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The research gauged the opinions among Canadians on views on, familiarity with and impressions of the Senate of Canada. Additionally, questions were asked on awareness of changes to the Senate, awareness of independent Senators, views on independent advisory boards, appointing Senators, and watching television broadcasts of the Canadians Senate Committee meetings.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,069 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,069 Canadians is  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by Senator Dasko and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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# Understand impressions of someone who is a Senator of Canada

Positive impressions of a Senator relate to the view that they are hard-working public servants. Negative impressions of a Senator include many qualities: Senators are unaccountable, too partisan, out of touch, lazy, too costly, unelected, not useful.





# **Explore awareness of changes made** to the Senate of Canada

Awareness of changes to the Senate on the decline. Those who have heard or read about changes most frequency say the changes were about increased independence and non-partisan in general, which remains consistent with previous years.





# **Explore views of the 2016 changes to the Senate of Canada**

Over seven in ten Canadians think it is a good change that new Senators sit as independent members and are not active in a political party. The proportion who say this is a good change overall has declined by eight percentage points since the first wave in 2019.



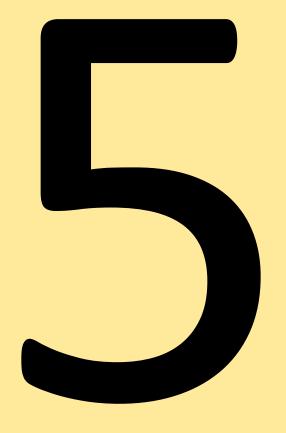




# Monitor views of appointing Senators

A majority of Canadians think that it is a better idea for future governments to keep the 2016 changes made instead of going back to previous ways of appointing Senators, however this has been on a slow decline since 2019. Older Canadians (55 plus in age) are more likely to report wanting to keep changes, compared to younger Canadians (18 to 34 in age).

# Understand perceptions of the impact of the changes on the Senate of Canada



Canadians are more likely to report that the changes will improve the Senate than make no difference or make it worse, however those that say it will improve the Senate has decreased by 11 percentage points since the previous wave in 2021. Canadians who reside in BC and the Atlantic are more likely to report that it will improve the Senate, than residents of the Prairies.



## Thoughts on the Senate of Canada

Q – When you think of the Senate of Canada, what words come to mind? [OPEN]

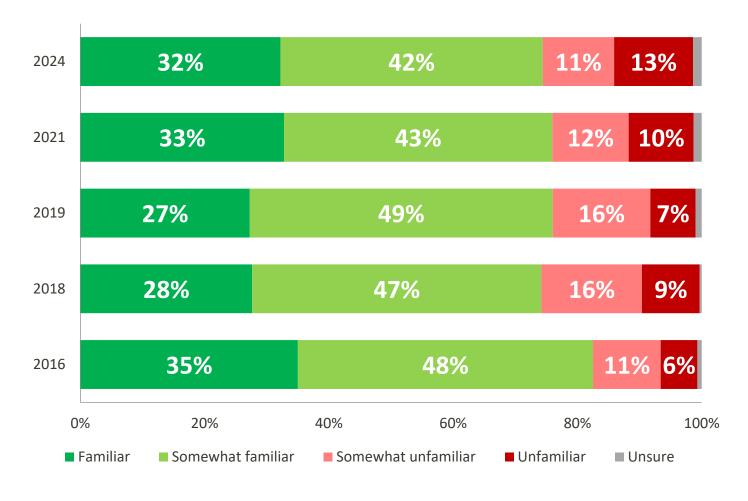
		Change since 2021	2024 (n=988)	2021 (n=1007)	2019 (n=1000)	2018 (n=1000)	2016 (n=1000)	2009 (n=1003)
	Ineffective/pointless	+2.8	25.1%	22.3%	17.7%	20.7%	15.5%	14.7%
	Balance of power/second thought on laws	+4.9	10.2%	5.3%	11.4%	6.8%	6.4%	3.4%
	Waste of money	+1.2	8.0%	6.8%	7.7%	11.8%	10.1%	5.6%
Top mentions	Don't know what they do/pay no attention	+4.7	6.8%	2.1%	2.3%	2.8%	0.9%	-
	Outdated/redundant	+0.1	5.9%	5.8%	4.9%	7.1%	4.2%	1.9%
	Should be elected and/or not for life	+4.0	5.8%	1.8%	2.9%	5.0%	4.7%	5.2%
	Full of old people/old men	-0.2	4.9%	5.1%	3.9%	5.9%	1.7%	3.9%
Ĕ	Too partisan	+0.6	4.2%	3.6%	2.5%	1.0%	-	-
	Corruption/not trustworthy	+0.3	3.2%	2.9%	4.4%	5.7%	15.1%	2.7%
	Overpaid	+1.1	3.1%	2.0%	1.7%	3.4%	1.5%	1.8%
	It's good/does important work	-1.8	2.6%	4.4%	5.1%	5.8%	2.9%	2.8%
	Other	-1.6	2.5%	4.1%	4.1%	3.5%	7.0%	-





