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# Voters seek more say

By **BILL RODGERS**, Parliamentary BureauE-MAIL  
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Canadians say they want a more direct influence over major government decisions, according to a new survey.

The poll, conducted last month by SES Research for Crossing Boundaries and the Public Policy Forum, found 61% want more say in the policy-making that affects their daily lives. Meanwhile, 31% said it's the responsibility of elected politicians and 8% had no opinion or were undecided.

At the same time, however, the poll indicates many Canadians are all talk and no action.

While 57% of Canadians said they had signed a petition in the past, only 32% had ever written a letter to a politician, 22% said they had joined a demonstration and 21% said they had been members of a political party.

The SES poll surveyed 1,000 Canadians between Aug. 4 and 8 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points 19 times out of 20.

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- ☐ They've earned their money
- ☐ Go Bob go!

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