent weeks, with the United States' killing of Qasem Soleimani, an Iranian Major General, and Iranian missile strikes on military bases housing American troops in Iraq. Whom do you believe is most responsible for worsening relations between the United States and Iran?

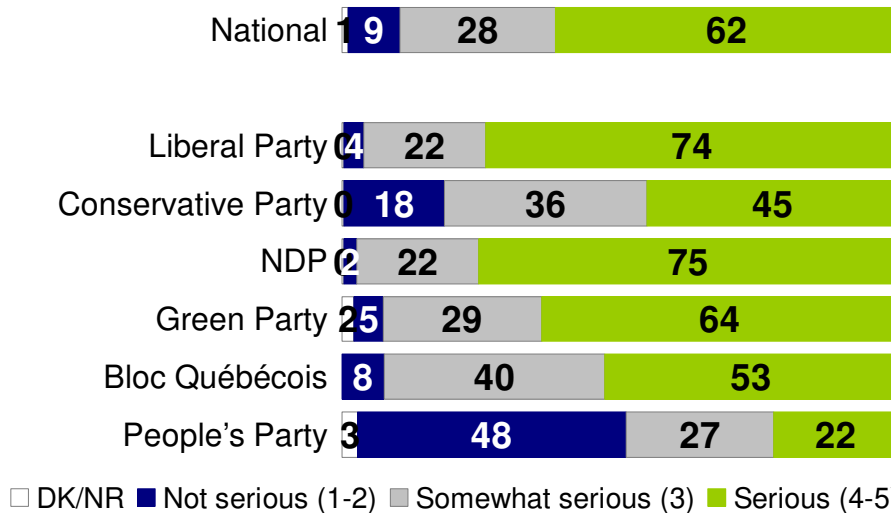


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## Impact of U.S.-Iran tensions on global security

**Q.** Overall, how serious do you believe the worsening of U.S.-Iran relations is for global peace and security?

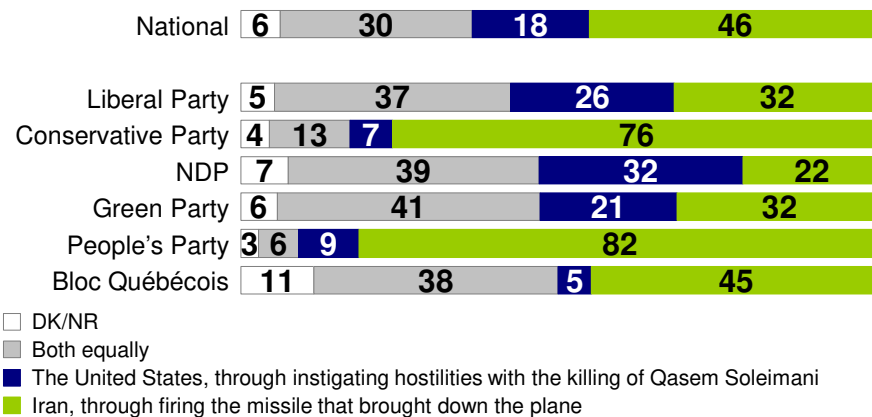


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Turning to the question of who is at fault for the downing of Flight 752, the public assign principal blame to Iran, which has subsequently accepted responsibility for the disaster. Once again, Conservative supporters almost exclusively blame Iran, whereas among the rest of the public, accountability is more evenly divided.

## Perceived fault for downing of Flight 752

**Q.** As you may have heard, Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 recently crashed in Iran, killing all 176 people on board, including 63 Canadians. While the cause of the crash has not yet been confirmed, preliminary evidence indicates that the plane was shot down by an Iranian missile, possibly by accident. Whom do you hold most accountable for this incident?