# Q – Would you say that you are familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar or unfamiliar with the role of the Senate of Canada in the federation?

### Familiarity with the role of the Senate



<sup>\*</sup>Weighted to the true population proportion.





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# Familiarity with the role of the Senate – By demographics

Q – Would you say that you are familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar or unfamiliar with the role of the Senate of Canada in the federation?

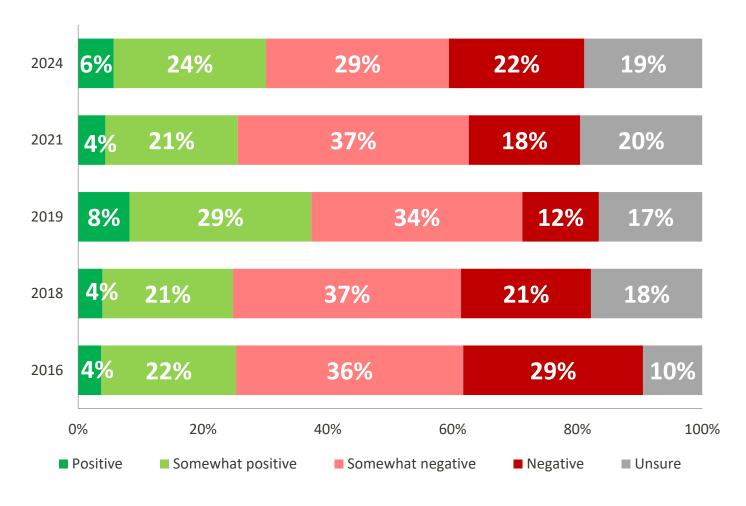
Canadian residents from BC (81%) and the Atlantic (79%) are more likely to report being familiar or somewhat familiar with the role of the Senate, compared to those in Quebec (64%). Canadian men are also more likely to report being familiar or somewhat familiar (85%) with the role of the Senate, compared to women (64%).

Familiar/ Somewhat familiar								
Atlantic (n=101)	Quebec (n=302)	Ontario (n=358)	Prairies (n=168)	BC (n=140)				
78.7%	64.3%	76.9%	75.6%	81.3%				
Men (n=552)	Women (n=516)	18 to 34 (n=150)	35 to 54 (n=436)	55 plus (n=483)				
85.1%	64.3%	63.8%	74.3%	81.5%				
	Unfamiliar/ Somewhat unfamiliar							
Atlantic (n=101)	Quebec (n=302)	Ontario (n=358)	Prairies (n=168)	BC (n=140)				
20.2%	32.2%	22.3%	23.6%	18.7%				
Men (n=522)	Women (n=516)	18 to 34 (n=150)	35 to 54 (n=436)	55 plus (n=483)				
14.0%	33.8%	34.2%	24.6%	17.3%				



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## **Impression of Senators**



<sup>\*</sup>Weighted to the true population proportion.

Q – Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Senator of Canada?





