



## SES Research Poll – Perceptions on Marijuana Decriminalization – February 2005

Between January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, SES completed a random telephone survey of 1,000 voters across Canada. The research is accurate  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of accuracy is wider for sub-samples. MP Randy White sponsored the independent research completed by SES. The initiative was completed in accordance with the standards of the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association (MRIA) and was registered with the MRIA. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

	Question - The Canadian Government has recently moved to decriminalize the personal possession of marijuana. Do you believe that decriminalization....				
	National Interviews	Makes possession legal Percentage	Leaves possession illegal Percentage	Unsure Percentage	No answer Percentage
Canada	1000	49.3	41.4	8.2	1.1
18 to 29	209	49.3	43.5	4.8	2.4
30 to 39	230	51.7	36.5	10.9	.9
40 to 49	206	50.5	42.7	5.8	1.0
50 to 59	162	49.4	40.1	10.5	.0
60 plus	193	45.1	44.6	9.3	1.0
Own	640	52.0	39.7	7.5	.8
Rent	360	44.4	44.4	9.4	1.7
\$0 to \$15,000	91	48.4	41.8	6.6	3.3
\$15,000 to \$30,000	153	51.6	37.9	10.5	.0
\$30,000 to \$45,000	185	49.7	43.2	6.5	.5
\$45,000 to \$60,000	132	44.7	43.9	10.6	.8
\$60,000 to \$75,000	111	57.7	35.1	5.4	1.8
\$75,000 or more	198	49.5	42.9	6.1	1.5
Refused income	130	43.8	43.1	12.3	.8
Male	497	45.3	45.5	7.2	2.0
Female	503	53.3	37.4	9.1	.2
Atlantic	100	52.0	39.0	9.0	.0
Quebec	250	52.0	38.8	8.0	1.2
Ontario	300	45.0	45.3	8.3	1.3
West	350	50.3	40.6	8.0	1.1
Liberal	335	42.7	46.6	10.1	.6
Conservative	252	46.4	47.6	5.2	.8
NDP	150	61.3	33.3	5.3	.0
Bloc	99	62.6	25.3	12.1	.0
Green	42	45.2	45.2	7.1	2.4
Undecided	122	49.2	36.1	9.8	4.9



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	Question - If marijuana is decriminalized by the government of Canada, do you think the minimum age to possess marijuana should be....					
	National	12 years of age and older	16 years of age and older	18 years of age and older	No age given	Unsure
	Interviews	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Canada	1000	.6	5.2	77.6	14.2	2.4
18 to 29	209	.0	10.0	76.1	10.0	3.8
30 to 39	230	.0	5.7	83.5	9.6	1.3
40 to 49	206	.5	3.4	83.5	12.1	.5
50 to 59	162	.6	3.7	76.5	16.7	2.5
60 plus	193	2.1	2.6	66.8	24.4	4.1
Own	640	.6	3.0	79.5	14.2	2.7
Rent	360	.6	9.2	74.2	14.2	1.9
\$0 to \$15,000	91	1.1	13.2	62.6	17.6	5.5
\$15,000 to \$30,000	153	1.3	8.5	75.8	13.7	.7
\$30,000 to \$45,000	185	.0	4.9	81.6	12.4	1.1
\$45,000 to \$60,000	132	.8	2.3	84.8	9.8	2.3
\$60,000 to \$75,000	111	.0	1.8	82.9	13.5	1.8
\$75,000 or more	198	.0	5.1	82.3	10.6	2.0
Refused income	130	1.5	2.3	65.4	25.4	5.4
Male	497	.4	5.4	76.7	15.1	2.4
Female	503	.8	5.0	78.5	13.3	2.4
Atlantic	100	.0	3.0	87.0	5.0	5.0
Quebec	250	.8	5.6	77.2	16.4	.0
Ontario	300	.3	6.0	82.0	10.0	1.7
West	350	.9	4.9	71.4	18.9	4.0
Liberal	335	1.2	6.6	77.6	12.8	1.8
Conservative	252	.0	3.6	77.4	15.5	3.6
NDP	150	.0	6.0	87.3	5.3	1.3
Bloc	99	.0	3.0	85.9	11.1	.0
Green	42	2.4	4.8	81.0	9.5	2.4
Undecided	122	.8	5.7	58.2	30.3	4.9

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