

Fair Vote Canada - Online Survey

Survey dates: November 28 – December 5, 2009

Eligible respondents: 12,000 (estimate)

Responses received: 2,010

Democracy Day in Canada

If Fair Vote Canada organized a Democracy Day in Canada in which thousands of supporters each volunteered to hand out 100 flyers to their friends, neighbours and colleagues, would you volunteer?

Yes – 63% (1249) (*willing to download and print own flyers - 1257*)

Not sure – 25% (504)

No – 12% (243)

Willing to recruit (1 to 4+) other volunteers?

Yes – 49% (977) (*tally surpassed 1600 additional volunteers*)

Not sure – 28% (557)

No – 23% (460)

Lobbying MPs

If Fair Vote Canada organized a nationwide lobby campaign in which we try to have volunteers meet with all MPs in their constituency offices during a certain two or three week period, would you be willing to do one of the following:

Make an appointment to meet with my MP on my own: 19% (363)

Join two or three other volunteers to meet with my MP: 50% (969)

Not interested or unable to help with this activity: 31% (597)

Would you be willing to meet with MPs in their Parliamentary offices in Ottawa?

Yes – 3% (46)

Probably – 10% (189)

Not sure – 20% (396)

No – 65% (1278)

British Columbia referendum campaign May 12, 2009

Can you help with the BC campaign?

Willing to go to BC at own expense to help in the final week or weeks – 3% (46)

Yes, if free billeting is arranged – 2% (38)

Possibly – 12% (191)

Not possible – 83% (1314)

Yes, if bus caravan is organized and costs \$500 or less – 4% (59)

Yes, if bus caravan is organized and costs \$300 or less – 10% (164)

Not sure – 17% (291)

No – 69% (1161)

Double-Up for Democracy Week

Fair Vote Canada is funded by its grassroots supporters. Currently, FVC has only one staff and limited funds. If Fair Vote Canada organized a Double-Up for Democracy Week, with a goal of doubling our membership and significantly increasing our funding base, would you do one of the following:

I am not a member and would join for \$10 or more – 39% (746)

I am not a member and would join and begin a \$5 monthly donation – 7% (126)

I am already a member and would begin a \$5 monthly donation – 9% (164)

I am already a member and would increase my monthly donation by \$5/month – 3% (57)

I would commit to recruiting one new member – 26% (489)

None of the above – 27% (518)

Voters' Strike

It is often suggested that Fair Vote Canada organize a Voters' Strike during a federal election to send a jolting message to the government that we will no longer tolerate an unfair voting system. People would be asked either to boycott the polls or possibly deliver a written statement to a polling officer explaining the reason for not voting. If a Voters' Strike was called, what would you do?

I would definitely participate 10% (188)

I would consider participation but need more information – 33% (637)

I would probably not participate – 19% (365)

I would definitely not participate – 39% (770)

Civil Disobedience

Sometimes mass social movements have been galvanized by a single act of civil disobedience – perhaps the most famous being Rosa Parks refusing to go to the back of the bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in the 1950s, which sparked the American civil rights movement. Would a similar peaceful, symbolic act in Ottawa be helpful to the fair voting movement – perhaps 5 or 10 of the seven million unrepresented voters (different ages, backgrounds,) politely but firmly demanding entrance to the House of Commons and refusing to leave until arrested?

Yes, it would put a human face on the problem and dramatize its significance – 38% (727)

Not sure, because it may get no attention – 27% (521)

No, it would either be ineffective or poorly received – 34% (655)

Taking Individual Action

Willing to join the letters-to-the-editor volunteer network – 485

Willing to join blog and online forum responder network – 301

Will invite friends to join Fair Vote Canada Facebook group – 597

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