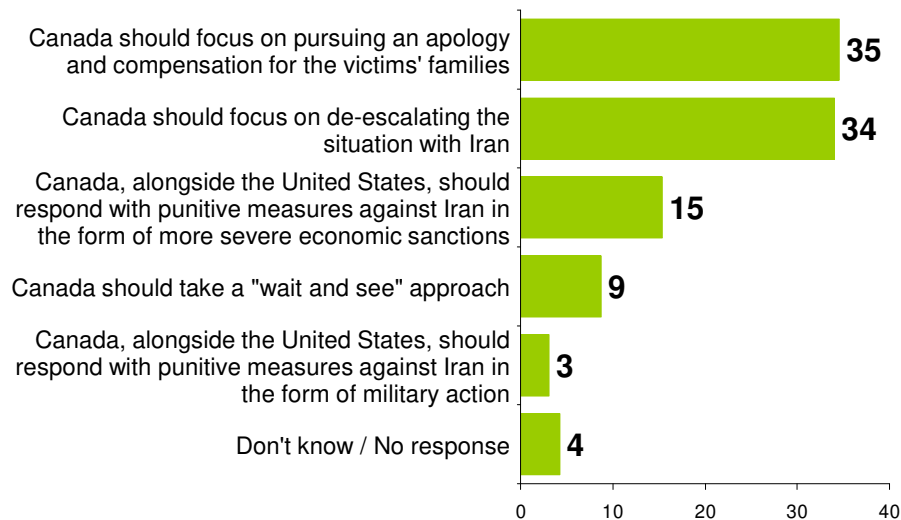


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## Preferred response from Canada

**Q.** How would you like to see the Canadian government respond to this incident?



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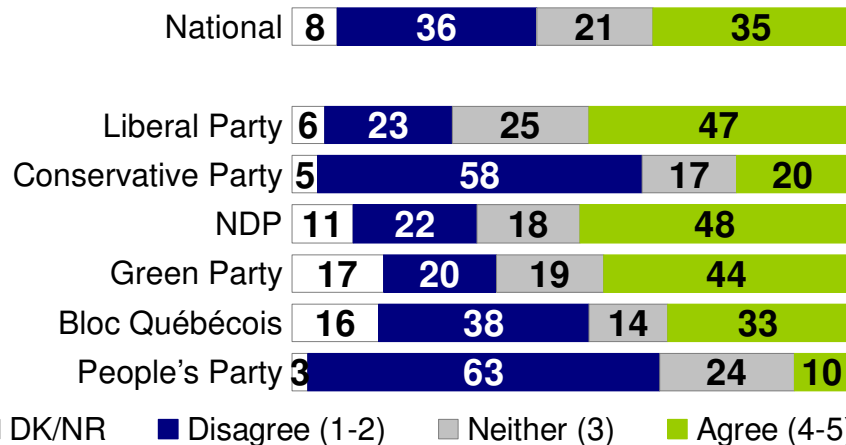
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In terms of preferred response, it is notable that the response from our government and Mr. Trudeau broadly correspond to public preferences, which may explain – in part – his elevated approval rating. Canadians show a clear preference for pursuing an apology and compensation, as well as focusing on de-escalating the situation with Iran. More aggressive economic responses are not favoured and a military response has only a small group of subscribers. It is instructive that support for a more strenuous response is much more concentrated among Conservative supporters, who are also more likely to assign exclusive responsibility to Iran for this problem.

Some have claimed that having no embassy in Iran has hindered our government’s ability to deal with this situation. The public, however, hold mixed views on the position. We asked Canadians whether the Tehran mission should be re-opened and there is no clear public preference on the matter. Interestingly, support for re-opening the embassy is lowest among Conservative supporters.

## Support for re-opening embassy in Iran

**Q.** As you may know, Canada closed its embassy in Tehran, Iran in 2012. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada should re-open an embassy in Iran?



