

GIVE US BACK OUR RIGHTS

Poll finds that vast majority demand transparency, oversight and privacy from Canadian government

MARK 2015 AS THE YEAR Canadians realized how fragile their right to know, right to privacy and right to free expression actually are.

CJFE partnered with Nanos Research to poll Canadians about their opinions on government openness and access to information, the muzzling of federal scientists, digital surveillance practices, and the publishing of controversial cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad by Canadian media outlets.

What did we discover? Canadians care about their rights, and they want the government to change.

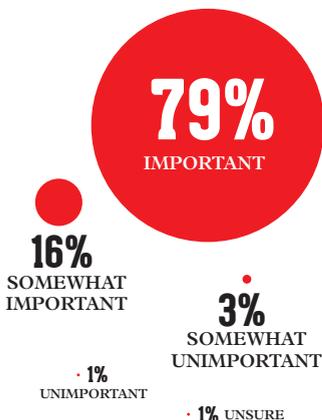
The numbers show there is a clear demand for more openness in government, both in terms of access to information and federal scientists' ability to speak freely about their research. There is a similar call throughout the country to bring oversight to our government's secretive surveillance practices, and there is deep concern over the widespread vacuuming-up of Canadian cellphone metadata.

Finally, the poll showed that the majority of Canadians felt media outlets in this country should have published controversial cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad following the attack on *Charlie Hebdo* staff in Paris.

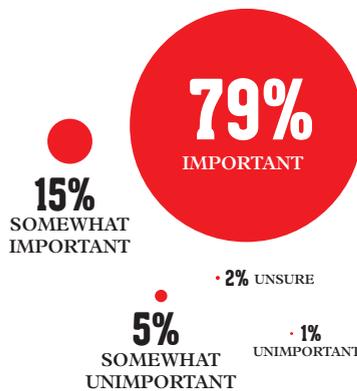
Here's what we asked Canadians.

Are each of the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or unimportant to you personally?

1 Improving government openness and access to information about what it is doing

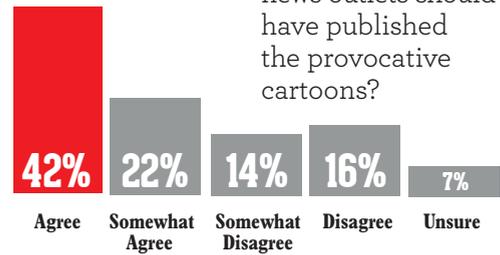


2 Scientists in the government being able to speak publicly about their research



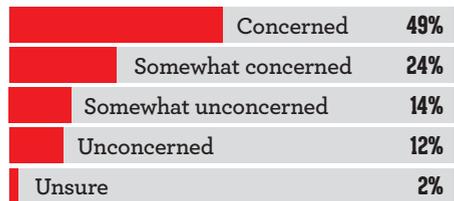
As you may know, on Jan. 7, 2015, *Charlie Hebdo* magazine was attacked in Paris following the publication of **provocative cartoons about the Prophet Muhammad.**

Some Canadian news outlets published the provocative cartoons following the attack while other outlets did not. Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that Canadian news outlets should have published the provocative cartoons?

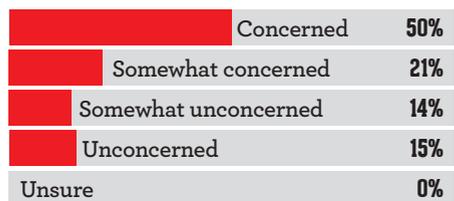


Are you concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat unconcerned, or unconcerned with the following:

1 The current level of government openness around digital surveillance and other monitoring activities



2 The federal government tracking cellphone metadata (location data, call logs, etc.) of some Canadians without oversight or warrants from the courts



Nanos conducted a hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians between Feb. 22 and 27, 2015, as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.