



If you Give Me a fish
you have fed me for a day.

If you Teach me To Fish
Then you have fed me until
The River is contaminated or
The shoreline seized
for development.

But if you Teach me
to Organize

then whatever the challenge
I can join together
with my peers

And we will fashion
Our own solution.

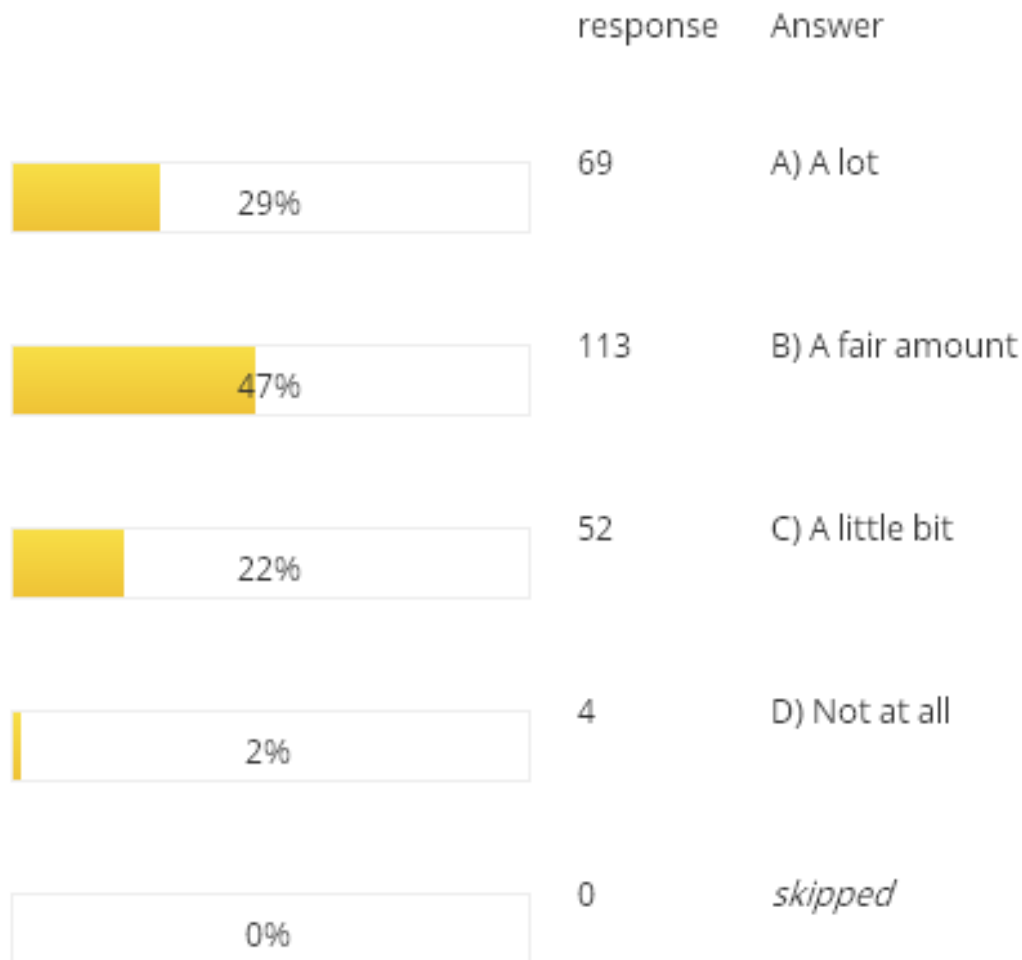
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2017 BC Election Survey Results