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## Detailed results:

<b>Direction of Country</b>						
<i>Q. [HALF-SAMPLE] First, all things considered, would you say the country is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?</i>						
	Right direction	Wrong direction	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
				Weighted	Un-weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>48.9%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>REGION</b>						
British Columbia	48.0%	33.0%	19.0%	70	71	11.6
Alberta	27.0%	61.9%	11.1%	60	54	13.3
Saskatchewan*	26.0%	68.7%	5.4%	19	20	21.9
Manitoba*	33.9%	50.1%	15.9%	16	14	26.2
Ontario	52.3%	34.5%	13.3%	249	256	6.1
Quebec	54.8%	30.0%	15.2%	136	133	8.5
Atlantic Canada*	57.3%	28.2%	14.5%	39	52	13.6
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	46.6%	45.1%	8.3%	285	289	5.8
Female	51.3%	29.7%	19.0%	301	309	5.6
<b>AGE</b>						
<35	49.5%	38.2%	12.3%	158	126	8.7
35-49	55.4%	33.9%	10.7%	133	132	8.5
50-64	43.7%	40.0%	16.3%	158	175	7.4
65+	52.9%	34.7%	12.4%	116	144	8.2
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
High school or less	42.7%	38.4%	19.0%	161	113	9.2
College or CEGEP	42.9%	44.0%	13.1%	207	189	7.1
University or higher	60.5%	29.2%	10.3%	216	294	5.7
<b>VOTE INTENTION</b>						
Liberal	89.0%	4.1%	6.9%	189	207	6.8
Conservative	10.9%	75.3%	13.8%	143	141	8.3
NDP	46.7%	34.8%	18.5%	92	94	10.1
Green	47.6%	34.6%	17.8%	50	50	13.9
Bloc Québécois	58.8%	19.5%	21.8%	27	32	17.3
People's Party	5.6%	94.4%	0.0%	23	17	23.8

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### **Direction of Government**

*Q. [HALF-SAMPLE] First, all things considered, would you say the government of Canada is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?*

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
				Weighted	Un-weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>44.3%</b>	<b>38.8%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>REGION</b>						
British Columbia	38.2%	49.4%	12.4%	89	87	10.5
Alberta	29.3%	57.0%	13.7%	71	61	12.6
Saskatchewan*	37.6%	44.5%	17.9%	18	23	20.4
Manitoba*	44.1%	28.5%	27.4%	25	20	21.9
Ontario	51.6%	33.8%	14.5%	215	215	6.7
Quebec	47.8%	30.6%	21.6%	138	135	8.4
Atlantic Canada*	37.9%	41.3%	20.8%	44	49	14.0
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	43.7%	45.3%	10.9%	280	282	5.8
Female	45.9%	33.1%	21.0%	313	299	5.7
<b>AGE</b>						
<35	48.0%	36.9%	15.1%	159	122	8.9
35-49	36.9%	51.8%	11.2%	132	129	8.6
50-64	46.0%	37.1%	16.9%	166	175	7.4
65+	48.5%	27.5%	24.0%	127	146	8.1
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
High school or less	42.5%	41.5%	16.0%	186	131	8.6
College or CEGEP	38.6%	45.2%	16.2%	233	214	6.7
University or higher	54.2%	27.0%	18.7%	181	243	6.3
<b>VOTE INTENTION</b>						
Liberal	91.9%	1.3%	6.8%	172	181	7.3
Conservative	10.3%	77.7%	12.0%	170	158	7.8
NDP	38.6%	35.4%	26.1%	100	97	10.0
Green	46.0%	42.7%	11.3%	43	43	14.9
Bloc Québécois	34.2%	34.0%	31.8%	33	31	17.6
People's Party	0.0%	92.6%	7.4%	13	12	28.3

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### **Approval: Justin Trudeau**

*Q. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following individuals are handling their jobs?*

