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**Climate Action Network Canada** 

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#### Methodology



#### **Method**

Online survey of n=1,531
Canadian respondents 18
years of age or older,
with quotas in place to
generate a demographically
representative sample that
aligns with Statistics Canada
estimates.



#### When

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



#### Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of n=1,531 yields a margin of error no greater than ±2.5% (19 times out of 20) for the total Canadian sample.



#### Weighting

Results were weighted according to age, gender, region, education and mother tongue in order to ensure a representative sample of the Canadian population.



## Methodology (continued)



#### **Significant differences**

Data in green indicate a significantly higher proportion than data in red within the same subgroup. Conversely, data in red indicate a significantly lower proportion than data in green within the same subgroup.



#### **Rounded data**

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.



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# Detailed Results



## Perspectives on 'Pay to Pollute' Legislation

Canadians are likely to agree that the Government of Canada should stop letting companies delay pollution reduction policies and actions (70%), move quickly to put in place emissions policies on oil and gas (66%), and speed up its regulation of oil and gas industry pollution (65%). Only three-in-ten (30%) Canadians agree that the proposed 'pay to pollute' option is a fair alternative to implementing emission reduction plans.

The Government of Canada should stop letting companies delay pollution reduction policies and actions

The Government of Canada should move quickly to put in place an oil and gas emissions policy to reduce pollution

The Government of Canada should speed up its regulation of oil and gas industry pollution

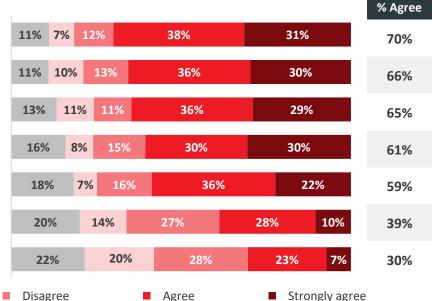
The Government of Canada should not allow companies to "pay to pollute"

The proposed option for the oil and gas companies to "pay to pollute" shows the government is not taking this issue seriously

The Government of Canada is serious about regulating and limiting pollution from oil and gas companies

The proposed option of allowing oil and gas companies to purchase pollution credits is a fair alternative to implementing plans to reduce pollution

Strongly disagree





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■ I don't know

## Perspectives on 'Pay to Pollute' Legislation (Demographics)

Quebec residents are more likely to agree with statements that indicate the Government of Canada should speed up its regulation of oil and gas emissions than other provinces. Albertans are most likely to agree that allowing oil and gas companies to 'pay to pollute' is a fair alternative.

| CANADA  | Total | Age   |       | Gender |     | Province |     |     |       |             |             |     |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| % Agree   |       | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+    | Man | Woman    | вс  | АВ  | MB/SK | ON          | QC          | ATL |
| Unweighted n=   | 1,531 | 371   | 529   | 631    | 780 | 751      | 159 | 129 | 128   | 603         | 412         | 100 |
| The Government of Canada should stop letting companies delay pollution reduction policies and actions   | 70%   | 66%   | 70%   | 72%    | 69% | 71%      | 70% | 55% | 66%   | <b>72</b> % | 76%         | 64% |
| The Government of Canada should move quickly to put in place an oil and gas emissions policy to reduce pollution                                    | 66%   | 62%   | 64%   | 69%    | 65% | 66%      | 66% | 43% | 54%   | 67%         | 78%         | 62% |
| The Government of Canada should speed up its regulation of oil and gas industry pollution   | 65%   | 64%   | 65%   | 64%    | 62% | 67%      | 60% | 41% | 59%   | 68%         | <b>75</b> % | 62% |
| The Government of Canada should not allow companies to "pay to pollute"   | 61%   | 56%   | 58%   | 65%    | 59% | 62%      | 61% | 40% | 53%   | 63%         | 67%         | 60% |
| The proposed option for the oil and gas companies to "pay to pollute" shows the government is not taking this issue seriously                       | 59%   | 58%   | 58%   | 60%    | 59% | 58%      | 55% | 42% | 43%   | 64%         | 64%         | 62% |
| The Government of Canada is serious about regulating and limiting pollution from oil and gas companies  | 39%   | 40%   | 35%   | 41%    | 42% | 36%      | 42% | 41% | 33%   | 38%         | 39%         | 33% |
| The proposed option of allowing oil and gas companies to purchase pollution credits is a fair alternative to implementing plans to reduce pollution | 30%   | 38%   | 30%   | 26%    | 37% | 24%      | 36% | 45% | 32%   | 28%         | 25%         | 24% |





