

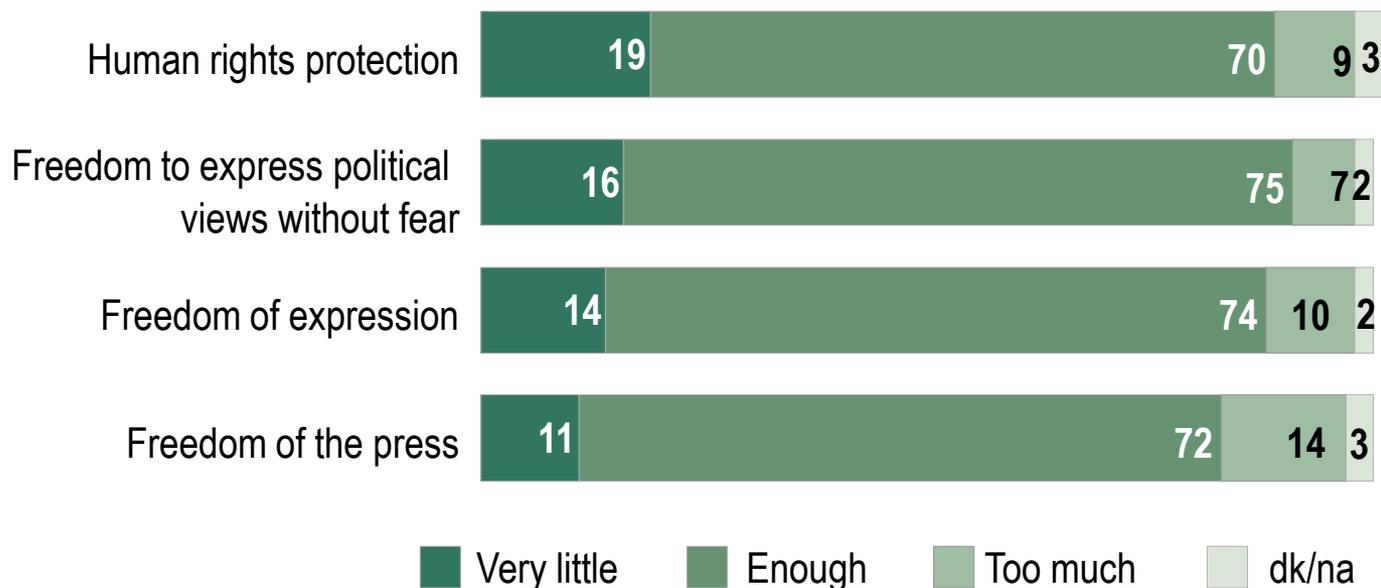


**Tolerance for dissent
and the rule of law**

Three-quarters of Canadians are comfortable with current level of protection of human rights and freedom of expression

2017

Is there enough, too little or too much freedom in Canada today, in terms of?



