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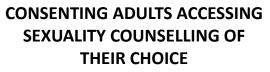




Key Findings

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Nine in ten Canadians agree (78%) or somewhat agree (13%) that consenting adults should be free to get the sexuality counselling of their choice, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and this is consistent across regions, age and gender.

VIEWS ON LEGALITY OF SEXUALITY COUNSELLING FOR MINORS

Canadians are divided overall on whether counselling in various scenarios related to gender identity, sexuality and sexual behaviour for minors should be legal or illegal, with about one third of Canadians consistently saying they are unsure.

PROVIDING COUNSELLING TO GAY INDIVIDUALS TO REDUCE UNWANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

Canadians are more likely to say they are uncomfortable (33%) or somewhat uncomfortable (14%) with the government making it illegal to provide counselling for gay individuals to reduce unwanted sexual behaviour while continuing to allow straight people to access those same services (25% comfortable; nine per cent somewhat comfortable).



COUNSELLING FOR MINORS WHO WISH TO CHANGE THEIR BODIES

About seven in ten Canadians agree or somewhat agree there should be strict requirements for healthcare professionals to assess whether it's in a young person's best interests to irreversibly alter their body if it doesn't match their gender identity and that counselling services with a 'wait and see' approach should be available to minors thinking about changing their bodies through drug treatments.





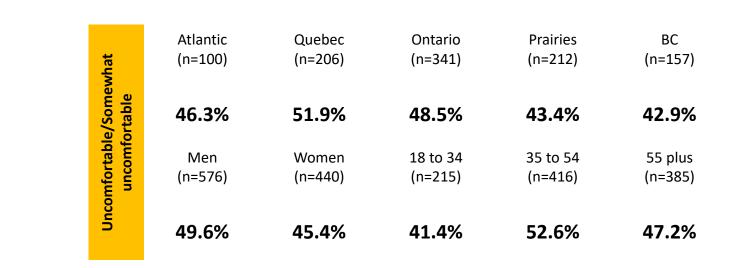
Government making it illegal to provide counselling to gay individuals to reduce unwanted sexual behavior

Net Score

-12.8

18%

Are you comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or uncomfortable with the government making it illegal to provide counselling to gay individuals to reduce unwanted sexual behaviour but at the same time allow "straight" individuals to get the exact same counselling to reduce unwanted sexual behaviour?



■ Unsure *Weighted to the true population proportion.

Somewhat uncomfortable

33%

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Comfortable

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, February 28th to March 4th, 2021, n=1,016, accurate ±3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Somewhat comfortable

25%

14%

Uncomfortable

9%





Views on legality of counselling for minors concerning gender and sexual behaviors



Unsure

Should counselling for the following be legal or illegal? [RANDOMIZE]

A child's parents discourage the exploration of gender possibilities and encourage her to be comfortable with her birth gender.

Parents discouraging their 15-year-old son from engaging in heterosexual activity.

Parents discouraging their 15-year-old son from engaging in homosexual activity.

A child's parents send a 9-year-old girl exploring gender possibilities to counselling to encourage her to accept her birth gender.

A counsellor encourages a 17-year-old male patient to stop looking at heterosexual pornography.

A counsellor encourages a 17-year-old male patient to stop looking at homosexual pornography.

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of	41%	2	7%	32%	6	+14.5
n	39%	2	9%	32%	6	+10.1
n	38%	3	3%	299	%	+5.7
er	38%	3	2%	309	%	+5.7
it	38%	3	0%	32%	6	+8.0
it	36%	33	3%	32%	6	+3.0
0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	1

Net Score



Overall Canadians are divided over whether counselling for minors concerning gender and various sexual behaviors should be legal or illegal, with Canadians generally more likely to favour legality and with about one third consistently saying they are unsure.