## Perspectives on 'Pay to Pollute' Legislation (Voting Intention)

Liberal, NDP, Green and Bloc voters are more likely to agree with statements that indicate the Government of Canada should speed up its regulation of oil and gas emissions, and that companies should not be allowed to 'pay to pollute', relative to Conservative voters. Liberal voters are most likely to agree that the Government is serious about regulating and limiting oil and gas pollution.

|   |       | Federal Voting Intention |     |                   |              |           |                                |  |
|---|-------|--------------------------|-----|-------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| CANADA<br>% Agree   | Total | Liberal                  | NDP | Bloc<br>Québécois | Conservative | Green     | People's<br>Party of<br>Canada |  |
| Unweighted n=   | 1,531 | 318                      | 244 | 112               | 490          | <i>57</i> | 22*                            |  |
| The Government of Canada should stop letting companies delay pollution reduction policies and actions   | 70%   | 86%                      | 86% | 94%               | 56%          | 82%       | 45%                            |  |
| The Government of Canada should move quickly to put in place an oil and gas emissions policy to reduce pollution                                    | 66%   | 84%                      | 87% | 91%               | 47%          | 82%       | 36%                            |  |
| The Government of Canada should speed up its regulation of oil and gas industry pollution   | 65%   | 81%                      | 84% | 90%               | 47%          | 80%       | 49%                            |  |
| The Government of Canada should not allow companies to "pay to pollute"   | 61%   | 68%                      | 74% | 69%               | <b>52%</b>   | 72%       | 55%                            |  |
| The proposed option for the oil and gas companies to "pay to pollute" shows the government is not taking this issue seriously                       | 59%   | 56%                      | 75% | 74%               | 55%          | 74%       | 53%                            |  |
| The Government of Canada is serious about regulating and limiting pollution from oil and gas companies  | 39%   | 59%                      | 34% | 32%               | 34%          | 36%       | 49%                            |  |
| The proposed option of allowing oil and gas companies to purchase pollution credits is a fair alternative to implementing plans to reduce pollution | 30%   | 35%                      | 26% | 25%               | 33%          | 32%       | 56%                            |  |

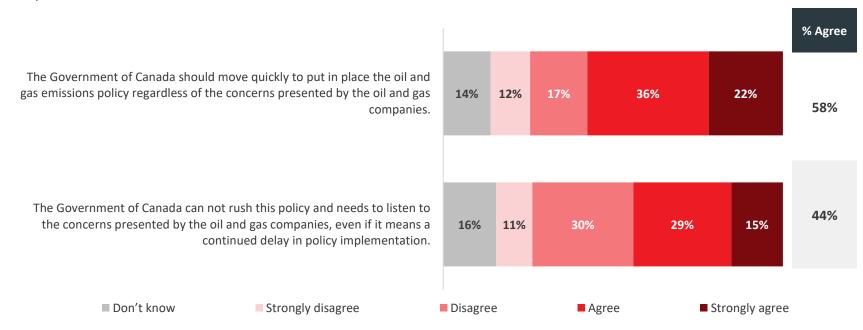
% significantly higher than %



Q1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

## **Implementing Oil and Gas Emissions Policy**

Nearly three-in-five (58%) Canadians believe the Government of Canada should move quickly to implement oil and gas emissions policies, while over two-in-five (44%) believe the Government should not rush the policies and listen to the concerns presented by oil and gas companies.