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# Impression of SenatorsBy demographics

Q – Do you have a positive, somewhat positive, a somewhat negative or a negative impression of someone who is a Senator of Canada?

Canadian men are more likely to have a negative or somewhat negative impression (57%) of someone who is a Senator of Canada, compared to women (45%).

Positive/Somewhat positive								
Atlantic (n=101)	Quebec (n=302)	Ontario (n=358)	Prairies (n=168)	BC (n=140)				
37.6%	29.3%	31.4%	25.3%	30.3%				
Men (n=552)	Women (n=516)	18 to 34 (n=150)	35 to 54 (n=436)	55 plus (n=483)				
31.3%	28.9%	24.3%	29.7%	34.1%				
	Negative/Somewhat negative							
Atlantic (n=101)	Quebec (n=302)	Ontario (n=358)	Prairies (n=168)	BC (n=140)				
51.7%	50.4%	49.8%	54.7%	50.3%				
Men (n=552)	Women (n=516)	18 to 34 (n=150)	35 to 54 (n=436)	55 plus (n=483)				
56.9%	45.4%	48.2%	54.0%	50.5%				







# Reasons for impressions of Senators – Positive views

Q – Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN]

#### Positive/Somewhat positive

	Change since 2021	2024 (n=260)	2021 (n=238)	2019 (n=367)	2018 (n=220)
Many Senators are hard-working, esteemed public servants /they're not all bad/well connected/respected/accomplished	+25.9	40.8%	14.9%	38.4%	28.2%
Sober second opinion/neutral opinion/ to help pass bills/important	N/A*	17.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
It depends on the senator/ I know one/worked for one	-4.1	10.8%	14.9%	10.6%	10.5%
It is too partisan/unaccountable/entitled/untrustworthy	-0.8	5.5%	6.3%	0.6%	7.3%
It's not useful / It doesn't accomplish much	+3.3	3.7%	0.4%	0.5%	2.3%

<sup>\*</sup>New response key added to 2024;no tracking data available. Circle highlights a significant difference since the previous wave in 2021.





# Reasons for impressions of Senators – Negative views

Q – Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN]

#### **Negative/Somewhat negative**

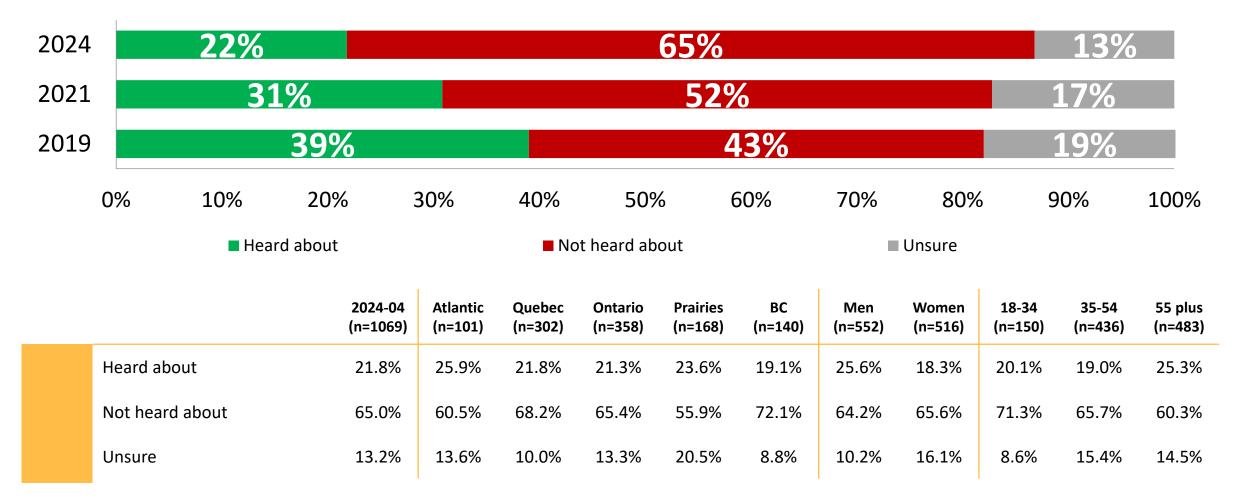
	Change since 2021	2024 (n=449)	2021 (n=505)	2019 (n=463)	2018 (n=512)
It is too partisan/unaccountable/entitled/untrustworthy	+6.2	23.3%	17.1%	6.3%	29.7%
They are lazy/ out of touch/too old / obscures the good work done by others/they don't do anything/unqualified	+9.1	13.7%	4.6%	8.2%	2.7%
It's a waste of (tax-payers') money, public funds/ cost too much/ too many	+1.3	12.6%	11.3%	9.3%	8.8%
It is an unelected/appointed body	-5.1	12.4%	17.5%	19.2%	13.1%
It's not useful / It doesn't accomplish much	-6.2	10.4%	16.6%	12.5%	17.0%
Too many Senators involved in scandal/corruption	+1.4	7.8%	6.4%	14.2%	10.4%

