

Support high for secret ballot votes on unionization

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The only real chance to have your say is at the polls.

A new poll commissioned by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business reveals strong support for using secret ballots for union certification.

The measure, proposed by the Pallister government this month after the NDP did away with the practice in 2000, has the support of 71% of Manitobans. Of those, the NRG Research Group poll found 51% strongly agree, while another 20% somewhat agree.

Only 9% strongly disagreed, while 16% somewhat disagreed.

A survey of CFIB members similarly found ample support for the Pallister government's proposal, with 68% of small business owners supporting secret ballot votes, while only 10% weren't supportive.

"Secret ballot voting is a cornerstone of our democratic tradition," said CFIB vice-president Marilyn Braun-Pollon, in a press release. "CFIB commends the Manitoba government for bringing forth legislation to ensure Manitoba labour laws provide all workers with access to secret ballot votes and respects the will of Manitobans."

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Manitobans and entrepreneurs support secret ballot voting for union certification

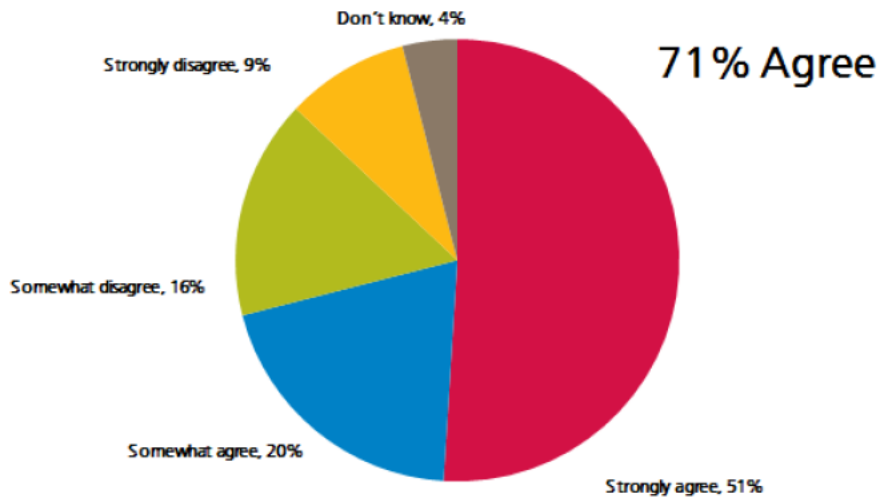
Manitobans support reinstating the secret ballot vote for union certification, according to the latest poll results from the CFIB.

A public opinion poll conducted by NRG Research Group on behalf of CFIB found 71 per cent of Manitobans believe all workers should have the right to a secret ballot vote in the union certification process. A CFIB member survey also found 68 per cent of Manitoba small business owners support secret ballot votes for union certification. Full poll results are below.

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Manitoba General Public

Do you agree or disagree that secret ballot voting should be used in all cases prior to union certification?



Source: NRG Research Group CFIB commissioned survey. The survey was conducted between January 18th to 21st, 2016. Results are based on 605 responses and are statistically accurate to +/- 4.00 percentage points 19 times in 20.

Small Business Owners

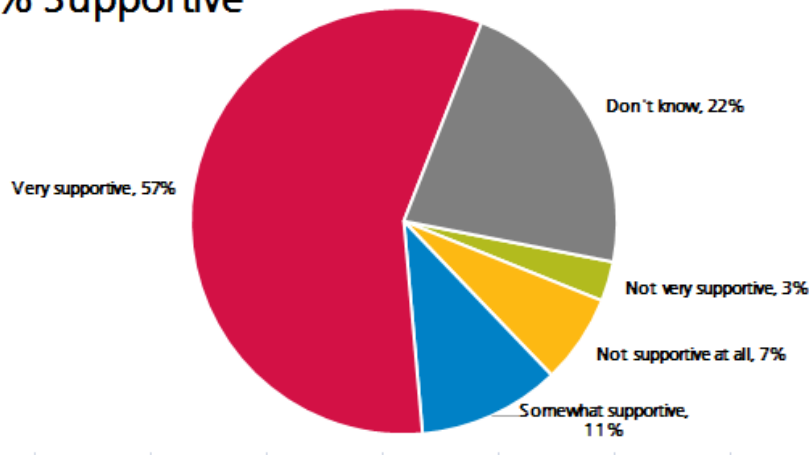
To what extent do you support or oppose reinstating the secret ballot vote for union certification?

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68% Supportive



Source: CFIB Manitoba Post-election Survey, May 19 - June 1, 2016. Results are based on 330 responses and are statistically accurate to +/- 5.39 percentage points 19 times in 20.

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