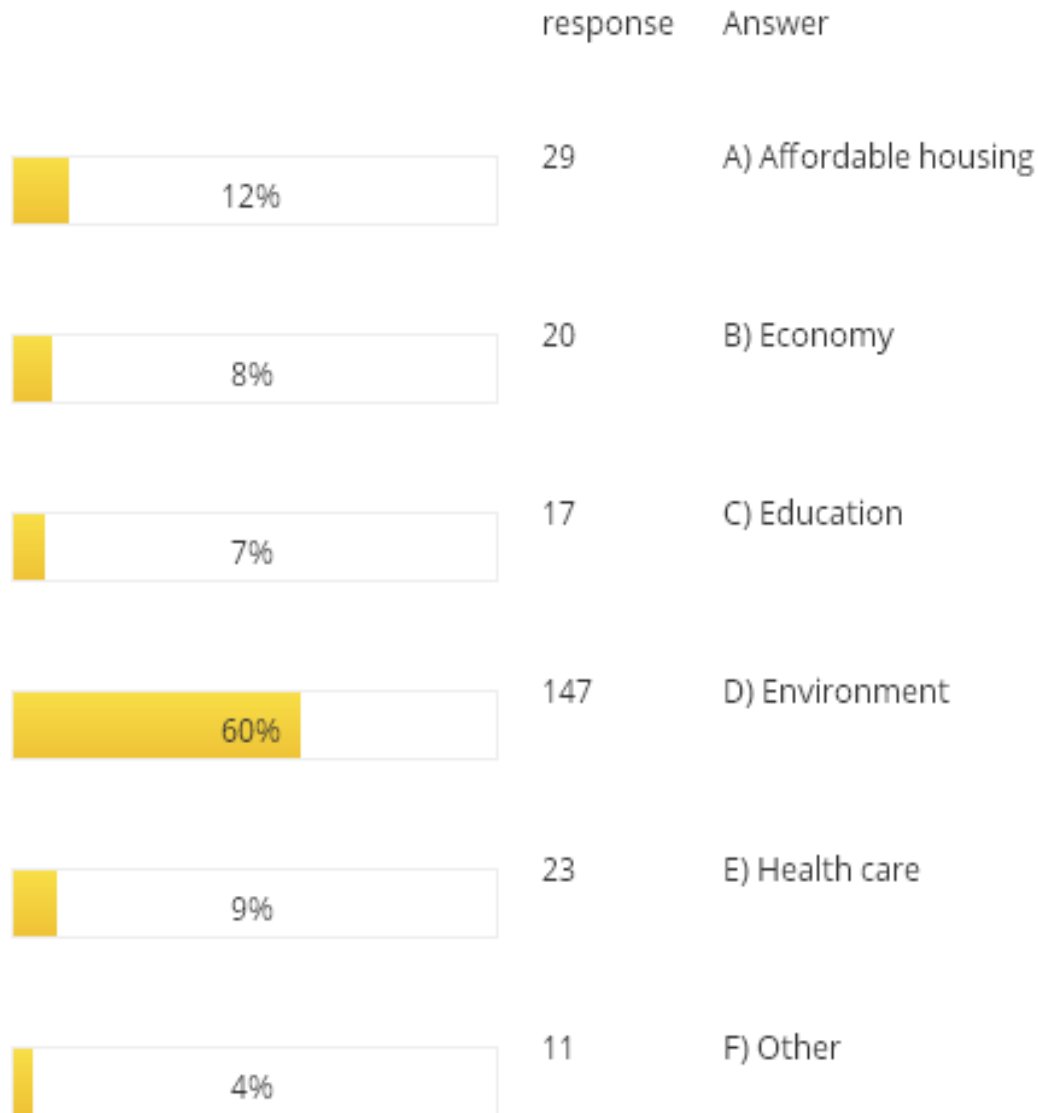
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1. How closely are you following BC politics?



2. What provincial issue would you consider to be the most important heading into the May 2017 provincial election?



3. Based on how you answered the last question, please elaborate why that issue is most important to you within our Cowichan community?

- **Affordable Housing:**
 - Vacancy rate at about 1%, rents are too high because of shortage, next to impossible to find something to rent.
 - Better policies in place to keep rates low
 - Increase funding for affordable housing
 - If you don't have a place to live, nothing else matters
- **Health Care:**
 - Wait times, senior care and lack of funding main concerns
 - Without a healthy society, nothing else matters

3. Based on how you answered the last question, please elaborate why that issue is most important to you within our Cowichan community?