Circle highlights a significant difference since the previous wave in 2021.





### **Awareness of changes to the Senate**



<sup>\*</sup>Weighted to the true population proportion.

Q – Have you heard or read about any changes that have been made to the Senate of Canada over the past few years?





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## Changes read or heard about the Senate

Q – [IF "Yes, heard about" IN Q5] What changes have you heard or read about? [OPEN]

		Change since 2021	2024 (n=208)	2021 (n=303)	2019 (n=369)
	Independent Liberal Senators	-1.0	27.2%	27.3%	21.3%
	More independent, non-partisan in general	-14.5	26.2%	40.7%	37.8%
	Changes to appointment process	+7.7	17.6%	9.9%	11.2%
	Other	-4.8	4.4%	9.2%	7.7%
S	Elected Senators	+0.8	4.2%	3.4%	4.5%
Top mentions	Partisanship (false non-partisan/failed non- partisanship)	N/A*	4.0%	N/A	N/A
g E	Term limitation	+2.1	3.8%	1.7%	0.7%
<b>To</b>	Senators released from Caucus\Senators vote freely	N/A*	2.5%	N/A	N/A
	More accountability, expense control	-3.1	2.2%	5.3%	7.2%
	Ethical violations\overspending	N/A*	1.7%	N/A	N/A
	Abolishing the Senate	-0.1	1.5%	1.6%	2.2%
	Senator Boisvenu fight for Victims' rights	N/A*	1.0%	N/A	N/A

<sup>\*</sup>New response key added to 2024; no tracking data available.





# 40% **52%** 2024 48% 43% 2021 56% 36% 2019

50%

■ Not heard about

100%

Unsure

0%

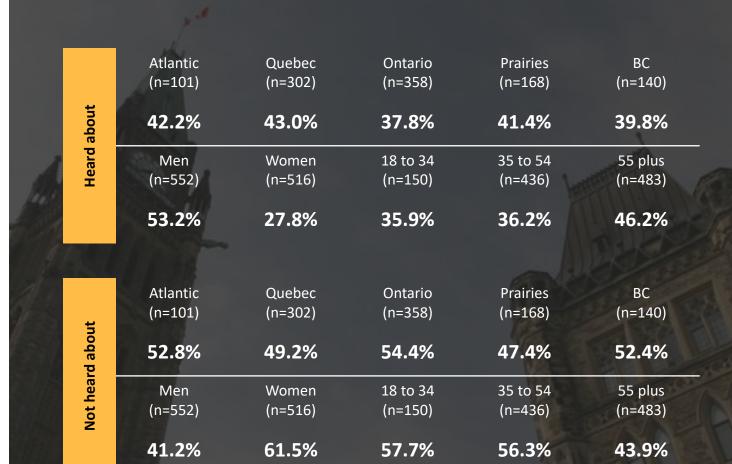
■ Heard about

Q – Have you heard anything about independent Senators?

#### Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March 31st to April 1st, 2024, n=1,069, accurate 3.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.







