

Longevity Poll

Did you have 4 grandparents who lived to 80 years?		
Yes	93 Votes	17.9 %
No	374 Votes	71.9 %
DON'T KNOW	53 Votes	10.2 %
Total	520 Votes	

Did you or do you have two parents who lived to 80 years?		
Yes	197 Votes	37.9 %
No	315 Votes	60.6 %
DON'T KNOW	8 Votes	1.5 %
Total	520 Votes	

Scientists at Boston University have discovered the genetic code for longevity, and have said a public test will be available this year to determine if you can live to 100 years. If this test becomes available, would you take it to learn your chances of reaching 100 years?		
Yes	236 Votes	45.4 %
No	194 Votes	37.3 %
DON'T KNOW	90 Votes	17.3 %
Total	520 Votes	

Do you have a list of life's dreams you wish to complete before you die, or a "bucket list" and if so, what is the most important item to be fulfilled on your bucket list?		
Travel to an exotic locale	125 Votes	24.0 %
Take part in an extreme sport (skydiving, bungee-jumping, etc.)	4 Votes	0.8 %
Bring together all your family	63 Votes	12.1 %
Visit all your friends	14 Votes	2.7 %
Pursue the career you always wondered about but didn't pursue e.g. ballet dancer if your career was an accountant	15 Votes	2.9 %

Eat a special meal	3 Votes	0.6 %
Volunteer in a developing country	21 Votes	4.0 %
OTHER	57 Votes	11.0 %
DON'T KNOW	13 Votes	2.5 %
DON'T HAVE BUCKET LIST	205 Votes	39.4 %
Total	520 Votes	

**If you took this test and learned you had the gene for longevity,
how would it impact your future lifestyle?**

I would attempt to live a more healthy lifestyle to maximize my chances of reaching 100 years	137 Votes	26.3 %
I would pay less attention to living a healthy lifestyle because I knew I would live longer anyway	6 Votes	1.2 %
	4 Votes	0.8 %
I wouldn't change my lifestyle	321 Votes	61.7 %
OTHER	14 Votes	2.7 %
DON'T KNOW	38 Votes	7.3 %
Total	520 Votes	

Knowing you had the gene for longevity, would you...?

Begin fulfilling my list of life's dreams, or "bucket list", knowing I had time to complete it	195 Votes	37.5 %
Put off fulfilling my "bucket list", knowing I had lots of time yet to complete it	26 Votes	5.0 %
OTHER	120 Votes	23.1 %
DON'T KNOW	179 Votes	34.4 %
Total	520 Votes	

**If you took this test and learned you DID NOT have the gene for longevity,
how would it impact your future lifestyle?**

I would attempt to live a more healthy lifestyle to maximize my chances of reaching 100 years anyway	162 Votes	31.2 %
I would pay less attention to living a healthy lifestyle because I knew I wouldn't live longer anyway	12 Votes	2.3 %
I wouldn't change my lifestyle	309 Votes	59.4 %
OTHER	12 Votes	2.3 %
DON'T KNOW	25 Votes	4.8 %

Total	520 Votes
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Knowing you DID NOT have the gene for longevity, would you...?

Begin fulfilling my list of life's dreams, or "bucket list", knowing I had little time to complete it	212 Votes	40.8 %
Put off fulfilling my "bucket list", knowing I didn't have time to complete it	10 Votes	1.9 %
OTHER	137 Votes	26.3 %
DON'T KNOW	161 Votes	31.0 %
Total	520 Votes	

How would you describe your general health level now?

Very healthy	88 Votes	16.9 %
Healthy	194 Votes	37.3 %
Some medical problems	189 Votes	36.3 %
Chronic medical problems	44 Votes	8.5 %
Not healthy	5 Votes	1.0 %
OTHER	0 Votes	0 %
Total	520 Votes	

How do you expect your health to stand up as you age?

Will remain relatively healthy	279 Votes	53.7 %
Health will decline as I age	216 Votes	41.5 %
I'm not healthy now	11 Votes	2.1 %
DON'T KNOW	14 Votes	2.7 %
Total	520 Votes	

How long do you, personally, expect to live?