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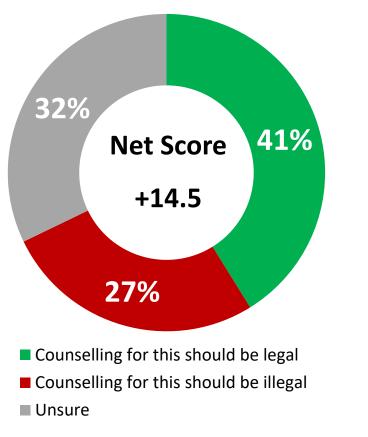
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Legality of counselling a child to discourage exploration of other genders and accept her birth gender

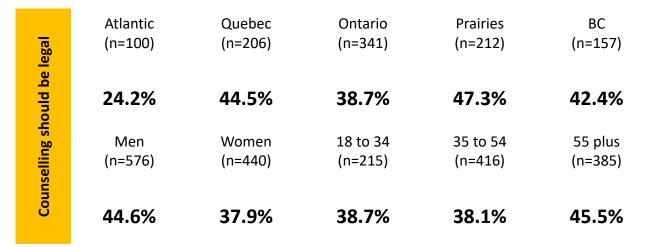


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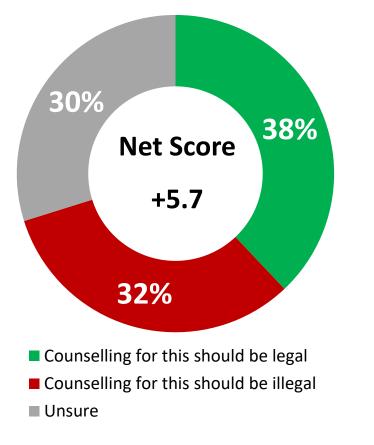
A child's parents discourage the exploration of gender possibilities and encourage her to be comfortable with her birth gender.







Legality of parents sending 9-year-old girl to counselling to encourage acceptance of birth gender



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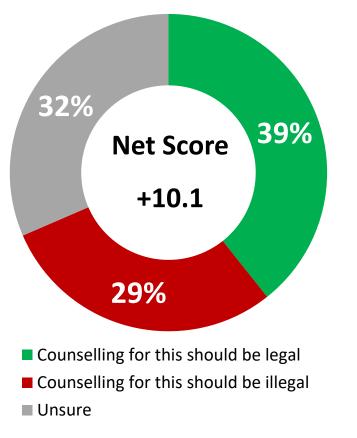
legal	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
	(n=100)	(n=206)	(n=341)	(n=212)	(n=157)
should be	27.2%	42.5%	37.8%	38.7%	34.8%
Counselling sh	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
	(n=576)	(n=440)	(n=215)	(n=416)	(n=385)
Cour	42.6%	33.5%	37.5%	35.1%	40.8%

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Legality of counselling to discourage a 15year-old boy from engaging in heterosexual activity

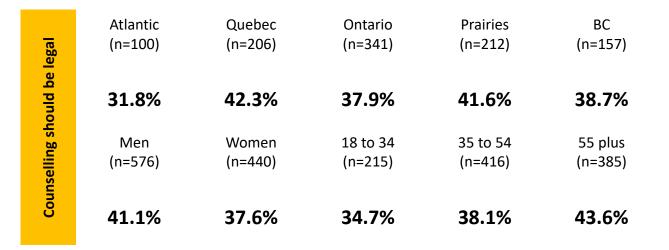


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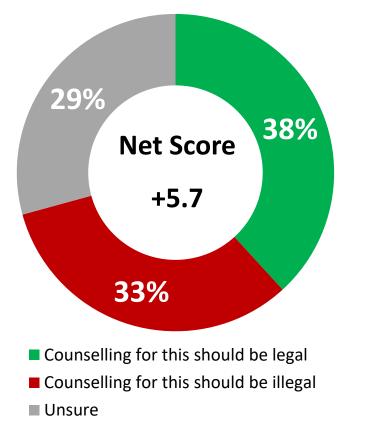
Parents discouraging their 15-year-old son from engaging in <u>heterosexual</u> activity.