**Awareness of independent Senators** 

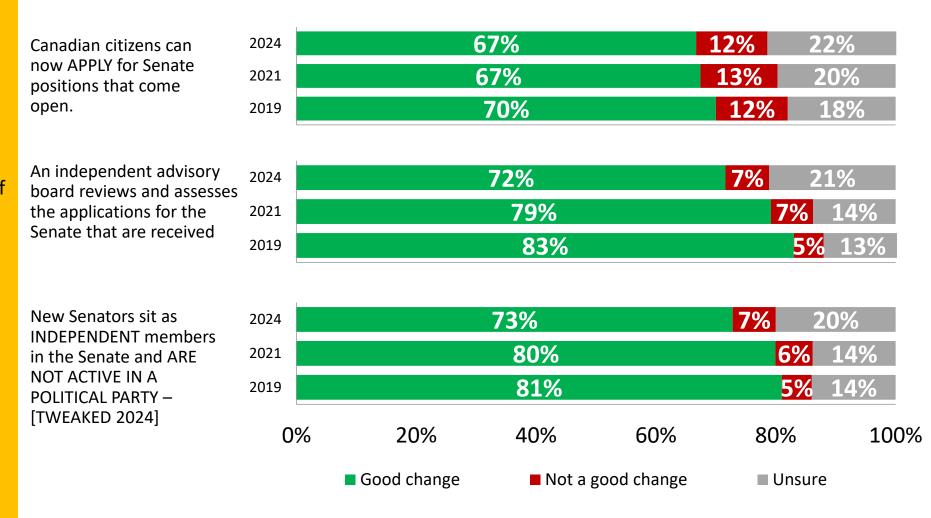
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#### Q - In 2016, the following practices were changed with regard to the Senate of Canada. Please tell me if you think each of the following is a good change, or not a good change? [RANDOMIZE]

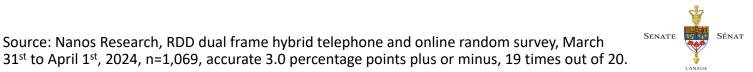
## **Changes to the Senate of Canada**

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, March



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### **Changes to the Senate of Canada - Demographics**

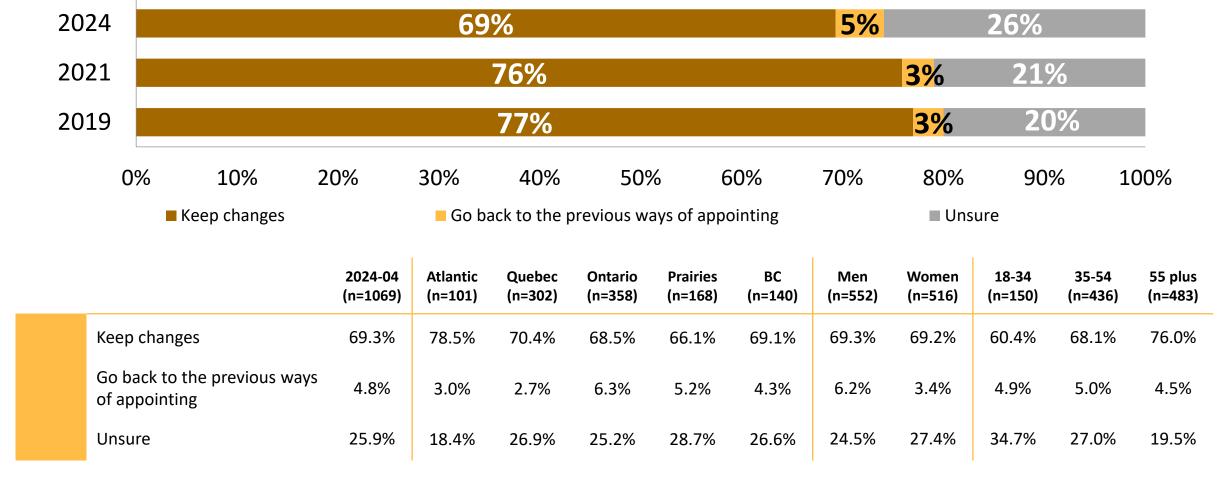
Q – In 2016, the following practices were changed with regard to the Senate of Canada. Please tell me if you think each of the following is a good change, or not a good change? [RANDOMIZE]