Freedom to express views without fear

By age cohort

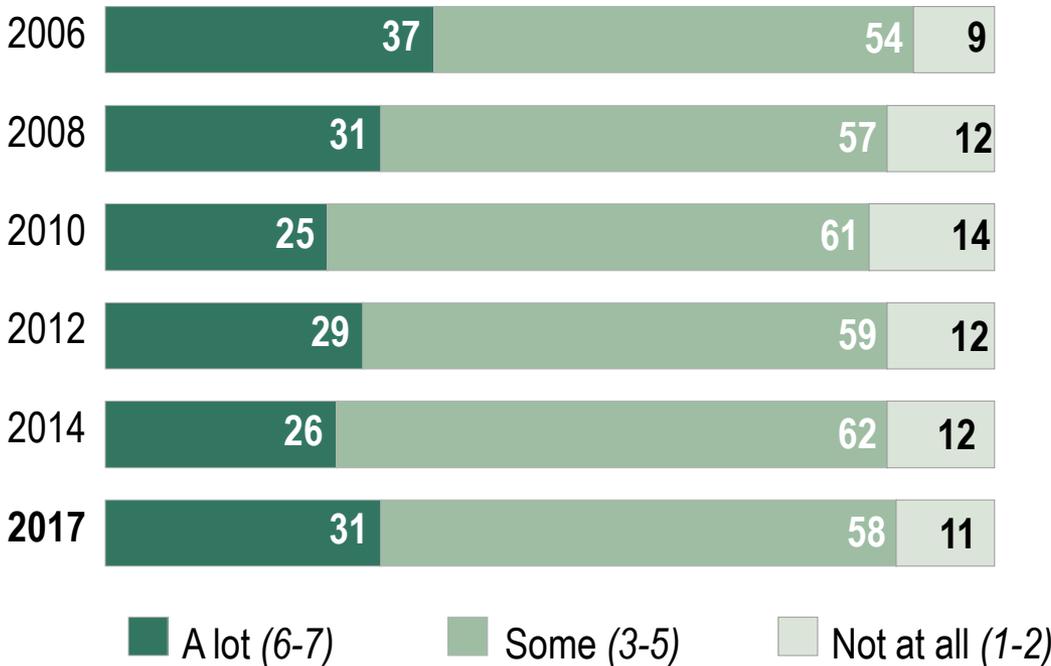
	Too Little	Enough	Too Much
18 – 29:	21%	65%	10%
30 – 44:	21%	70%	7%
45 – 59:	15%	77%	7%
60 plus:	10%	85%	4%

Q.44 – 47. Do you believe we have very little, enough or too much of . ?

The public's belief that citizen rights are well protected has strengthened since 2014, mostly among younger Canadians and those living in the west

2006 - 2017

Citizen's basic rights are well-protected in Canada



Citizen rights are well protected

By age cohort

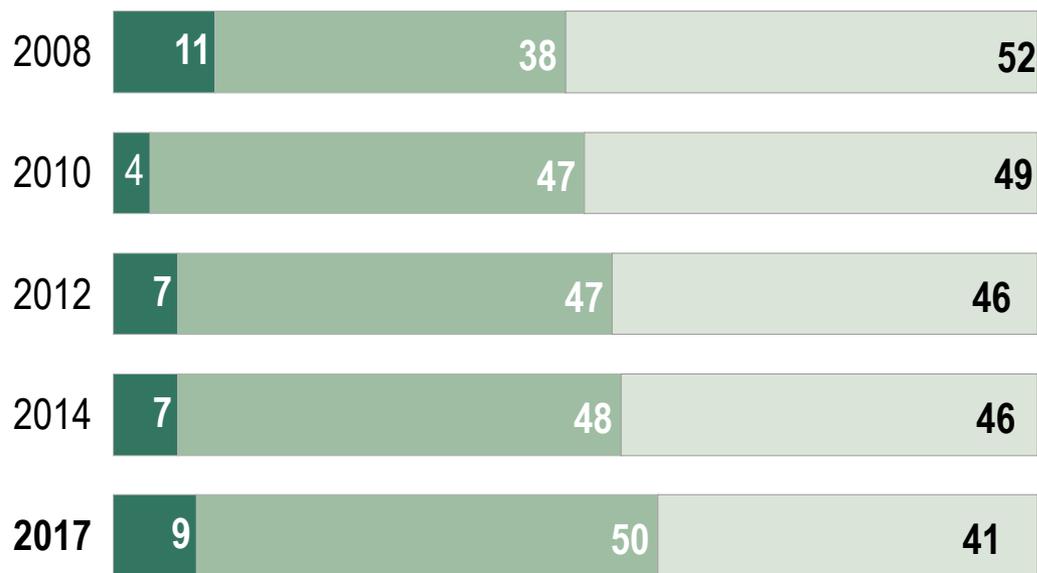
	2014	2017
18 – 29:	27%	42%
30 – 44:	26%	31%
45 – 59:	26%	26%
60 plus:	27%	28%

Q.30c. To what extent do you think that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system of Canada? (7 point scale (1=not at all, 7=a lot). Results show percentage giving "6" or "7."

