

INSIGHTS WEST for Maclean's

Survey on Tax Changes in Canada - September 12, 2017

How much money do you think the average family doctor or general practitioner in Canada makes in a year?

	Canada	Gender		Age			Region						Vote in 2015 Federal Election			Annual Household Income			Following Story?	
		Female	Male	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	British Columbia	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic Canada	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$100,000	More than \$100,000	Closely	Not closely
From \$50,000 to \$99,999	10%	12%	8%	14%	10%	7%	5%	5%	6%	12%	13%	16%	11%	10%	5%	18%	9%	1%	12%	9%
From \$100,000 to \$199,999	37%	35%	40%	42%	33%	38%	45%	45%	41%	35%	30%	37%	37%	40%	33%	38%	39%	34%	32%	40%
From \$200,000 to \$299,999	31%	30%	33%	25%	33%	34%	31%	30%	24%	31%	42%	17%	36%	31%	32%	22%	37%	40%	38%	28%
From \$300,000 to \$399,999	12%	12%	12%	17%	10%	9%	10%	6%	15%	14%	10%	16%	9%	9%	18%	9%	12%	16%	13%	11%
More than \$400,000	3%	3%	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%	0%	0%	4%	4%	4%	2%	1%	9%	2%	4%
Not sure	6%	9%	3%	2%	7%	9%	5%	8%	12%	4%	6%	14%	4%	5%	8%	11%	2%	0%	2%	8%

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How much money do you think the average surgeon in Canada makes in a year?

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From \$50,000 to \$99,999	5%	3%	7%	9%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	7%	14%	6%	4%	0%	11%	3%	0%	9%	3%
From \$100,000 to \$199,999	12%	12%	12%	15%	13%	8%	9%	15%	11%	14%	10%	4%	12%	11%	10%	11%	15%	8%	7%	14%
From \$200,000 to \$299,999	25%	24%	25%	20%	25%	29%	35%	28%	25%	20%	26%	22%	24%	30%	18%	30%	24%	17%	23%	26%
From \$300,000 to \$399,999	27%	25%	29%	30%	22%	28%	25%	24%	34%	31%	19%	23%	32%	22%	32%	20%	31%	35%	33%	24%
More than \$400,000	25%	25%	24%	22%	26%	25%	24%	23%	19%	25%	29%	23%	23%	25%	32%	17%	23%	40%	25%	25%
Not sure	7%	11%	4%	5%	8%	9%	6%	10%	11%	5%	9%	14%	4%	7%	7%	11%	3%	1%	3%	10%

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As you may know, the federal government has proposed changes to the way private corporations pay taxes. How closely have you followed these proposed changes?

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Very closely	10%	5%	14%	14%	10%	5%	7%	10%	8%	8%	17%	7%	13%	12%	5%	7%	13%	11%	29%	0%
Somewhat closely	24%	20%	28%	18%	24%	30%	27%	31%	17%	22%	21%	26%	29%	23%	25%	19%	26%	27%	71%	0%
Not too closely	36%	33%	39%	36%	33%	39%	35%	38%	40%	35%	35%	37%	33%	44%	46%	33%	36%	44%	0%	54%
Not closely at all	30%	41%	18%	33%	33%	26%	31%	21%	34%	34%	26%	30%	25%	22%	24%	41%	25%	18%	0%	46%

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From what you have seen, read or heard about the federal government's proposed changes to the way private corporations pay taxes, do you support or oppose them?

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Strongly support	13%	6%	21%	15%	12%	12%	11%	10%	11%	12%	17%	17%	18%	13%	9%	9%	17%	15%	31%	4%
Somewhat support	25%	21%	29%	24%	25%	26%	25%	21%	23%	24%	32%	22%	28%	23%	31%	24%	22%	36%	27%	24%
Somewhat oppose	9%	10%	8%	7%	10%	10%	9%	16%	7%	10%	3%	9%	8%	16%	12%	10%	11%	7%	15%	7%
Strongly oppose	8%	5%	11%	6%	6%	11%	8%	18%	15%	3%	6%	13%	7%	15%	2%	5%	6%	9%	19%	2%
Not sure	45%	58%	31%	48%	47%	41%	47%	36%	44%	50%	42%	39%	38%	34%	46%	52%	44%	32%	8%	64%

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As you may know, doctors are considered independent contractors in Canada and get their income through fees that are regulated by provincial governments. At this point, doctors are able to name family members as shareholders in their corporations, and then divide their income through the corporation. This can make the doctor's personal income drop into a lower tax bracket. Thinking about this, do you support or oppose requiring all family members named as shareholders in a corporation to pass a "reasonableness test" to make sure they are legitimately earning the dividends from the corporation?

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Strongly support	38%	32%	45%	37%	37%	40%	44%	42%	19%	43%	26%	36%	38%	37%	51%	27%	45%	52%	49%	33%
Somewhat support	26%	27%	24%	31%	20%	26%	28%	25%	14%	24%	32%	31%	28%	23%	27%	31%	23%	18%	28%	25%
Somewhat oppose	12%	13%	12%	12%	17%	8%	10%	10%	11%	12%	19%	8%	15%	13%	7%	12%	14%	11%	9%	14%
Strongly oppose	9%	9%	8%	6%	7%	13%	10%	10%	26%	5%	10%	5%	7%	11%	6%	10%	6%	11%	9%	9%
Not sure	15%	19%	10%	13%	19%	13%	8%	12%	30%	15%	13%	20%	11%	16%	9%	20%	11%	8%	6%	19%

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In your view, should doctors be allowed to incorporate and have the ability to reduce the amount of taxes they pay?

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Definitely	15%	11%	18%	13%	16%	15%	13%	17%	2%	13%	23%	17%	16%	24%	6%	10%	17%	19%	30%	7%
Probably	21%	16%	28%	25%	19%	21%	24%	28%	16%	23%	13%	20%	20%	25%	25%	24%	21%	21%	22%	21%
Probably not	22%	25%	19%	18%	27%	21%	29%	29%	25%	18%	20%	21%	22%	17%	26%	17%	25%	24%	18%	24%
Definitely not	31%	33%	28%	34%	26%	32%	24%	22%	39%	35%	31%	25%	31%	21%	35%	34%	30%	26%	27%	33%
Not sure	11%	16%	6%	9%	13%	11%	9%	5%	18%	11%	12%	17%	10%	13%	9%	15%	6%	10%	3%	15%