		2024-04 (n=1069)	Atlantic (n=101)	Quebec (n=302)	Ontario (n=358)	Prairies (n=168)	BC (n=140)	Men (n=552)	Women (n=516)	18-34 (n=150)	35-54 (n=436)	55 plus (n=483)
<b>9</b>	New Senators sit as INDEPENDENT members in the Senate and are NOT ACTIVE IN A POLITICAL PARTY	72.8%	87.8%	72.1%	69.3%	70.8%	79.0%	74.1%	71.5%	63.2%	73.3%	78.6%
Good change	An independent advisory board reviews and assesses the applications for the Senate that are received	71.6%	81.0%	68.2%	72.0%	66.1%	78.3%	70.8%	72.3%	67.9%	71.8%	73.7%
	Canadian citizens can now APPLY for Senate positions that come open	66.7%	71.3%	62.2%	66.0%	71.7%	67.5%	69.0%	64.5%	72.1%	66.6%	63.2%
change	New Senators sit as INDEPENDENT members in the Senate and are NOT ACTIVE IN A POLITICAL PARTY	7.2%	1.3%	7.4%	8.7%	6.2%	6.6%	9.0%	5.5%	9.1%	7.5%	5.8%
a good	An independent advisory board reviews and assesses the applications for the Senate that are received	7.3%	6.2%	10.0%	6.5%	7.3%	5.6%	10.5%	4.3%	7.8%	7.1%	7.2%
Not	Canadian citizens can now APPLY for Senate positions that come open	11.9%	5.3%	12.3%	12.3%	11.6%	13.7%	13.1%	10.7%	11.2%	11.0%	13.0%





## Keeping the changes to the way of appointing Senators



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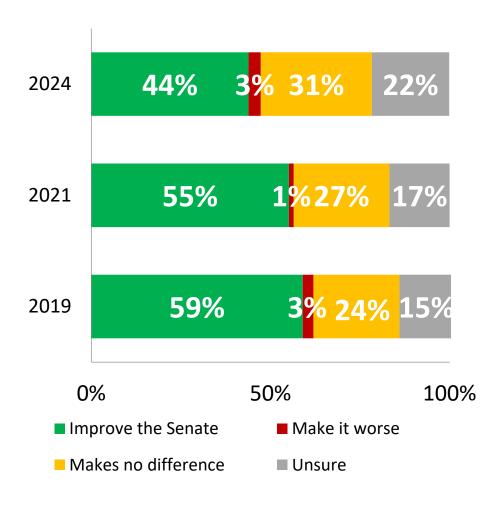
Q – And looking ahead, do you think future governments should keep these changes or go back to the previous ways of appointing Senators?





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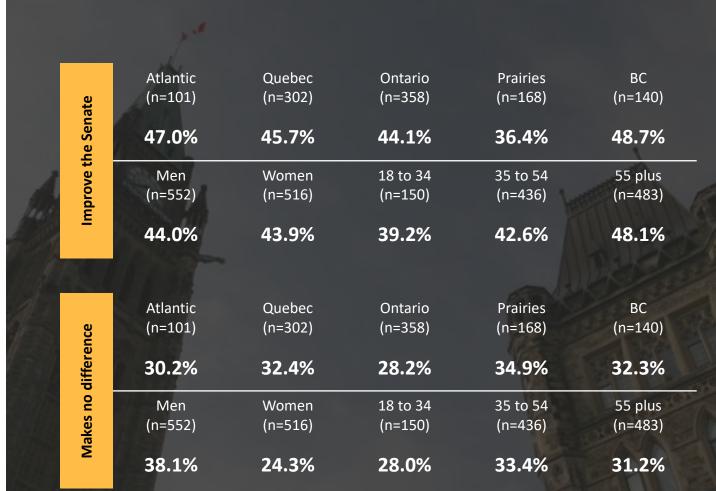
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Q – Taken together, do you think these changes will improve the Senate, make it worse, or will they make no difference?