*Justin Trudeau*

	Approve	Disapprove	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
				Weighted	Un-weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>45.3%</b>	<b>46.1%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>REGION</b>						
British Columbia	43.6%	47.5%	8.9%	158	158	7.8
Alberta	25.9%	73.3%	0.8%	132	115	9.1
Saskatchewan*	34.5%	63.8%	1.7%	37	43	14.9
Manitoba*	43.9%	42.2%	13.9%	42	34	16.8
Ontario	50.9%	41.5%	7.6%	465	471	4.5
Quebec	46.2%	41.3%	12.5%	274	268	6.0
Atlantic Canada*	48.6%	38.2%	13.2%	83	101	9.8
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	40.5%	54.6%	4.9%	565	571	4.1
Female	50.4%	38.0%	11.6%	614	608	4.0
<b>AGE</b>						
<35	50.4%	42.8%	6.9%	317	248	6.2
35-49	41.1%	50.3%	8.6%	265	261	6.1
50-64	42.9%	48.0%	9.2%	324	350	5.2
65+	50.5%	40.5%	9.0%	243	290	5.8
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
High school or less	41.5%	47.9%	10.5%	347	244	6.3
College or CEGEP	40.2%	52.1%	7.7%	440	403	4.9
University or higher	55.2%	37.1%	7.7%	397	537	4.2
<b>VOTE INTENTION</b>						
Liberal	92.2%	4.1%	3.7%	361	388	5.0
Conservative	3.9%	92.6%	3.5%	314	299	5.7
NDP	45.4%	40.4%	14.2%	193	191	7.1
Green	46.0%	36.3%	17.6%	94	93	10.2
Bloc Québécois	35.6%	49.6%	14.8%	60	63	12.4
People's Party	0.0%	96.4%	3.6%	36	29	18.2

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### **Approval: Donald Trump**

*Q. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following individuals are handling their jobs?*

*Donald Trump*

	Approve	Disapprove	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
				Weighted	Un-weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>80.3%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2.8</b>
REGION						
British Columbia	12.4%	79.5%	8.1%	158	158	7.8
Alberta	25.6%	63.2%	11.3%	132	115	9.1
Saskatchewan*	14.4%	83.4%	2.2%	37	43	14.9
Manitoba*	12.2%	85.3%	2.5%	42	34	16.8
Ontario	13.5%	81.0%	5.6%	465	471	4.5
Quebec	9.1%	85.8%	5.1%	274	268	6.0
Atlantic Canada*	11.6%	83.0%	5.3%	83	101	9.8
GENDER						
Male	18.1%	75.3%	6.6%	565	571	4.1
Female	9.2%	85.2%	5.6%	614	608	4.0
AGE						
<35	11.5%	84.9%	3.6%	317	248	6.2
35-49	16.5%	76.1%	7.4%	265	261	6.1
50-64	13.4%	79.4%	7.3%	324	350	5.2
65+	12.5%	82.8%	4.7%	243	290	5.8
EDUCATION						
High school or less	17.2%	75.1%	7.7%	347	244	6.3
College or CEGEP	16.7%	76.9%	6.4%	440	403	4.9
University or higher	6.3%	89.0%	4.8%	397	537	4.2
VOTE INTENTION						
Liberal	0.5%	97.9%	1.6%	361	388	5.0
Conservative	37.8%	49.7%	12.6%	314	299	5.7
NDP	1.3%	97.4%	1.3%	193	191	7.1
Green	3.2%	95.5%	1.3%	94	93	10.2
Bloc Québécois	2.2%	94.5%	3.4%	60	63	12.4
People's Party	64.0%	31.2%	4.8%	36	29	18.2

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### **Perceived Fault for Growing U.S.-Iran Tensions**

*Q. As you may know, tensions between the United States and Iran have grown worse in recent weeks, with the United States' killing of Qasem Soleimani, an Iranian Major General, and Iranian missile strikes on military bases housing American troops in Iraq. Whom do you believe is most responsible for worsening relations between the United States and Iran?*