- **Economy:**
 - Need a strong economy to pay for everything else
 - Local economic development, local jobs for young families
 - Without a strong economy, nothing else matters
- **Education:**
 - Underfunded, class sizes
 - We need to educate our youth about environment, etc. to make better choices
 - Without an education, nothing else matters

3. Based on how you answered the last question, please elaborate why that issue is most important to you within our Cowichan community?

- **Environment:**

- Main concerns included:

- Water, watersheds, the weir, Shawnigan, rivers
 - Create environmentally focussed jobs, mostly in renewable energy
 - Protect the health of our forests, declining ecosystems
 - Resource extraction, stop LNG, pipelines, tankers
 - Support growing local food
 - Shut down site C dam
 - Protect wild salmon

3. Based on how you answered the last question, please elaborate why that issue is most important to you within our Cowichan community?

- **Environment:**

- General consensus is we need a government who will no longer neglect protecting the environment or ignore the threat of climate change. We need to prepare to adapt to climate change locally.
- “Climate change threatens human survival.”
- “Without a healthy environment, nothing else matters”

3. Based on how you answered the last question, please elaborate why that issue is most important to you within our Cowichan community?

- Other
 - Unfair treatment of First Nations, focus on reconciliation, respect of rights and title
 - Lack of accountability with current government, broken promises, corporate agendas (over all theme in many answers regardless of issue)
 - Funding for food banks
 - Affordable \$10/day child care
 - Transit funding
 - Electoral system change

4. What role do you think One Cowichan should play in the provincial election?

- Majority of comments stated we should:
 - Educate voters on issues and/or where each party & candidate clearly stands on those issues
 - Help clear the mud of what the parties say vs what they mean
 - Get out the vote (GOTV) on the issues

4. What role do you think One Cowichan should play in the provincial election?

- Many specifically stated we should:
 - Encourage people vote out Liberals/Christy Clark/vote for change
 - Point out Liberals failings/broken promises esp. where environment is concerned, highlight general track record

4. What role do you think One Cowichan should play in the provincial election?

- <10 comments specifically stated we should:
 - Publish history of local candidate track record, rate candidates (10)
 - Support/endorse a candidate based on where they stand on the issues (8)
 - Give unbiased information/stay non-partisan (8)
 - GOTV only (6)
 - Make the issue of local water concerns the top election issue
 - Challenge candidates on issues (environment especially)
 - Get a Green candidate elected (4)
 - “Stay out of politics.” (4)

4. What role do you think One Cowichan should play in the provincial election?

- General comments:
 - Provide a unified voice for the concerns of the Cowichan area community.
 - Make candidates aware of concerns, send survey results
 - Drive home the message that we cannot support more fossil fuel infrastructure.
 - Focus on renewable energy - \$1 spent on ff jobs vs \$1 on renewable jobs
 - “I think One Cowichan should showcase our unique challenges and opportunities and compare. or contrast, them across to province to get awareness of election issues”
 - Don’t just focus on local issues, but provincially as well

