



## **MONARCHY**

# **OVER HALF THINK CANADA SHOULD BREAK TIES WITH THE QUEEN**

**53% think Canada should end its  
formal ties to the British monarchy**

**55% support ending ties to the monarchy  
if Prince Charles becomes king**

**35% want Prince William to be the next king;  
29% want no monarch after Queen Elizabeth**

*From September 20 to 22, 2007, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among a randomly selected, representative sample of 1,032 adult Canadians. The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 3.1 %, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.*

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[VANCOUVER – Oct. 1, 2007] – Over half of Canadians do not want the country to retain formal ties to the British monarchy, and about the same number are opposed if Prince Charles becomes king, a new Angus Reid Strategies poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 53 per cent of respondents think Canada should end its formal ties to the British monarchy.

As well, in the event that Prince Charles becomes king of the United Kingdom and Canada, 55 per cent say they support cutting ties to the monarchy. That result is in line with a similar poll from Australia this February, which showed more than half of Australians (51%) would end their ties with Britain if Prince Charles becomes king.

And just 20 per cent of Canadians say they want Prince Charles to be king after Queen Elizabeth II, while 35 per cent favour Prince William as the Queen's successor. Twenty-nine per cent say they want no monarch after the Queen.

The result is in sharp contrast to numbers from across the Atlantic—British polling from August 2007 shows that over half of Britons (53%) want Prince William to succeed the Queen as King.

Quebec is by far the most in favour of cutting ties. Three-in-four Quebec respondents (74%) do not want Canada to be linked to the British monarchy, 71 per cent say the same even if Prince Charles becomes king, and over half (51%) say they want no monarch after the Queen. Manitoba and Saskatchewan also strongly favour ending the relationship with the monarchy—61 per cent want Canada to cut ties, and 36 per cent want no successor to the queen.

However, over half of British Columbians (53%) oppose ending Canada's ties to the monarchy, and 41 per cent say the same when presented with Prince Charles as king. Alberta and Ontario are slightly more conflicted, with roughly 40% saying they would cut ties, and the same number saying they would not – however, when Prince Charles is suggested as king, more than half from each province say they do not want ties with the British monarchy.

And in all provinces except Quebec and Manitoba, Prince William is the most popular choice to be the next king. Ontario (43%) is especially enthusiastic about the young prince ascending the throne.

More men (60%) than women (45%) are in favour of dropping Canada's link to the British monarchy, and the same is true when Prince Charles is presented as the next king. Men also slightly favour having no successor to the queen (35%), while a large number of women (43%) want Prince William to be king next.

Canadians 55 and older, those earning less than \$50,000 a year, and the university educated are more likely to want to cut Canada's formal ties with the British monarchy.

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The university educated are split between choosing Prince Charles, Prince William, and no one as the Queen's successor, but all other age groups, incomes, and education levels show roughly one-third favouring Prince William and one-fifth favouring Prince Charles.

By political affiliation, over half of the supporters of the Conservative, Liberal, and NDP parties say they would abolish Canada's formal relationship with the British monarchy. A third or more from each party also supports Prince William as the next king.

However, Bloc Quebecois voters show particularly strong opposition to ties to the monarchy, and highly prefer no successor to the Queen.

## 55% support Canada cutting its formal ties with the British monarchy

*Q. Next, we'd like to ask you some questions about the monarchy. Under the terms of the Canadian Constitution, Queen Elizabeth II holds the position of Canada's head of state. Would you support or oppose Canada ending its formal ties to the British monarchy?*

	Region							Gender	
	Total	BC	AB	MB/SK	ONT	PQ	ATL	Male	Female
Strongly support	31%	14%	23%	37%	21%	59%	31%	40%	23%
Moderately support	21%	18%	23%	24%	25%	16%	25%	21%	22%
Moderately oppose	17%	18%	21%	22%	22%	7%	11%	14%	20%
Strongly oppose	18%	35%	20%	8%	22%	6%	21%	18%	18%
Not sure	12%	14%	14%	10%	11%	13%	12%	7%	17%
Net-Support	53%	32%	46%	61%	45%	74%	56%	60%	45%
Net-Oppose	35%	53%	40%	30%	44%	13%	32%	33%	38%