**Q2.** How much do you agree or disagree that...

## Implementing Oil and Gas Emissions Policy (Demographics)

Quebec residents are more likely to believe that the Government of Canada should move quickly to implement oil and gas emissions policies relative to the other provinces.

| CANADA   |       | Age   |       | Gender |     | Province |     |     |       |     |             |     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----|----------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------------|-----|
| % Agree  | Total | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+    | Man | Woman    | вс  | АВ  | MB/SK | ON  | QC          | ATL |
| Unweighted n=  | 1,531 | 371   | 529   | 631    | 780 | 751      | 159 | 129 | 128   | 603 | 412         | 100 |
| The Government of Canada should move quickly to put in place the oil and gas emissions policy regardless of the concerns presented by the oil and gas companies.                           | 58%   | 58%   | 58%   | 57%    | 59% | 57%      | 58% | 37% | 45%   | 56% | <b>7</b> 5% | 50% |
| The Government of Canada can not rush this policy and needs to listen to the concerns presented by the oil and gas companies, even if it means a continued delay in policy implementation. | 44%   | 45%   | 41%   | 45%    | 49% | 39%      | 48% | 60% | 51%   | 47% | 25%         | 47% |

% significantly higher than %



## Implementing Oil and Gas Emissions Policy (Voting Intention)

Conservative voters are more likely to agree that the Government of Canada should not rush emissions policies and listen to the concerns of oil and gas companies relative to other parties.

|  |       | Federal Voting Intention |     |                   |              |             |                                |  |
|--|-------|--------------------------|-----|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--|
| CANADA<br>% Agree  | Total | Liberal                  | NDP | Bloc<br>Québécois | Conservative | Green       | People's<br>Party of<br>Canada |  |
| Unweighted n=  | 1,531 | 318                      | 244 | 112               | 490          | 57          | 22*                            |  |
| The Government of Canada should move quickly to put in place the oil and gas emissions policy regardless of the concerns presented by the oil and gas companies.                           | 58%   | 78%                      | 68% | 90%               | 38%          | <b>77</b> % | 48%                            |  |
| The Government of Canada can not rush this policy and needs to listen to the concerns presented by the oil and gas companies, even if it means a continued delay in policy implementation. | 44%   | 37%                      | 34% | 9%                | 64%          | 25%         | 44%                            |  |

% significantly higher than %



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## Detailed Methodology





## **Unweighted Sample**

The table below presents the Canadian profile of respondents before and after weighting.

| •                     |                                 | `                             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | Canada<br>Unweighted<br>n=1,531 | Canada<br>Weighted<br>n=1,531 |
| Gender                |                                 |                               |
| Male                  | 780                             | 745                           |
| Female                | 751                             | 787                           |
| Age                   |                                 |                               |
| 18-34                 | 371                             | 407                           |
| 35-54                 | 529                             | 492                           |
| 55+                   | 631                             | 632                           |
| Province              |                                 |                               |
| British Columbia      | 159                             | 213                           |
| Alberta               | 129                             | 169                           |
| Manitoba/Saskatchewan | 128                             | 96                            |
| Ontario               | 603                             | 595                           |
| Quebec                | 412                             | 355                           |
| Atlantic Canada       | 100                             | 103                           |
| Mother Tongue         |                                 |                               |
| French                | 376                             | 303                           |
| English               | 966                             | 1,041                         |
| Other                 | 186                             | 182                           |
| Education             |                                 |                               |
| High School or Less   | 305                             | 408                           |
| College               | 473                             | 639                           |
| University            | 746                             | 474                           |



#### **Full Questions**

- 1. Oil and gas companies currently account for 25% of all of Canada's emissions, making them the single largest contributor to carbon pollution in the country. There are currently no policies in place to regulate oil and gas emissions to aid in bringing these emissions down, while other industries such as transportation and construction have taken action and have reduced their emissions. As you may be aware, the Government of Canada is putting forward a number of climate policies in response to the steady increase of oil and gas company emissions. In its proposal, the Government of Canada is proposing to allow oil and gas companies to offset their emissions by purchasing pollution credits, which some have described as "pay to pollute" rather than implementing actions to reduce their pollution. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements
- 2. Oil and gas companies currently account for 25% of all of Canada's emissions, making them the single largest contributor to carbon pollution in the country. There are currently no policies in place to regulate oil and gas emissions to aid in bringing emissions down. The Government of Canada has been working to implement a number of policies including reducing emissions from oil and gas companies, however, the proposed policy has been delayed three times due to disagreements regarding the details of the policy between the government and oil and gas companies. How much do you agree or disagree that:

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