Legality of counselling to discourage a 15year-old boy from engaging in homosexual activity

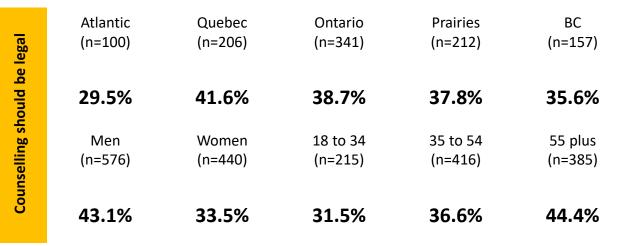


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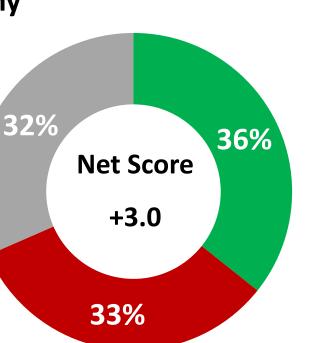
Parents discouraging their 15-year-old son from engaging in <u>homosexual</u> activity.







Legality of counselling to discourage a 17year-old boy from looking at homosexual pornography



Counselling for this should be legal

- Counselling for this should be illegal
- Unsure

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Should counselling for the following be legal or illegal? [RANDOMIZE]

A counsellor encourages a 17-year-old male patient to stop looking at <u>homosexual</u> pornography.

be legal	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
	(n=100)	(n=206)	(n=341)	(n=212)	(n=157)
ould be	34.2%	42.2%	33.7%	33.9%	33.4%
Counselling should	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
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Coun	37.3%	34.2%	29.3%	35.8%	40.2%





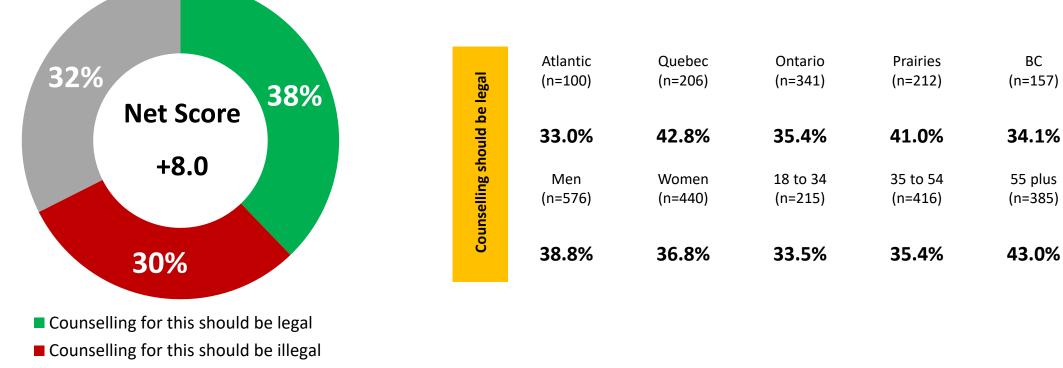
Legality of counselling to discourage a 17year-old boy from looking at heterosexual pornography



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Unsure





Gender identify and sexual orientation counselling

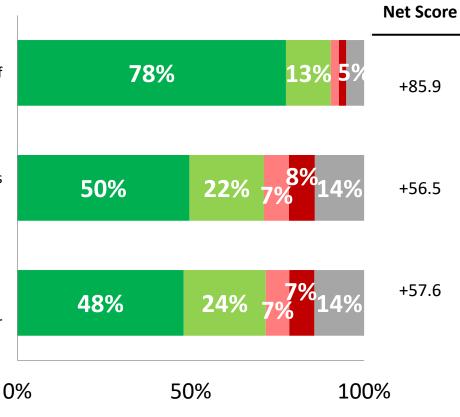


Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following: [RANDOMIZE Q8 TO Q10]

Consenting adults should be free to get the sexuality counseling of their choice regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

There should be strict requirements for healthcare professionals to assess that it is in a young person's best interests to irreversibly alter their body if it does not match their gender identity.

Counselling services which take a wait and see approach should be available for minors who are thinking about changing their bodies through the use of drug treatments, such as puberty blockers or opposite-sex hormones.



