



## Survey says unions losing relevance

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Almost half of all Canadians believe unions are losing their relevance, according to a survey released yesterday (Labour Day) by the Canadian LabourWatch Association.

The survey found that 46 per cent of Canadians question the relevance of labour unions, up eight per cent from a similar survey five years earlier.

John Mortimer, president of Vancouver-based LabourWatch, said 77 per cent of non-unionized Canadians don't want to be unionized and 27 per cent of unionized workers want out of their union.

"Unions still enjoy about 70 per cent support among the people they represent," said Mortimer. "But there is close to a third that are questioning and don't want to be (part of the union)."