	Iran	The United States	Both equally	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
					Weighted	Un-weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>REGION</b>							
British Columbia	17.9%	52.9%	26.2%	3.0%	158	158	7.8
Alberta	30.0%	36.2%	30.4%	3.5%	132	115	9.1
Saskatchewan*	19.2%	42.7%	33.3%	4.8%	37	43	14.9
Manitoba*	9.7%	50.3%	40.0%	0.0%	42	34	16.8
Ontario	18.3%	51.7%	26.0%	4.1%	465	471	4.5
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Atlantic Canada*	11.6%	53.0%	32.2%	3.2%	83	101	9.8
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Male	24.4%	43.4%	29.2%	3.0%	565	571	4.1
Female	13.4%	52.1%	28.8%	5.7%	614	608	4.0
<b>AGE</b>							
<35	13.5%	50.0%	31.4%	5.1%	317	248	6.2
35-49	22.3%	47.2%	24.6%	5.9%	265	261	6.1
50-64	20.3%	48.3%	27.9%	3.5%	324	350	5.2
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High school or less	22.1%	41.3%	30.2%	6.4%	347	244	6.3
College or CEGEP	21.8%	43.2%	31.5%	3.5%	440	403	4.9
University or higher	12.0%	59.8%	24.5%	3.7%	397	537	4.2
<b>VOTE INTENTION</b>							
Liberal	4.9%	63.7%	29.3%	2.1%	361	388	5.0
Conservative	46.3%	21.6%	28.5%	3.6%	314	299	5.7
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Green	3.3%	65.0%	23.4%	8.2%	94	93	10.2
Bloc Québécois	18.0%	40.6%	39.7%	1.7%	60	63	12.4
People's Party	62.2%	19.9%	12.4%	5.5%	36	29	18.2

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<b>Impact of U.S.-Iran Tensions on Global Security</b>							
<i>Q. Overall, how serious do you believe the worsening of U.S.-Iran relations is for global peace and security?</i>							
	Not serious (1-2)	Somewhat serious (3)	Very serious (4-5)	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
					Weighted	Un- weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>REGION</b>							
British Columbia	7.3%	30.5%	61.4%	0.8%	158	158	7.8
Alberta	15.1%	25.2%	58.7%	1.0%	132	115	9.1
Saskatchewan*	10.2%	22.3%	65.4%	2.2%	37	43	14.9
Manitoba*	2.4%	26.9%	70.7%	0.0%	42	34	16.8
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Male	14.1%	31.6%	54.0%	0.3%	565	571	4.1
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Conservative	17.9%	36.4%	45.3%	0.4%	314	299	5.7
NDP	2.3%	21.9%	75.3%	0.4%	193	191	7.1
Green	5.3%	28.5%	64.1%	2.1%	94	93	10.2
Bloc Québécois	7.6%	39.6%	52.8%	0.0%	60	63	12.4
People's Party	48.3%	26.6%	22.4%	2.8%	36	29	18.2

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	Iran, through firing the missile that brought down the plane	The United States, through instigating hostilities with the killing of Qasem Soleimani	Both equally	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
					Weighted	Un-weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>REGION</b>							
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50-64	43.8%	20.3%	31.9%	4.0%	324	350	5.2
65+	41.8%	22.8%	31.0%	4.4%	243	290	5.8
<b>EDUCATION</b>							
High school or less	48.2%	17.5%	27.8%	6.6%	347	244	6.3
College or CEGEP	48.9%	16.2%	29.2%	5.7%	440	403	4.9
University or higher	40.1%	21.3%	32.4%	6.2%	397	537	4.2
<b>VOTE INTENTION</b>							
Liberal	32.4%	25.6%	36.8%	5.3%	361	388	5.0
Conservative	76.3%	6.6%	12.7%	4.4%	314	299	5.7
NDP	21.7%	31.8%	39.2%	7.4%	193	191	7.1
Green	31.9%	21.3%	41.0%	5.7%	94	93	10.2
Bloc Québécois	45.3%	5.3%	38.1%	11.3%	60	63	12.4
People's Party	81.6%	9.4%	6.2%	2.8%	36	29	18.2

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### **Preferred Response from Canada**

*Q. How would you like to see the Canadian government respond to this incident?*

*1 - Canada should focus on pursuing an apology and compensation for the victims' families*

