



Canadian LabourWatch Association

2008 Labour Day Poll

## ENGLISH QUESTIONNAIRE

# *What Canada's "Labourers" Are Really Thinking This Labour Day*

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Good (afternoon, evening), my name is [insert first name]. I am calling from NANOS RESEARCH. We are currently conducting a study about working in Canada and would appreciate your participation. This is not a sales call. All views you share are confidential and our survey will take about X minutes of your time. First of all, can you please tell me if you are at least 18 years old?

1. Which of the following best describes your personal work situation? [READ]  
 READ \* ACCEPT ONE ANSWER \*
- I work full-time .....1
  - I work part-time....that is less than 30 hours a week .....2
  - I am retired .....3 Not eligible
  - I am at home .....4 Not eligible
  - I am a student .....5 Not eligible
  - I am unemployed .....6 Not eligible
  - [DO NOT PROMPT]
  - Don't know .....8 Not eligible
  - Refusal .....9 Not eligible

**NOTE: If not employed ask to speak to someone over 18 who is employed in the household?**

2. In your current job, are you.....  
 READ \* ACCEPT ONE ANSWER \* ANSWERS IN ROTATION Rotation => 2
- ...unionized .....1 ==> SKIP TO Q4
  - ...not unionized .....2 ==> GO TO Q3
  - [DO NOT PROMPT]
  - Don't know .....8 ==> TERMINATE
  - Refusal .....9 ==> TERMINATE

3. If you are not unionized now, would you be very interested, somewhat interested, somewhat not interested or not at all interested in being unionized in your current job?
- Very interested .....1
  - Somewhat interested .....2
  - Somewhat not interested .....3
  - Not at all interested .....4
  - [DO NOT PROMPT]
  - Don't know .....8
  - Refusal .....9

4. For what percentage of your working life have you been unionized?  
 RECORD PERCENTAGE \_\_\_\_\_%

INTERVIEWER NOTE: NEVER BEEN UNIONIZED RESPONDENTS [Q4=0%] – SKIP TO Q12 – UNIONIZED/FORMERLY UNIONIZED RESPONDENTS CONTINUE to Q5 – CURRENTLY UNIONIZED – PRESENT TENSE – FORMERLY UNIONIZED PAST TENSE

5. You said you are/WERE unionized. An actual Member of a union can be elected to represent fellow workers and is also subject to union discipline. Someone covered under a collective agreement who pays dues but cannot be elected or be subject to union discipline is unionized but not an actual union Member. Based on what I have just explained are/WERE you an actual Member of a union or not a Member?

- READ \* ACCEPT ONE ANSWER \* ANSWERS IN ROTATION Rotation => 2
- Yes (am/WAS an actual union Member) ..... 1
  - No (am/WAS not an actual union Member) .....2
  - [DO NOT PROMPT]
  - Don't know ..... 8
  - Refusal .....9 2

6. Which of the following is true for you? [READ  
 READ \* ACCEPT ONE ANSWER \* ANSWERS IN ROTATION Rotation => 2  
 I cannot / could not resign my union Membership while keeping my  
 unionized job..... 1  
 I can / could resign my union Membership while keeping my unionized  
 job.....2  
 [DO NOT PROMPT]  
 I do not know whether or not the collective ageement at my unionized  
 job allows / allowed me to resign from the union but keep my job.....8
7. Which of the following best describes how you became a union Member is it  
 because.....  
 READ \* ACCEPT ONE ANSWER \* ANSWERS IN ROTATION Rotation => 2  
 ...it was required and came with the job.....1  
 ...you voluntarily became a Member of the union .....2  
 [DO NOT PROMPT]  
 Don't know .....8  
 Refusal.....9
8. Is/was the presence of a union in your work place, very important, somewhat  
 important, somewhat unimportant or very unimportant for you to receive fair  
 treatment from your employer?  
 Very important.....1  
 Somewhat important.....2  
 Somewhat unimportant .....3  
 Very unimportant.....4  
 [DO NOT PROMPT]  
 Not applicable / Doesn't apply .....7  
 Don't know .....8  
 Refusal.....9
9. From what you know / knew of your union's activities, do / did you feel that  
 your contributions (in the form of dues) are / were.....  
 READ \* ACCEPT ONE ANSWER \* ANSWERS IN ROTATION Rotation => 2  
 ...well spent .....1  
 ...not well spent .....2  
 [DO NOT PROMPT]  
 Don't know .....8  
 Refusal.....9
10. If you were given the choice in your current job / FORMERLY UNIONIZED JOB  
 would you choose / HAVE WANTED to be.....  
 READ \* ACCEPT ONE ANSWER \* ANSWERS IN ROTATION Rotation => 2  
 ...unionized.....1  
 ...not unionized .....2  
 [DO NOT PROMPT]  
 Don't know .....8  
 Refusal.....9

**Job satisfaction**

For each of the following aspects of your current job and workplace are you VERY SATISFIED, SOMEWHAT SATISFIED, SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED or VERY DISSATISFIED? (Also record Not applicable [7], don't know [8] or Refusal [9])









