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## Hold off on Kyoto, says new poll

A majority of Canadians think the federal government should not ratify the Kyoto Protocol until the potential economic impact is better understood. Opposition to the protocol was strongest in the west (62%) and Ontario (57%).

Fully 55% of Canadians answered that the federal government should wait, while 32% answered that Canada should ratify. The other 13% were undecided.

The national telephone poll conducted by SES Canada Research Inc. for Sun Media, asked 1,000 Canadians whether they think Canada needs to ratify Kyoto as proposed by the federal government because it will have a positive effect on the environment, or whether they think Canada should not ratify until there is a better understanding of its impact on the economy.

Support for ratification was strongest in the Atlantic provinces (41% supporting ratification, 47% opposing) and Quebec (41% supporting, 45% opposing).

Alberta, along with most other provinces, has been calling for a first minister's meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss how best to address greenhouse gas emissions. Many provinces, including Alberta, are calling for a made-in-Canada plan, along the lines of Alberta's [Taking Action](#) proposal.

### More information

- ✎ [Why Alberta opposes the Kyoto Protocol](#)
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