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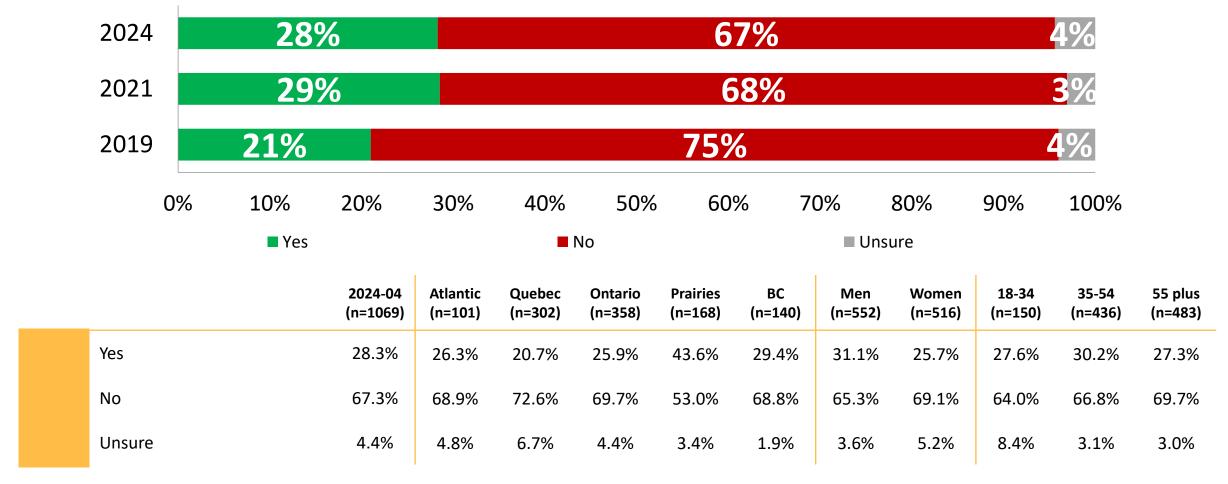




Impact of changes on the Senate

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## Watching television broadcasts of the Canadian Senate committee meetings



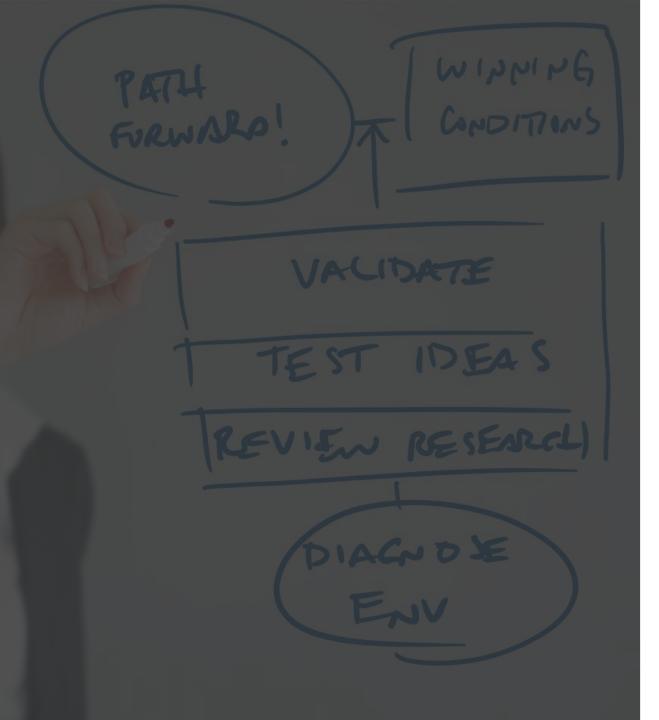
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Q – Have you ever watched television broadcasts of Canadian Senate committee meetings or meetings in the Senate chamber?