Few continue to believe that speaking out against majority opinion poses a threat, although outright dismissal has waned since 2014

2008 - 2017

Agree – Disagree: *Those who disagree with the majority represent a threat to the country*



Disagree that dissenters pose a threat
By political orientation

	2014	2017
Left :	76%	64%
Middle:	44%	40%
Right:	35%	31%

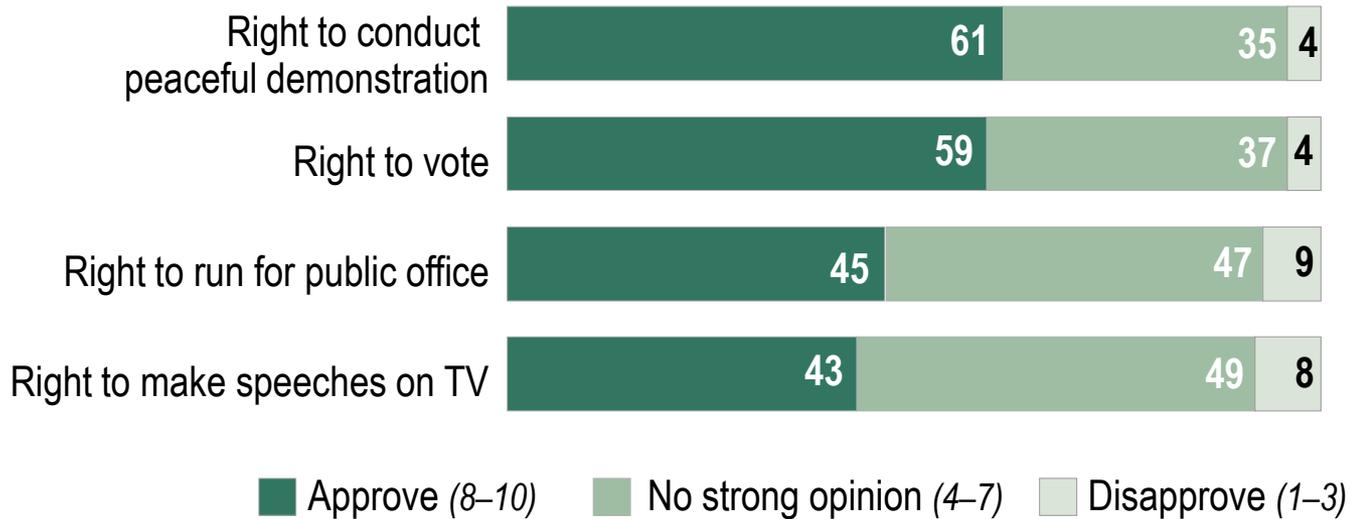
Agree (6-7)
 No clear opinion (3-5)
 Disagree (1-2)

Q.32c. hose who disagree with the majority represent a threat to the country(7 point-scale :1=strongly agree, 7 = strongly disagree)

Canadians continue to support the rights of those who criticize government, but more so in some forms than in others

2017

Approve or disapprove of actions by those who say bad things about our form of government



Approve of right to make TV speeches
By education level

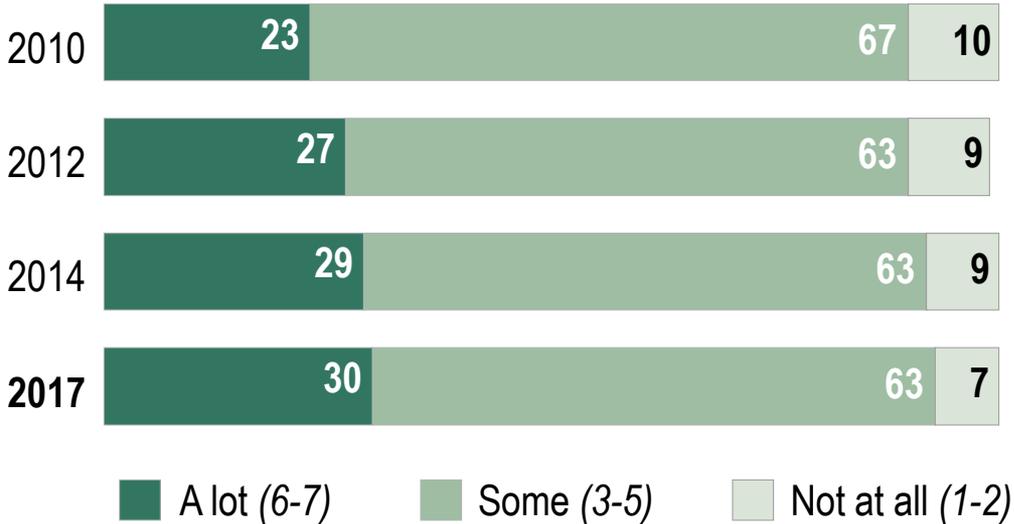
	2014	2017
< H. S.	37%	31%
HS Diploma	34%	34%
College Degree	40%	43%
Univ. Degree:	45%	54%