Less than 65 years	6 Votes	1.2 %
65 to 69	10 Votes	1.9 %
70 to 74	22 Votes	4.2 %
75 to 79	52 Votes	10.0 %
80 to 84	135 Votes	26.0 %
85 to 89	140 Votes	26.9 %

90 to 94	77 Votes	14.8 %
95 to 99	29 Votes	5.6 %
100 years or more	14 Votes	2.7 %
DON'T KNOW	35 Votes	6.7 %
Total	520 Votes	

How long would you, personally, LIKE to live?		
Less than 65 years	1 Vote	0.2 %
65 to 69	3 Votes	0.6 %
70 to 74	6 Votes	1.2 %
75 to 79	29 Votes	5.6 %
80 to 84	78 Votes	15.0 %
85 to 89	138 Votes	26.5 %
90 to 94	90 Votes	17.3 %
95 to 99	48 Votes	9.2 %
100 years or more	65 Votes	12.5 %
DON'T KNOW	62 Votes	11.9 %
Total	520 Votes	

Do you expect to outlive your retirement savings?		
Yes	132 Votes	25.4 %
No	284 Votes	54.6 %
DON'T KNOW	104 Votes	20.0 %
Total	520 Votes	

Do you have a personal physician or family doctor?		
Yes	510 Votes	98.1 %
No	10 Votes	1.9 %
Total	520 Votes	

Governments in Canada are pursuing an Electronic, or “e-Health” strategy. This has three main sectors - the diagnostic labs and hospitals, your doctor’s office, and direct access for patients like you. The goal is for your doctor to be able to access lab tests and reports from specialists and for you to access them as well, dealing with your doctor online. If your medical records were available online, who do you think they

should be accessible to?		
My doctor only	9 Votes	1.7 %
My doctor and other specialist only	16 Votes	3.1 %
My doctor and me only	13 Votes	2.5 %
My doctor, other specialists and me only	130 Votes	25.0 %
My doctor, other specialists, me, hospitals and labs	94 Votes	18.1 %
Anyone I designate as part of my care team, including the above and family and friends	225 Votes	43.3 %
MEDICAL RECORDS SHOULDN'T BE ONLINE	33 Votes	6.3 %
Total	520 Votes	

Does your doctor keep electronic (computer) patient records or does he or she keep paper records?		
Electronic	199 Votes	38.3 %
Paper	177 Votes	34.0 %
Both	83 Votes	16.0 %
DON'T KNOW	56 Votes	10.8 %
DON'T HAVE DOCTOR	5 Votes	1.0 %
Total	520 Votes	

Can your doctor access lab tests and specialists reports electronically, or does he or she wait for the hard copy or fax?		
Yes	215 Votes	41.3 %
No	101 Votes	19.4 %
DON'T KNOW	204 Votes	39.2 %
Total	520 Votes	

The federal government has spent \$2 billion and the provinces many more millions over the past 10 years trying to make e-Health a reality across Canada. Have you, personally, noticed any improvement related to e-Health you have experienced with your family doctor, specialists, hospitals or diagnostic labs?		
Diagnostic labs only	22 Votes	4.2 %
Hospitals only	12 Votes	2.3 %
Doctor's office only	50 Votes	9.6 %
Specialists only	12 Votes	2.3 %

Hospitals and labs	13 Votes	2.5 %
Hospitals, labs and my doctor's office	28 Votes	5.4 %
Hospitals, labs, and specialists	18 Votes	3.5 %
Hospitals, labs, my doctor's office and specialists	45 Votes	8.7 %
Whole system has improved due to electronic records	65 Votes	12.5 %
NO IMPROVEMENT NOTED	255 Votes	49.0 %
Total	520 Votes	

Governments in Canada are attempting to reduce the price of prescription generic drugs. Ontario has reduced their price to 25% of the price of patented drugs, and has eliminated manufacturer rebates to pharmacists which pay them to stock their drugs. How much do you approve of this approach?

Strongly approve	223 Votes	42.9 %
Approve	176 Votes	33.8 %
Disapprove	37 Votes	7.1 %
Strongly disapprove	19 Votes	3.7 %
DON'T KNOW	65 Votes	12.5 %
Total	520 Votes	

British Columbia has reduced the price of generic drugs to 35% of the price of patented drugs, and has NOT eliminated rebates from manufacturers to pharmacists. How much do you approve of this approach?