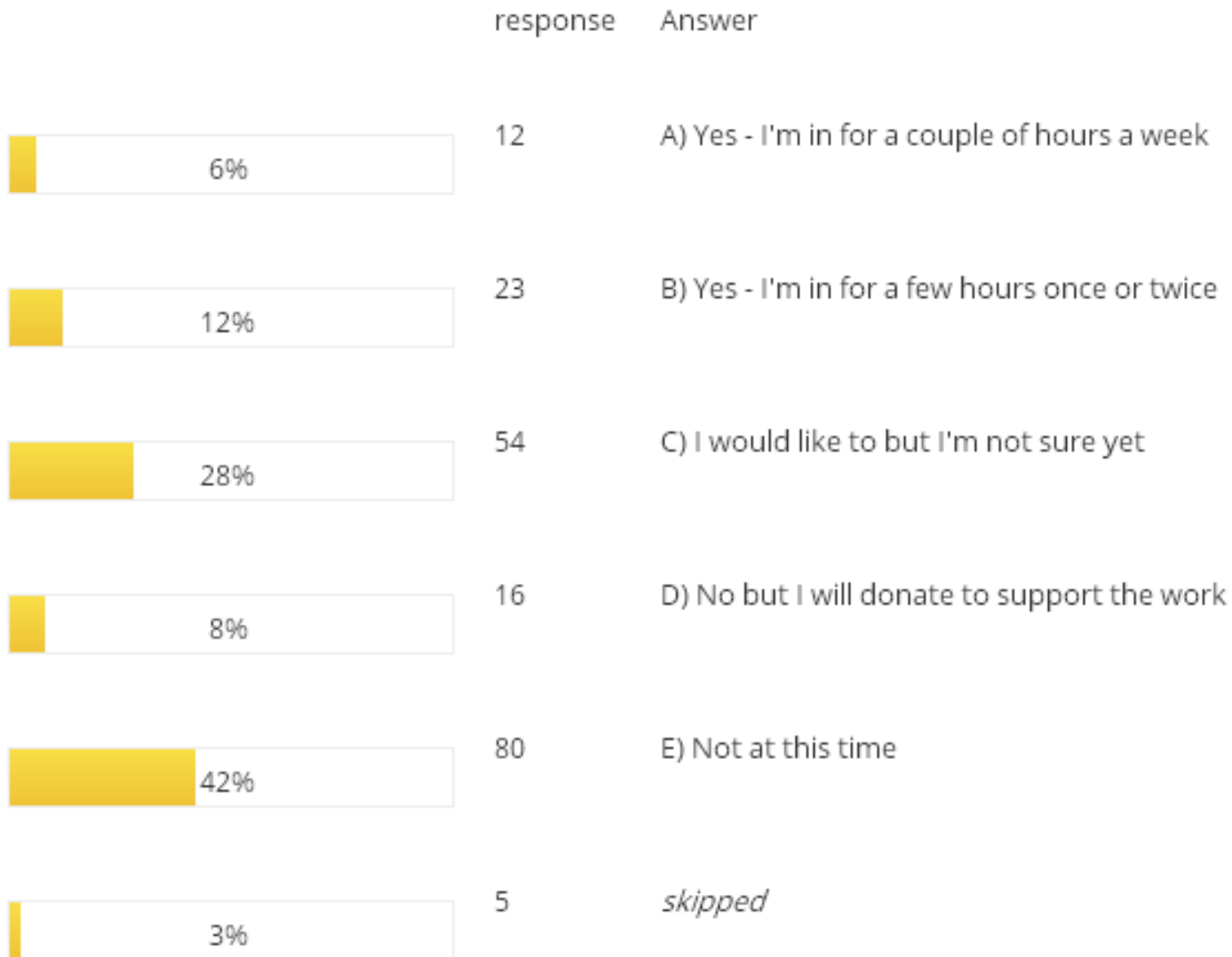
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- General comments continued:
 - “One Cowichan should advocate for the candidate that best represents their mission statement. As politically correct it may be to be non partisan, we are in critical times, and we should stand in confidence for what we believe in.”
 - “Promoting positive change and support for protecting our resources/environment”
 - “Take sides. Don’t be shy”
 - “One Cowichan should just list the headlines of environmental disasters, bad decisions, to remind people what the government has or hasn't done.”

4. What role do you think One Cowichan should play in the provincial election?

- **Activities suggested:**
 - Fact checking
 - Host all candidate debates/town hall
 - Make voter info readily available
 - Encourage youth to vote
 - Offer rides to vote

5. Are you willing to commit time to participate as part of a One Cowichan team during an election campaign from March to May 2017?



6. Additional comments

- Party supporters/volunteering reason for not participating in campaign
- Continuations of what was said
- Thank you's/appreciation
- **“keep up the good work...our government needs to be reminded of what is important.”**

2017 Consideration

If Liberals win another majority:

- **Should we as One Cowichan, participate in Dogwood Initiative's Kinder Morgan Citizen's Initiative next summer?**
 - This means collect 10% of voters signatures in each of our provincial Cowichan Valley and North Cowichan-Nanaimo ridings within a 90 day period