Q.43a-d. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of people who live in Canada who say bad things about the Canadian form of government, in terms of their . . . ? (10 point scale: 1 =strongly disapprove, 10 = strongly approve)

Canadians express qualified confidence that the courts guarantee a fair trial, largely unchanged since 2012

2010 - 2017

Do courts in Canada guarantee a fair trial?



Think “a lot” that courts guarantee a fair trial

By region

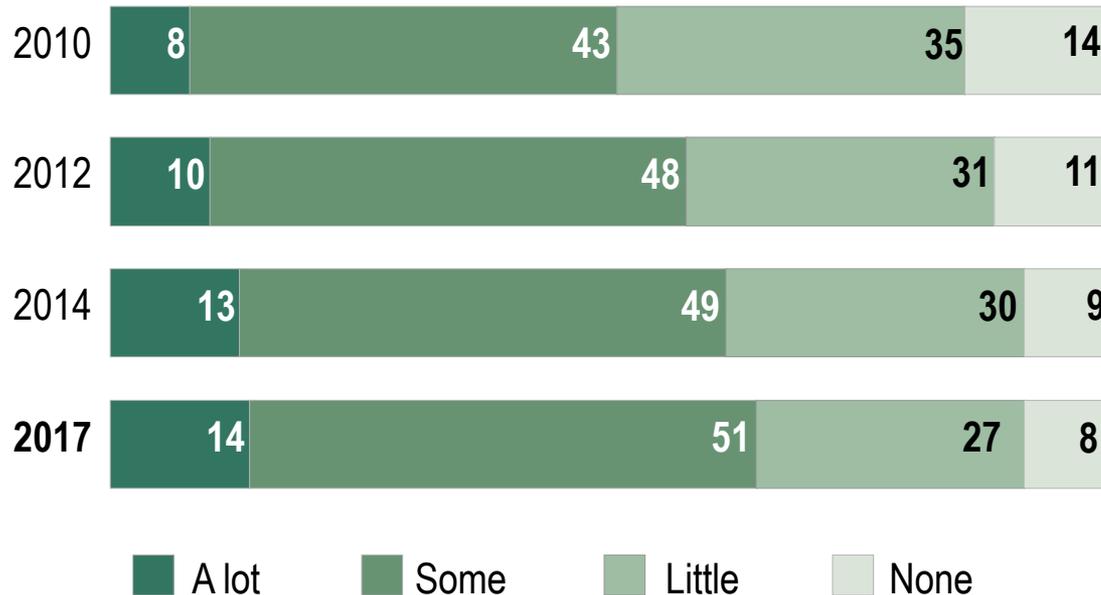
	2014	2017
Atlantic:	30%	25%
Quebec:	22%	21%
Ontario:	34%	31%
MB/SK:	27%	26%
Alberta:	30%	40%
B.C.:	26%	38%

Q.30a. To what extent do you think the courts in Canada guarantee a fair trial(7 point scale (1=not at all, 7=a lot). Results show percentage giving “6” or “7.”

Public faith in the justice system punishing the guilty is lukewarm, but has been gradually increasing over time . . .