Strongly approve	55 Votes	10.6 %
Approve	160 Votes	30.8 %
Disapprove	141 Votes	27.1 %
Strongly disapprove	42 Votes	8.1 %
DON'T KNOW	122 Votes	23.5 %
Total	520 Votes	

In both provinces, governments have committed to spending a portion of the savings realized on new and expanded services for pharmacy customers, as well as increasing the dispensing fee to pharmacists. How much do you approve of this approach?

Strongly approve	52 Votes	10.0 %
Approve	235 Votes	45.2 %
Disapprove	105 Votes	20.2 %
Strongly disapprove	22 Votes	4.2 %

DON'T KNOW	106 Votes	20.4 %
Total	520 Votes	

In Ontario, pricing changes were made without the approval of pharmacists and cuts were deep. In BC, pricing changes were made with the collaboration of pharmacists, and cuts were not as deep. Which approach to policy changes do you think works better?

Ontario approach	108 Votes	20.8 %
BC approach	288 Votes	55.4 %
Both	36 Votes	6.9 %
Neither	23 Votes	4.4 %
DON'T KNOW	65 Votes	12.5 %
Total	520 Votes	

In Ontario, the cost of generic drugs paid by government will be reduced to 25% of the price of patented drugs IMMEDIATELY and over three years for generic drugs purchased directly or through company drug plans. In BC, the cost of generic drugs will be reduced to 35% of the price of patented drugs over three years for generic drugs purchased BOTH by government and directly or through company drug plans. Which of the following statements MOST represents what you think?

Canadians should be able to pay the same price for generic drugs no matter whether they pay or a drug plan pays	137 Votes	26.3 %
Canadians should be able to pay the same price for generic drugs regardless of where they live in Canada	205 Votes	39.4 %
Each province has its own budgetary concerns and people should expect to pay different prices for generic drugs	25 Votes	4.8 %
The government should use its price setting authority to maximize its savings immediately so that there is money to cover additional needed drugs	33 Votes	6.3 %
The government should ensure that the private sector agrees with their proposals to avoid political backlash	2 Votes	0.4 %
The government should consult with the private sector but take action in the public interest	46 Votes	8.8 %
The government should not try to set the price for generic drugs and let the market decide	15 Votes	2.9 %
OTHER	5 Votes	1.0 %
DON'T KNOW	52 Votes	10.0 %

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If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you support?

Conservative	195 Votes	37.5 %
Liberal	122 Votes	23.5 %
NDP	47 Votes	9.0 %
Green Party	17 Votes	3.3 %
Bloc Quebecois	1 Vote	0.2 %
UNDECIDED	135 Votes	26.0 %
OTHER	3 Votes	0.6 %
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How old are you?

Less than 45	0 Votes	0 %
45 to 54	15 Votes	2.9 %
55 to 64	170 Votes	32.7 %
65 to 74	252 Votes	48.5 %
75 or older	83 Votes	16.0 %
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Where do you live?

Newfoundland	5 Votes	1.0 %
Nova Scotia	18 Votes	3.5 %
PEI	9 Votes	1.7 %
New Brunswick	8 Votes	1.5 %
Quebec	13 Votes	2.5 %
Ontario	317 Votes	61.0 %
Manitoba	9 Votes	1.7 %
Saskatchewan	11 Votes	2.1 %
Alberta	39 Votes	7.5 %
BC/Territories	91 Votes	17.5 %
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What is your gender?

Male	292 Votes	56.2 %
Female	228 Votes	43.8 %
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What is your household income before taxes, including all investments and pensions?

Less than \$20K	14 Votes	2.7 %
\$20K to \$39K	70 Votes	13.5 %
\$40K to \$59K	86 Votes	16.5 %
\$60K to \$79K	68 Votes	13.1 %
\$80K to \$99K	55 Votes	10.6 %
\$100K or more	83 Votes	16.0 %
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	144 Votes	27.7 %
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Thank you for participating in our survey.