*2 - Canada, alongside the United States, should respond with punitive measures against Iran in the form of more severe economic sanctions*

*3 - Canada, alongside the United States, should respond with punitive measures against Iran in the form of military action*

*4 - Canada should focus on de-escalating the situation with Iran*

*5 - Canada should take a "wait and see" approach*

	Apology/ Compensation	Economic sanctions	Military action	De- escalation	Wait and see	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
							Weighted	Un- weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>REGION</b>									
British Columbia	33.7%	16.4%	1.8%	35.7%	10.2%	2.3%	158	158	7.8
Alberta	26.4%	23.5%	4.8%	32.0%	9.9%	3.5%	132	115	9.1
Saskatchewan*	30.8%	25.9%	4.5%	17.8%	12.0%	9.0%	37	43	14.9
Manitoba*	40.0%	6.9%	3.2%	41.3%	4.3%	4.2%	42	34	16.8
Ontario	36.4%	14.2%	3.1%	34.3%	8.2%	3.8%	465	471	4.5
Quebec	34.6%	16.0%	2.8%	33.6%	7.9%	5.2%	274	268	6.0
Atlantic Canada*	39.8%	6.0%	3.3%	34.2%	11.0%	5.8%	83	101	9.8
<b>GENDER</b>									
Male	36.6%	19.4%	5.5%	27.4%	9.1%	2.0%	565	571	4.1
Female	33.2%	12.0%	1.0%	39.2%	8.4%	6.3%	614	608	4.0
<b>AGE</b>									
<35	34.7%	13.5%	2.0%	38.2%	7.9%	3.6%	317	248	6.2
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Bloc Québécois	43.9%	15.3%	3.8%	27.0%	5.8%	4.2%	60	63	12.4
People's Party	40.0%	32.9%	4.9%	9.5%	9.9%	2.8%	36	29	18.2

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### **Support for Re-Opening Embassy in Iran**

*Q. As you may know, Canada closed its embassy in Tehran, Iran in 2012. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Canada should re-open an embassy in Iran?*

	Disagree (1-3)	Neither (4)	Agree (5-7)	Skip	Sample Size		Margin of Error (+/-)
					Weighted	Un-weighted	
<b>NATIONALLY</b>	<b>35.7%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>REGION</b>							
British Columbia	29.3%	23.5%	39.6%	7.7%	158	158	7.8
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<b>VOTE INTENTION</b>							
Liberal	23.0%	24.5%	46.7%	5.8%	361	388	5.0
Conservative	58.2%	16.9%	20.3%	4.6%	314	299	5.7
NDP	22.2%	18.4%	48.4%	11.0%	193	191	7.1
Green	20.2%	19.2%	44.2%	16.5%	94	93	10.2
Bloc Québécois	37.6%	14.2%	32.6%	15.6%	60	63	12.4
People's Party	63.1%	24.3%	9.8%	2.8%	36	29	18.2

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## Methodology:

This survey was conducted using EKOS' unique, hybrid online/telephone research panel, Probit. Our panel offers exhaustive coverage of the Canadian population (i.e., Internet, phone, cell phone), random recruitment (in other words, participants are recruited randomly, they do not opt themselves into our panel), and equal probability sampling. All respondents to our panel are recruited by telephone using random digit dialling and are confirmed by live interviewers. Unlike opt-in online panels, Probit supports margin of error estimates. We believe this to be the only probability-based online panel in Canada

While panellists are randomly recruited, this survey was conducted online only, meaning that it excludes the roughly one in six Canadians who either can not or will not respond to surveys online. Results should therefore be considered representative of Canada's online population. The field dates for this survey are January 10-14, 2020. In total, a random sample of 1,196 Canadian adults aged 18 and over responded to the survey. The margin of error associated with the total sample is +/- 2.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Please note that the margin of error increases when the results are sub-divided (i.e., error margins for sub-groups such as region, sex, age, education). All the data have been statistically weighted by age, gender, and region to ensure the sample's composition reflects that of the actual population of Canada according to Census data.