2010 - 2017

How much faith do you have in the justice system in punishing the guilty?



“A lot/some” faith in punishing the guilty

By region

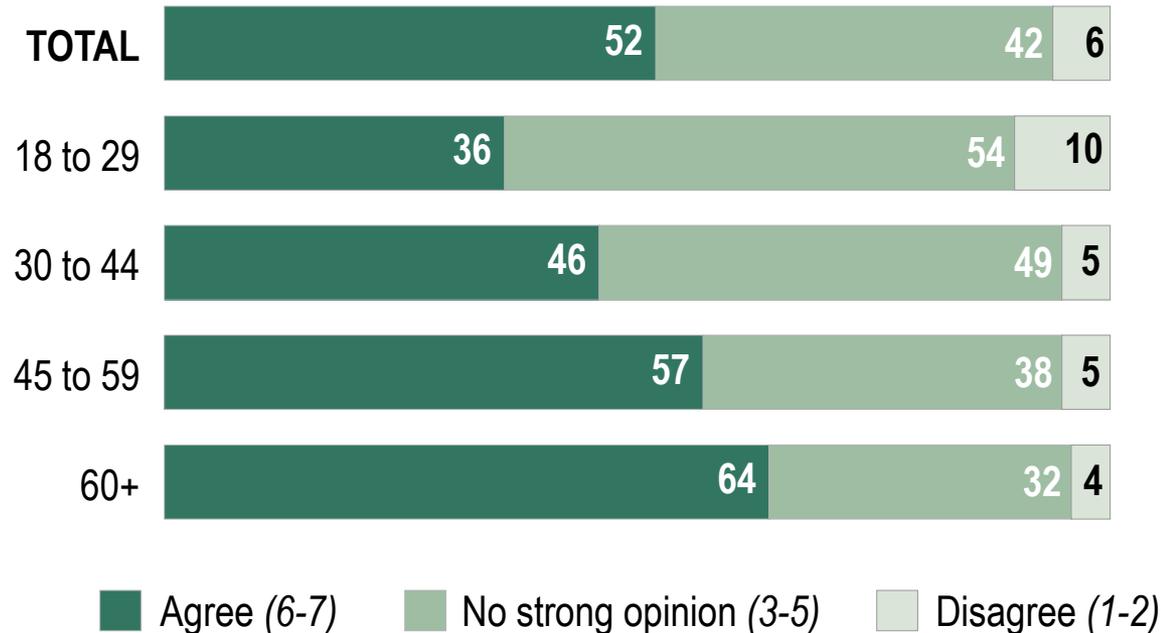
	2014	2017
Atlantic:	60%	69%
Quebec:	58%	56%
Ontario:	66%	73%
MB/SK:	50%	53%
Alberta:	67%	66%
B.C.:	55%	64%

Q.29. *If you were a victim of a robbery or assault, how much faith do you have that the judicial system would punish the guilty?*

. . . but there is solid public support for strengthening penalties for those convicted of crimes, especially among older Canadians

2017 By age cohort

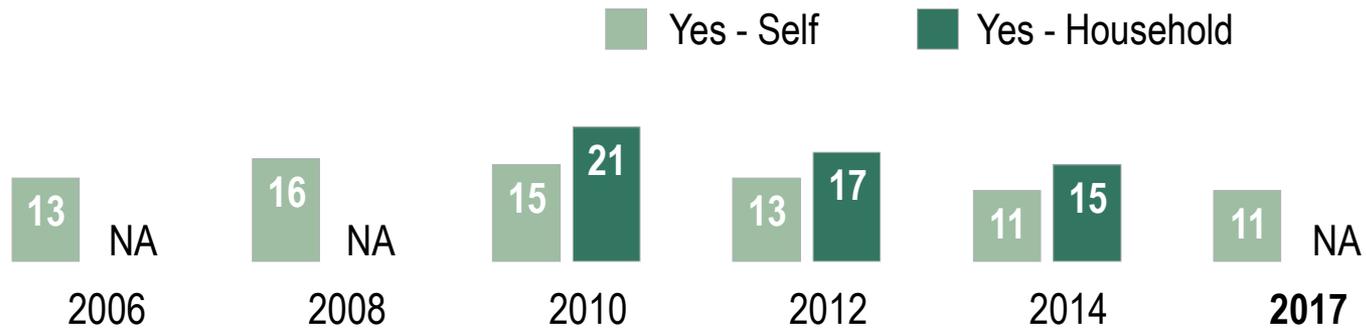
Agree – Disagree: *To reduce crime in a country like ours, punishment of criminals must be increased*



