

VIEWPOINTS RESEARCH - April 2006 (N806)

Q1 Do you support or oppose the new federal government’s plan to **cancel** support for the expansion of childcare centres and day homes, and **instead** give parents \$100 a month for each child under the age of 6 years. **IF APPROPRIATE** Would that be strongly support / oppose?

Strongly support 17.5%
 Support 19.1%
 Oppose 20.2%
 Strongly oppose 30.1%
 Don't know / Refused..... 13.0%

Q2 The new federal government has announced plans to cut money to Alberta that would have increased childcare subsidies, helped more families get access to early childhood education programs and increased support for child care workers’ salaries and training. Do you support or oppose the **Alberta government** paying the full cost of these programs since the **federal government** won't? **IF APPROPRIATE** Would that be strongly support / oppose?

Strongly support 23.6%
 Support 38.0%
 Oppose 16.7%
 Strongly oppose 9.9%
 Don't know / Refused..... 11.8%

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		STR AGREE	AGREE	DIS- AGREE	DIS- AGREE	STR DK/ REF
Q3	The provincial government should maintain childcare subsidies for low and middle-income parents so they can afford quality care for their children in either childcare centres or day homes.	42.6%	44.8%	6.1%	3.0%	3.6%
Q4	The provincial government should continue to support wages and training for childcare workers so that trained workers can keep providing high quality, affordable care to Alberta children.	42.4%	42.9%	8.4%	2.5%	3.7%

Q1 Do you support or oppose the new federal government's plan to cancel support for the expansion of childcare centres and day homes, and instead give parents \$100 a month for each child under the age of 6 years. IF APPROPRIATE Would that be strongly support / oppose?

	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/Refused
TOTAL	17%	19%	20%	30%	13%
REGION					
Calgary	20%	22%	18%	27%	12%
Edmonton	8%	14%	23%	40%	15%
Other	20%	19%	20%	28%	12%
GENDER					
Male	20%	21%	20%	27%	12%
Female	15%	17%	21%	33%	14%
AGE					
18-34	15%	22%	19%	36%	9%
35-44	17%	19%	25%	30%	9%
45-54	17%	18%	21%	29%	15%
55+	19%	18%	18%	28%	17%
NEED CHILD CARE?					
Yes/Maybe	20%	22%	20%	32%	6%
No	17%	19%	20%	30%	15%
UNION MEMBERSHIP					
Household	12%	16%	21%	38%	13%
None	19%	20%	20%	28%	13%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME					
Less than \$40,000	17%	17%	21%	29%	16%
Less than \$60,000	17%	19%	19%	31%	13%
Less than \$100,000	17%	23%	19%	30%	10%
\$100,000 or more	18%	20%	20%	29%	13%
VOTE INTENTION					
NDP	3%	10%	29%	50%	8%
Liberal	8%	16%	22%	46%	8%
PC	24%	23%	18%	21%	14%
Don't know/Other	13%	16%	18%	33%	20%

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	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know / Refused
TOTAL	24%	38%	17%	10%	12%
REGION					
Calgary	21%	40%	17%	9%	13%
Edmonton	26%	36%	16%	7%	14%
Other	24%	37%	16%	12%	10%
GENDER					
Male	22%	39%	17%	11%	11%
Female	25%	37%	16%	9%	13%
AGE					
18-34	34%	43%	13%	5%	5%
35-44	23%	39%	16%	11%	10%
45-54	22%	36%	19%	12%	10%
55+	18%	36%	18%	11%	18%
NEED CHILD CARE?					
Yes/Maybe	31%	41%	13%	7%	8%
No	22%	37%	18%	11%	13%
UNION MEMBERSHIP					
Household	25%	43%	17%	9%	7%
None	23%	36%	17%	10%	14%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME					
Less than \$40,000	20%	35%	19%	9%	17%
Less than \$60,000	28%	36%	15%	9%	12%
Less than \$100,000	25%	41%	16%	11%	7%
\$100,000 or more	25%	42%	15%	11%	7%
VOTE INTENTION					
NDP	35%	36%	13%	7%	10%
Liberal	29%	37%	17%	5%	12%
PC	22%	38%	18%	12%	10%
Don't know/Other	18%	40%	13%	11%	18%

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Q3 The provincial government should maintain childcare subsidies for low and middle-income parents so they can afford quality care for their children in either childcare centres or day homes.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	DK/REF
TOTAL	43%	45%	6%	3%	4%
REGION					
Calgary	39%	48%	7%	3%	3%
Edmonton	51%	39%	4%	2%	4%
Other	40%	46%	6%	4%	4%
GENDER					
Male	40%	47%	6%	3%	3%
Female	45%	42%	6%	2%	4%
AGE					
18-34	47%	47%	3%	2%	1%
35-44	45%	41%	9%	2%	3%
45-54	44%	43%	6%	3%	4%
55+	37%	47%	6%	4%	6%
NEED CHILD CARE?					
Yes/Maybe	51%	40%	5%	1%	2%
No	41%	46%	6%	3%	4%
UNION MEMBERSHIP					
Household	50%	40%	4%	2%	2%
None	40%	46%	7%	3%	4%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME					
Less than \$40,000	39%	47%	7%	2%	5%
Less than \$60,000	46%	41%	7%	3%	2%
Less than \$100,000	44%	49%	3%	2%	2%
\$100,000 or more	49%	39%	5%	4%	2%
VOTE INTENTION					
NDP	65%	31%	4%	0%	0%
Liberal	58%	33%	5%	2%	2%
PC	36%	50%	7%	3%	4%
Don't know/Other	36%	52%	4%	4%	5%

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Q4 The provincial government should continue to support wages and training for childcare workers so that trained workers can keep providing high quality, affordable care to Alberta children.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	DK/REF
TOTAL	42%	43%	8%	2%	4%
REGION					
Calgary	39%	46%	9%	2%	3%
Edmonton	56%	34%	6%	1%	3%
Other	39%	45%	9%	3%	4%
GENDER					
Male	40%	47%	8%	2%	3%
Female	45%	39%	9%	2%	4%
AGE					
18-34	42%	50%	5%	1%	2%
35-44	47%	41%	8%	2%	2%
45-54	45%	39%	8%	4%	5%
55+	38%	42%	12%	3%	5%
NEED CHILD CARE?					
Yes/Maybe	49%	41%	7%	1%	2%
No	41%	43%	9%	3%	4%
UNION MEMBERSHIP					
Household	49%	41%	6%	1%	2%
None	40%	44%	9%	3%	4%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME					
Less than \$40,000	37%	46%	10%	3%	4%
Less than \$60,000	46%	39%	8%	2%	5%
Less than \$100,000	45%	45%	6%	2%	2%
\$100,000 or more	45%	42%	9%	2%	2%
VOTE INTENTION					
NDP	67%	31%	3%	0%	0%
Liberal	58%	37%	4%	0%	1%
PC	36%	48%	10%	2%	4%
Don't know/Other	37%	42%	10%	5%	6%