



# STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION

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**Thank you for participating in the Quebec Student Budget Consultation.**

**Your feedback, and that of thousands of Quebec students, will be shared with the media, the political parties and the general public in advance of the 2018 provincial budget.**

**In what year were you born? (*optional*):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enter your 4-digit School Code (*required*):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enter your Student Code (*optional*):** \_\_\_\_\_

**When you finish your schooling, how confident are you that you will find a job that interests you within Quebec? (*Select only one response*)**

- Not at all confident
- Not very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Very confident
- Don't know

**In which sector(s) are you considering a career? (Select all that apply)**

- Health or social services
- Professional service (legal, finance)
- Skilled trades (construction, transportation, manufacturing, services)
- Real estate
- Public sector (government, school system, fire, police)
- Non-profit, charitable work
- Law enforcement
- Military
- Retail
- Hospitality (restaurants, hotels, entertainment)
- Information Technology (IT)
- Engineering
- Arts, sports and entertainment
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

**If you were to get a summer job, what would be the main benefit of your employment over the summer? (Select only one response)**

- Extra spending money
- Money to save for post-secondary education
- Work experience to add to my resume
- Learning new skills that would help me advance my career
- Meeting new people
- Don't know

**Do you believe there is a youth unemployment problem in Quebec?** *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**In your view, what is the most important step the provincial government could take to deal with youth unemployment?** *(Select only one response)*

- Increase awareness about which employment sectors will have the most jobs
- Improve access to high quality jobs upon graduation
- Increase skills training opportunities for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers
- Don't know

**Journalists and political parties have identified some key challenges facing Quebec's education system today. Please rank the following items in order of what you believe the government should prioritize, with 1 being the highest priority and 6 being the lowest priority.**

- \_\_\_ Mandatory sexual education classes
- \_\_\_ Improvements to classroom technology
- \_\_\_ Investments in school infrastructure (libraries, playground, gym, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Making pre-kindergarten available to all 4-year-olds in Quebec
- \_\_\_ Improving teacher-training programs at universities
- \_\_\_ Reducing high school dropout rates

**Please indicate whether you think the government should increase or decrease spending on the following items in the next provincial budget. (Select only one response per row)**

	Spending should be decreased	Spending should stay the same	Spending should be increased	Don't know
Protecting the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building infrastructure (bridges, water treatment plants, community centres)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment related social programs (Emploi-Québec)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post-secondary funding and financial assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social infrastructure (daycare, low-income housing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Culture and communications (Télé-Québec)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Innovation through research and development (tax incentives for businesses, research grants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for Indigenous peoples and communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health care and social services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for entrepreneurs and small and medium businesses (tax incentives, consulting services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Which issues do you think the government should focus on? Please rank the following items in order of importance, with 1 being the highest priority and 13 being the lowest priority.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ The economy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unemployment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Poverty and inequality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Indigenous issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gender equality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public security
- \_\_\_\_\_ Protection and promotion of French
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health care
- \_\_\_\_\_ Taxation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Innovation and technology
- \_\_\_\_\_ Immigration and refugees

**The government should place a high priority on lowering the debt as much as possible.**

*(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**The Quebec government should raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. *(Select only one response)***

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**The government should support a basic income plan that would guarantee a minimum income for all Quebecers regardless of whether or not they have a job. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**Education should be free from kindergarten to college/university. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**No matter what circumstances you are born into, if you work hard enough you can be as successful as anyone else. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**The gap between those with high incomes and those with low incomes is too large. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**What is the most important step the government could take to help families?**

*(Select only one response)*

- Supporting access to more affordable daycare
- Providing more tax credits for child support
- Making post-secondary education more affordable and accessible
- Lowering personal income taxes
- Putting a cap on fees charged by banks and telecom companies
- Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 per hour
- Don't know

**Quebec should force the federal government to hand over full control of communications and culture. *(Select only one response)***

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**How much of a role should the private sector have in health care? *(Select only one response)***

- Increased
- Decreased
- Stay the same

**Environmental regulations should be stricter, even if it means higher prices for consumers. *(Select only one response)***

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**Indigenous peoples should have more control over their ancestral territory. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**There should be a ban on oil exploration and extraction in Quebec. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**A referendum on Quebec independence should be held within the next five years. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**The most effective way to create jobs in Quebec is to lower taxes. (Select only one response)**

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**Wealthy people have a greater financial obligation than everyone else to help those who are in need.** *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**Quebec's budget should be balanced no matter what.** *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

**How much tax should corporations pay?** *(Select only one response)*

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more

**How much should wealthier people pay in taxes?** *(Select only one response)*

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more

**Which of the following options do you prefer? *(Select only one response)***

- Higher taxes and more government services
- Less taxes and fewer government services

**Among the following options, which is the most important thing that the government can do to overcome labour shortages in Quebec? *(Select only one response)***

- Increase the number of immigrants that Quebec accepts each year
- Address barriers facing underrepresented groups such as women, persons with disabilities and Indigenous peoples
- Help people get recognition for education and training received outside of Canada
- Make education, training and skill upgrading programs more accessible to employers and workers
- Raise the minimum wage as an incentive for people to re-enter the labour market
- Don't know



**How frequently do you follow news and current affairs?** *(Select only one response)*

- Never
- Rarely
- Several times each month
- Several times each week
- Daily

**If you answered “rarely”, “several times each month”, “several times each week”, or “daily”, which would you say is your main source of news?** *(Select only one response)*

- Social media/Internet
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Television
- Radio

**What gender do you identify with?** *(Select only one response)*

- Male
- Female
- Other (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Prefer not to say

**What language do you speak most often at home?** *(Select only one response)*

- English
- French
- Both English and French
- Other (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Prefer not to say

**Do you self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Métis or Inuit)?** *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Are you a member of a visible minority group?** *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Are you a person with a disability?** *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**After watching the videos of the provincial political party representatives, which party would you be most likely to support in the upcoming 2018 Quebec provincial election, provided you were of voting age?** *(Select only one response)*

- Liberal Party of Quebec
- Coalition Avenir Québec
- Parti Québécois
- Québec Solidaire
- None of the above
- Don't know

**Thank you for completing the Student Budget Consultation survey and sharing your opinions on the upcoming Quebec provincial budget.**



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