Agree Somewhat agree Somewhat disagree Disagree Unsure

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A strong majority of Canadians agree that consenting adults should be able to get the sexuality counselling of their choosing. A majority also agree or somewhat agree there should be strict requirements for healthcare professionals to assess if it's in a young person's best interests to irreversibly alter their body if it doesn't match their gender identity and that counselling services with a 'wait and see' approach should be available to minors thinking about changing their bodies through drug treatments.



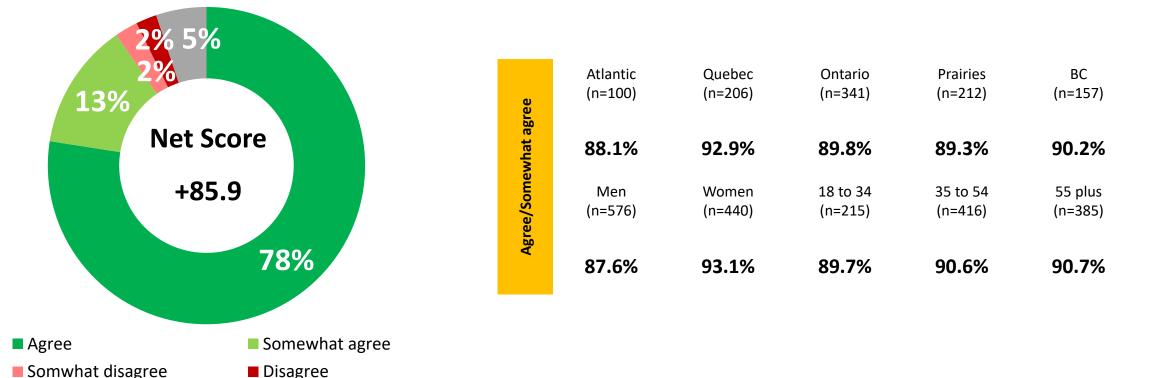


Consenting adults being able to receive the sexuality counselling of their choice



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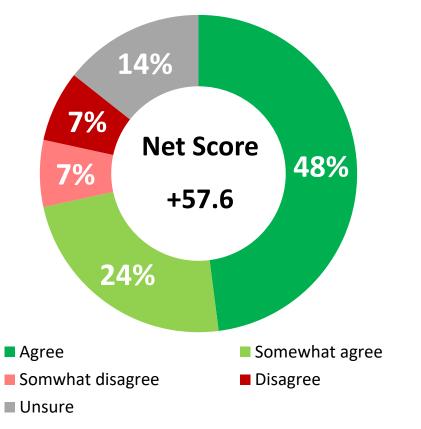
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Unsure





Counselling services which take a wait and see approach should be available for minors who are thinking about changing their bodies with drug treatments



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agree	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	BC
	(n=100)	(n=206)	(n=341)	(n=212)	(n=157)
	66.9%	63.5%	75.4%	75.1%	72.4%
Agree/somewnar	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
	(n=576)	(n=440)	(n=215)	(n=416)	(n=385)
Ag	69.8%	73.3%	70.7%	71.6%	72.3%

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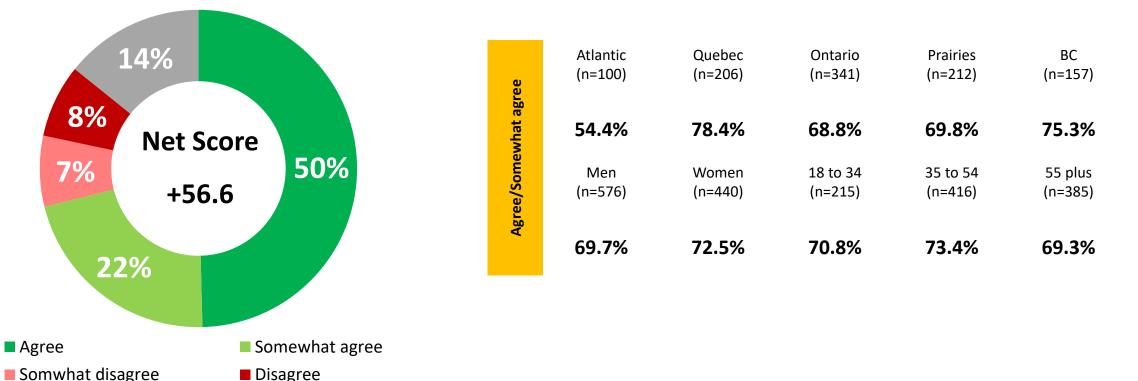
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Support for strict requirements for healthcare professionals to assess that it is in a young person's best interests to irreversibly alter their body



Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following: [RANDOMIZE Q8 TO Q10]

There should be strict requirements for healthcare professionals to assess that it is in a young person's best interests to irreversibly alter their body if it does not match their gender identity.



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Unsure





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TEST IDEAS

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and celllines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,016 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between February 28th to March 4th, 2021 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

Individuals were randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,016 Canadians is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by Free to Care and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms	- Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all
Population and Final Sample Size	1,016 Randomly selected individuals.		regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Source of Sample	Nanos Panel	Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to
Type of Sample	Probability		administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Margin of Error	\pm 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey		
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Estimated Response Rate	Fourteen percent, consistent with industry norms.
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.	Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, views on real estate, COVID-19 vaccinations,
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Question content	China, and trust in federal political parties.
Field Dates	February 28 th to March 4 th , 2021.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. <u>https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</u>	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. <u>http://www.nanos.co</u> Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.



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Our next few questions have to do with conversion therapy. This involves practices, treatment or services designed to change an individual's sexual orientation.

			Region							nder		Age		
			Canada 2021-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus	
Question - Are you comfortable, somewhat	Total	Unwgt N	1016	100	206	341	212	157	576	440	215	416	385	
comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386	
uncomfortable with the government making it illegal	Comfortable	%	25.4	29.0	20.5	25.9	28.6	26.5	24.2	26.6	29.7	22.3	25.2	
to provide counselling to gay individuals to reduce	Somewhat comfortable	%	9.2	3.7	12.3	6.4	10.1	13.6	10.1	8.5	10.4	7.8	9.8	
unwanted sexual behaviour but at the same time allow	Somewhat uncomfortable	%	14.4	15.3	15.8	13.4	14.0	15.1	14.1	14.8	11.7	13.6	17.1	
"straight" individuals to get	Uncomfortable	%	33.0	31.0	36.0	35.1	29.4	27.8	35.5	30.7	29.7	39.0	30.1	
the exact same counselling to reduce unwanted sexual behaviour?	Unsure	%	17.9	21.0	15.3	19.2	17.9	16.9	16.2	19.5	18.5	17.4	17.9	

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			Canada 2021-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - A child's parents discourage the exploration of	Total	Unwgt N	1016	100	206	341	212	157	576	440	215	416	385
gender possibilities and encourage her to be		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
comfortable with her birth gender.	Counselling for this should be legal	%	41.2	24.2	44.5	38.7	47.3	42.4	44.6	37.9	38.7	38.1	45.5
	Counselling for this should be illegal	%	26.7	31.0	31.8	24.7	23.5	25.6	24.7	28.5	32.4	28.1	21.4
	Unsure	%	32.2	44.8	23.7	36.6	29.2	32.0	30.7	33.6	28.9	33.8	33.1

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			Canada 2021-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - A child's parents send a 9-year-old girl	Total	Unwgt N	1016	100	206	341	212	157	576	440	215	416	385
exploring gender possibilities to counselling to encourage		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
her to accept her birth gender.	Counselling for this should be legal	%	37.9	27.2	42.5	37.8	38.7	34.8	42.6	33.5	37.5	35.1	40.8
	Counselling for this should be illegal	%	32.2	35.3	33.1	30.2	32.2	35.2	28.7	35.6	36.8	35.3	26.3
	Unsure	%	29.8	37.4	24.4	32.0	29.2	30.0	28.7	30.9	25.7	29.6	33.0