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

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,069 Canadians is  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by Senator Dasko and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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Element	Description	Element	Description				
Research sponsor	Senator Dasko	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting				
Population and Final Sample Size	1069 Randomly selected individuals.		disclosure.				
Source of Sample	Nanos Probability 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 administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the				
Type of Sample	Probability		data.				
Margin of Error	$\pm 3.0$ 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	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.  Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to				
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.		allow for a minimum regional sample.				
Domographics (Contured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older.	Estimated Response Rate	14 percent, consistent with industry norms.				
Demographics (Captured)	Six-digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.				
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, groceries, vehicle theft,				
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.	Question content	budget, the new Online Harms Act, affordable housing, dairy, and energy.				
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.				
Field Dates	March 31 <sup>st</sup> to April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024.	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research				
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions.				
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		Tabulations	Data tables by region, gender and age: [TABULATIONS]				



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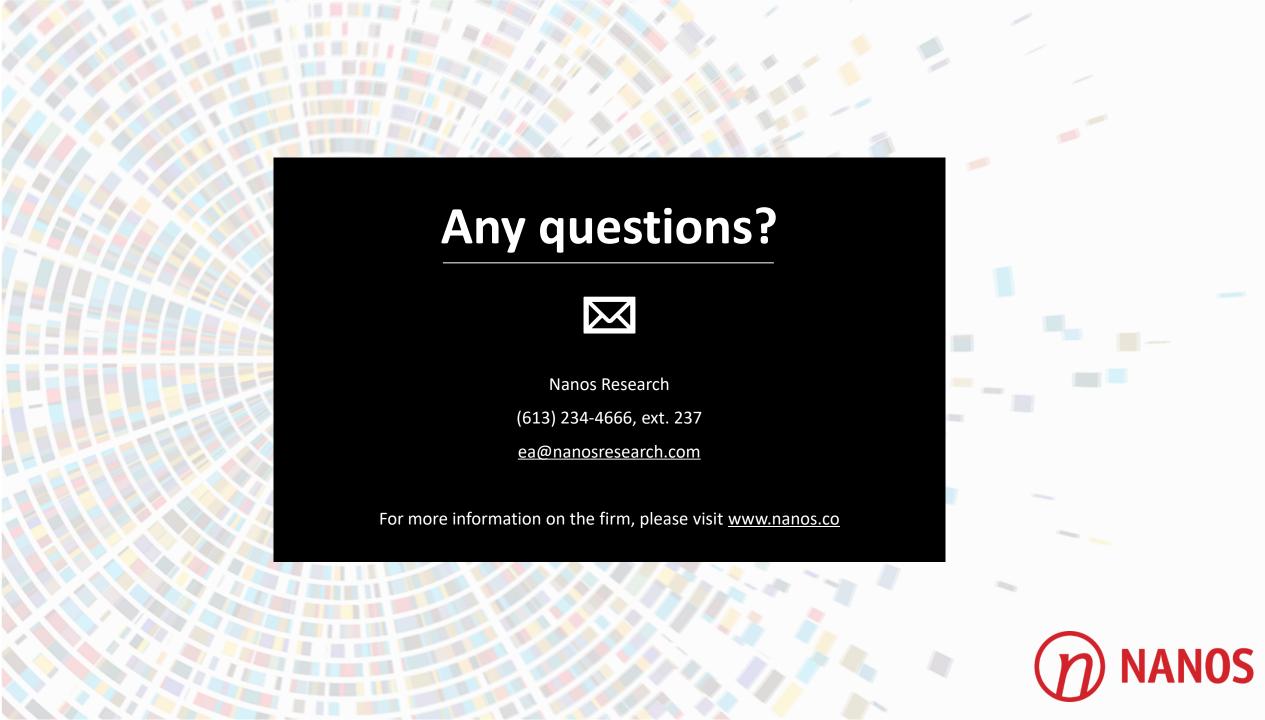


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