Q.34h. *To reduce crime in a country like ours, punishment of criminals must be increased. (7 point-scale :1=strongly agree, 7 = strongly disagree)*

Reported crime victimization remains at low

2006 - 2017

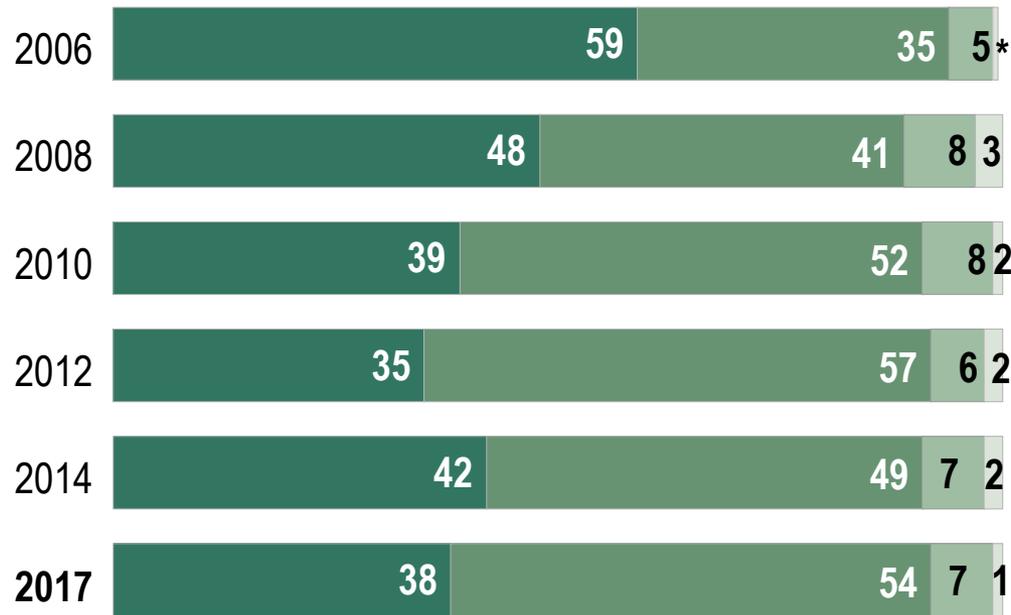


Q.18. Have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months?

Most Canadians feel somewhat, if not very, safe in their neighbourhood; this is consistent with previous years, but has declined in the west since 2014

2006 - 2017

How safe from crime do you feel in your neighbourhood?



Very safe in neighbourhood
By region

	2014	2017
Atlantic:	46%	54%
Quebec:	29%	28%
Ontario:	46%	43%
MB/SK:	45%	25%
Alberta:	49%	46%
B.C.:	48%	38%

Very safe
 Somewhat unsafe
 Somewhat safe
 Very unsafe

Q.25. Speaking of the neighbourhood where you live and thinking about the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?

Canadians' level of trust in their neighbours has held steady over time, with strong trust up everywhere except in Manitoba and Saskatchewan

2010 - 2017

How trustworthy are other people in your community?



- Very trustworthy
- Somewhat trustworthy
- Not very trustworthy/untrustworthy

People in your community are very trustworthy

By region

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2017</u>
Atlantic:	20%	35%
Quebec:	9%	14%
Ontario:	18%	22%
MB/SK:	19%	11%
Alberta:	22%	32%
B.C.:	14%	19%

Q.11. Would you say that people in your community are very trustworthy, somewhat trustworthy, not very trustworthy or untrustworthy?