	Age				Household Income			Education		
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50-99K	\$100K+	HS or less	College/tech schl	Univ+
Strongly support	31%	24%	35%	33%	35%	30%	29%	27%	30%	40%
Moderately support	21%	21%	22%	21%	20%	23%	18%	22%	22%	19%
Moderately oppose	17%	20%	15%	17%	13%	20%	24%	14%	18%	21%
Strongly oppose	18%	16%	15%	26%	15%	18%	25%	18%	21%	15%
Not sure	12%	19%	13%	2%	17%	9%	4%	19%	10%	5%
Net-Support	53%	45%	57%	54%	55%	53%	47%	49%	52%	58%
Net-Oppose	35%	36%	30%	43%	28%	38%	49%	32%	38%	36%

	Vote in next federal election				
	Total	Con	Lib	NDP	BQ
Strongly support	31%	36%	26%	32%	68%
Moderately support	21%	22%	25%	21%	10%
Moderately oppose	17%	16%	22%	13%	2%
Strongly oppose	18%	22%	19%	26%	7%
Not sure	12%	3%	7%	8%	13%
Net-Support	53%	58%	52%	53%	78%
Net-Oppose	35%	39%	41%	40%	9%

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## If Prince Charles becomes king, 55% support Canada cutting its ties with the British monarchy

*Q. In the future, Prince Charles may become King of the United Kingdom and Canada. If Prince Charles does become King, would you then support or oppose Canada ending its formal ties to the British monarchy?*

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	Total	BC	AB	MB/SK	ONT	PQ	ATL	Male	Female
Strongly support	36%	23%	32%	40%	27%	59%	32%	43%	29%
Moderately support	19%	18%	19%	21%	24%	11%	19%	17%	22%
Moderately oppose	17%	17%	24%	18%	20%	8%	20%	16%	18%
Strongly oppose	14%	24%	12%	7%	18%	7%	15%	15%	14%
Not sure	13%	18%	13%	14%	11%	14%	15%	9%	17%
Net-Support	55%	42%	50%	61%	51%	71%	51%	60%	51%
Net-Oppose	31%	41%	37%	25%	38%	15%	34%	31%	32%

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Strongly support	36%	27%	41%	39%	38%	36%	32%	31%	38%	42%
Moderately support	19%	19%	19%	21%	19%	22%	13%	17%	20%	21%
Moderately oppose	17%	21%	13%	18%	12%	20%	25%	15%	17%	20%
Strongly oppose	14%	13%	13%	18%	13%	12%	24%	14%	16%	13%
Not sure	13%	20%	14%	3%	19%	10%	6%	23%	9%	5%
Net-Support	55%	45%	60%	60%	56%	58%	45%	48%	58%	63%
Net-Oppose	31%	34%	26%	37%	25%	32%	49%	29%	33%	33%

	Vote in next federal election				
	Total	Con	Lib	NDP	BQ
Strongly support	36%	38%	33%	40%	70%
Moderately support	19%	18%	26%	17%	8%
Moderately oppose	17%	20%	18%	13%	2%
Strongly oppose	14%	18%	14%	20%	8%
Not sure	13%	5%	9%	9%	12%
Net-Support	55%	57%	59%	57%	78%
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*Q. Thinking about the future King of the United Kingdom and Canada, which of these options would you prefer?*

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Prince Charles should become King after Queen Elizabeth II	20%	30%	16%	29%	16%	14%	35%	24%	16%
Prince William should become King after Queen Elizabeth II	35%	36%	38%	20%	43%	25%	30%	27%	43%
Neither, there should be no monarch after Queen Elizabeth II	29%	11%	22%	36%	23%	51%	24%	35%	23%
Not sure	16%	23%	23%	15%	17%	10%	11%	14%	18%

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Prince William should become King after Queen Elizabeth II	35%	30%	36%	38%	30%	39%	36%	36%	30%	36%
Neither, there should be no monarch after Queen Elizabeth II	29%	28%	29%	31%	32%	30%	20%	26%	28%	29%
Not sure	16%	22%	16%	8%	21%	14%	12%	22%	22%	16%

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