

Angus Reid Survey Data – September 2011

From September 7 to September 9, 2011, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 800 British Columbian adults who are Angus Reid Forum panelists.

The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.5%.

The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of British Columbia. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

Poll results:

- The vast majority of British Columbians believe there is link between gang-related violence in BC and organized crime’s efforts to control the province’s large illegal marijuana trade.**

Do you think there is a link between gang-related violence in British Columbia and organized crime’s efforts to control the province’s large illegal marijuana trade?

	Total	Gender		Vote - Last Federal Election				Vote - Last Provincial				Region			
		Male	Female	PC	Lib	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Green	PC	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Southern Interior	Northern Interior
Yes, a strong link	64%	68%	60%	77%	73%	57%	58%	73%	64%	39%	73%	64%	60%	68%	61%
Yes, a weak link	23%	20%	25%	17%	22%	28%	19%	21%	24%	34%	20%	24%	23%	20%	29%
No, there is no link at all	6%	7%	5%	3%	4%	6%	10%	4%	5%	11%	2%	6%	6%	6%	7%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	4%	1%	9%	13%	3%	7%	16%	4%	6%	11%	7%	3%

2. British Columbians believe the current approach to controlling the cannabis trade has failed, and policies must change.

Support or Oppose--Keeping existing marijuana laws unchanged.

	Total	Gender		Vote - Last Federal Election				Vote - Last Provincial				Region			
		Male	Female	PC	Lib	NDP	Green	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Southern Interior	Northern Interior
Strongly support	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	0%
Moderately support	10%	11%	9%	13%	8%	7%	6%	8%	13%	2%	7%	10%	8%	11%	8%
Moderately oppose	28%	27%	30%	30%	30%	27%	25%	25%	32%	28%	16%	30%	23%	29%	32%
Strongly oppose	51%	54%	48%	44%	54%	56%	58%	58%	45%	62%	69%	50%	57%	49%	50%
Not sure	8%	6%	11%	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	6%	5%	9%	10%	7%	10%

3. British Columbians in all regions and with all political allegiances are concerned with the increase in violent activity from gangs and organized crime.

How concerned are you with the way that gangs and other organized crime groups have been increasingly involved in shootings and other violent activity across the province?

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		Male	Female	PC	Lib	NDP	Green	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Southern Interior	Northern Interior
Very concerned	42%	39%	44%	50%	37%	37%	53%	41%	43%	38%	41%	39%	48%	43%	38%
Moderately concerned	40%	38%	41%	36%	46%	39%	27%	39%	39%	38%	42%	41%	33%	40%	49%
Not too concerned	14%	16%	12%	10%	15%	18%	20%	16%	14%	24%	5%	14%	17%	14%	13%
Not concerned at all	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	6%		3%	4%		12%	6%	2%	2%	4%
Not sure	1%	1%		1%		0%		1%	0%			1%	1%	1%	

4. 87% of British Columbians say gang violence related to the illegal marijuana trade affects the public.

Agreement with--Gang violence affects British Columbians when drug trafficking groups fight over profits from the illegal marijuana trade.

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		Male	Female	PC	Lib	NDP	Green	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Southern Interior	Northern Interior
Strongly agree	52%	52%	52%	55%	64%	49%	46%	54%	54%	36%	48%	51%	59%	50%	49%
Moderately agree	35%	34%	35%	35%	30%	35%	34%	34%	34%	39%	38%	36%	28%	37%	40%
Moderately disagree	7%	8%	7%	7%	4%	9%	2%	7%	8%	9%	12%	8%	8%	6%	5%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%	2%	1%	1%	5%	5%	2%	2%	5%	1%	3%	1%	4%	
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	14%	2%	1%	11%	2%	2%	4%	3%	6%

5. British Columbians want change, stating regulation of marijuana is a better alternative to current polices.

Agreement with-- Chasing and arresting marijuana producers and sellers is ineffective—we would be better off taxing and regulating the adult use of marijuana

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		Male	Female	PC	Lib	NDP	Green	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Southern Interior	Northern Interior
Strongly agree	45%	53%	38%	39%	43%	54%	46%	51%	41%	55%	35%	47%	54%	38%	34%
Moderately agree	24%	20%	28%	21%	39%	20%	30%	22%	25%	27%	26%	22%	25%	26%	34%
Moderately disagree	9%	9%	9%	9%	7%	11%	10%	9%	12%	5%	6%	10%	6%	7%	19%
Strongly disagree	15%	14%	16%	26%	5%	11%	3%	13%	18%	2%	27%	15%	9%	22%	9%
Not sure	6%	14%	16%	26%	5%	11%	3%	13%	18%	2%	27%	15%	9%	22%	9%

6. The majority of British Columbians from all regions and with all political beliefs say that possession of a marijuana cigarette should not lead to a criminal record.

Agreement with--The possession of a marijuana cigarette should lead to a criminal record.

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Strongly agree	9%	8%	10%	11%	8%	7%	3%	6%	10%	6%	24%	8%	6%	13%	6%
Moderately agree	11%	9%	12%	15%	4%	10%	4%	11%	12%	2%	8%	13%	9%	7%	17%
Moderately disagree	18%	20%	16%	21%	22%	14%	28%	14%	23%	18%	14%	17%	16%	22%	15%
Strongly disagree	59%	60%	58%	50%	65%	67%	65%	66%	54%	73%	51%	57%	68%	56%	59%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%		3%	1%	2%	3%	5%	1%	2%	3%

7. Most British Columbians oppose mandatory minimum sentences for marijuana-related crime.

Support or Oppose--Instituting strict mandatory minimum prison sentences for marijuana-related crime, including possession of six or more marijuana plants.

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Strongly support	21%	21%	21%	30%	11%	17%	10%	19%	23%	10%	36%	21%	14%	26%	24%
Moderately Support	18%	18%	17%	21%	21%	12%	19%	11%	25%	12%	12%	18%	17%	18%	15%
Moderately Oppose	16%	17%	16%	16%	16%	17%	24%	16%	16%	20%	20%	15%	17%	16%	28%
Strongly Oppose	40%	41%	38%	27%	46%	51%	42%	48%	32%	55%	29%	41%	46%	35%	23%
Not sure	5%	3%	7%	6%	6%	4%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	5%	6%	5%	11%

8. **The vast majority of British Columbians - including Conservative voters - do not believe that possession of a marijuana cigarette should affect a person's ability to find and maintain employment.**

Agreement with--The possession of a marijuana cigarette should affect a person's ability to find and maintain employment.

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Strongly agree	9%	8%	10%	11%	8%	8%	3%	7%	9%	7%	27%	9%	6%	11%	10%
Moderately agree	14%	12%	15%	16%	9%	10%	18%	11%	16%	12%	10%	14%	14%	12%	19%
Moderately disagree	21%	23%	20%	27%	26%	15%	27%	17%	27%	24%	20%	22%	19%	22%	19%
Strongly disagree	51%	52%	50%	43%	54%	61%	49%	59%	46%	58%	41%	49%	56%	52%	49%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	3%	6%	2%		3%	6%	5%	3%	3%

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