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Question - Parents discouraging their 15-year-old	Total	Unwgt N	1016	100	206	341	212	157	576	440	215	416	385
son from engaging in heterosexual activity.		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	Counselling for this should be legal	%	39.3	31.8	42.3	37.9	41.6	38.7	41.1	37.6	34.7	38.1	43.6
	Counselling for this should be illegal	%	29.2	28.9	35.8	26.1	25.9	31.0	31.7	26.8	34.9	31.1	23.5
	Unsure	%	31.5	39.3	21.9	35.9	32.5	30.2	27.1	35.7	30.4	30.8	32.9

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	Counselling for this should be illegal	%	32.5	30.6	39.5	28.8	29.0	37.2	30.8	34.2	40.9	33.0	26.2
	Unsure	%	29.3	39.9	18.9	32.5	33.3	27.3	26.1	32.3	27.6	30.4	29.4

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Question - A counsellor encourages a 17-year-old	Total	Unwgt N	1016	100	206	341	212	157	576	440	215	416	385
male patient to stop looking at homosexual pornography.		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	Counselling for this should be legal	%	35.7	34.2	42.2	33.7	33.9	33.4	37.3	34.2	29.3	35.8	40.2
	Counselling for this should be illegal	%	32.7	34.0	39.6	30.1	30.4	31.1	34.6	30.9	39.4	32.2	28.5
	Unsure	%	31.6	31.7	18.2	36.2	35.8	35.5	28.1	34.8	31.3	32.0	31.3

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	Counselling for this should be illegal	%	29.8	29.6	36.0	29.4	25.3	26.1	31.8	27.8	34.4	31.5	24.9
	Unsure	%	32.4	37.4	21.2	35.2	33.7	39.8	29.4	35.4	32.1	33.1	32.1

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	Agree	%	77.5	79.3	78.5	77.5	75.7	76.9	72.8	81.9	76.8	79.1	76.5
	Somewhat agree	%	12.9	8.8	14.4	12.3	13.5	13.3	14.8	11.1	12.9	11.5	14.2
	Somewhat disagree	%	2.4	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.6	3.4	3.5	1.3	4.1	2.1	1.3
	Disagree	%	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.7	4.3	0.5	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.0	2.6
	Unsure	%	5.1	8.2	3.5	6.0	3.8	6.0	6.8	3.5	4.7	5.2	5.4

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Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following? [RANDOMIZE]

			Region							Gender			Age	
			Canada 2021-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus	
Question - Counseling services which take a wait and see approach should be available for minors who are thinking about changing their bodies through the use of drug treatments, such as puberty blockers or opposite- sex hormones.	Total	Unwgt N	1016	100	206	341	212	157	576	440	215	416	385	
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386	
	Agree	%	48.0	44.6	39.7	50.8	52.1	50.1	45.7	50.2	45.3	48.4	49.5	
	Somewhat agree	%	23.6	22.3	23.8	24.5	23.0	22.4	24.1	23.2	25.5	23.1	22.8	
	Somewhat disagree	%	6.8	4.9	10.9	5.7	5.0	6.3	7.2	6.5	8.3	7.4	5.3	
	Disagree	%	7.2	6.6	10.0	6.0	7.3	6.1	7.8	6.6	6.0	7.0	8.3	
	Unsure	%	14.4	21.6	15.5	13.0	12.6	15.2	15.2	13.5	15.0	14.1	14.1	

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			Region							Gender			
			Canada 2021-03	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - There should be strict requirements for healthcare professionals to assess that it is in a young person's best interests to irreversibly alter their body if it does not match their gender identity.	Total	Unwgt N	1016	100	206	341	212	157	576	440	215	416	385
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	Agree	%	49.6	38.0	53.4	47.2	48.4	57.3	51.1	48.2	49.7	55.4	44.4
	Somewhat agree	%	21.5	16.5	25.0	21.6	21.4	18.0	18.6	24.3	21.1	18.0	24.9
	Somewhat disagree	%	7.2	7.2	5.9	7.1	8.3	8.3	9.2	5.4	7.8	7.9	6.2
	Disagree	%	7.5	8.6	4.7	8.2	10.0	6.1	8.2	6.7	8.7	5.7	8.2
	Unsure	%	14.2	29.8	11.0	15.9	11.8	10.3	12.9	15.5	12.7	13.1	16.3

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