



**Additional Information Screen for *Survey of Regional Political Attitudes in Canada***

**Letter of Information and Consent – Additional Information**

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The purpose of this screen is to provide you with information about the research study in which you are being invited to participate. You must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to participate.

The purpose of the study is to better understand people's thoughts on Canadian politics. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decide not to be in this study. Even if you consent to participate, you have the right to not answer individual questions or to withdraw from the study at any time. If you choose not to participate or to leave the study at any time, it will have no effect on you. If you decide to withdraw from the study, you may do so at any time by exiting the survey window.

You do not waive any legal right by consenting to this study. This letter is yours to keep for future reference.

Your survey responses will be collected anonymously through a secure online survey platform called Qualtrics. Qualtrics uses encryption technology and restricted access authorizations to protect all data collected. In addition, Western's Qualtrics server is in Ireland. The data will then be exported from Qualtrics and securely stored on Western University's server. Qualtrics' privacy policy is available here: <https://www.qualtrics.com/privacy-statement/>

The survey you are being asked to complete today will take about 15 minutes to complete.

The benefit of participating in our study is that your responses will help us to know more about politics and society in Canada. You may not benefit personally from your participation. You will be reimbursed according to the procedures specified by *Léger Marketing*. The specific type of

rewards vary and may include cash, airline miles, gift cards, redeemable points, sweepstakes entrance, or vouchers, and will be awarded to you by *Léger Marketing* once the survey is complete. Please note that there is an unlikely risk of third-party hacking when collecting data on Qualtrics.

Your confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Representatives of Western University's Non-Medical Research Ethics Board may require access to your study-related records to monitor the conduct of the research. The data will be stored on a secure server at Western University and will be retained for a minimum of 7 years. Your data may be archived and retained indefinitely and could be used for future research purposes (e.g., to answer a new research question). By consenting to participate in this study, you are agreeing that your data can be used beyond the purposes of this present study by either the current or other researchers.

No identifiable information will be collected in this survey so that individual participants' anonymity will be protected. The anonymous data will be accessible by the study investigators as well as the broader scientific community. More specifically, the data will be made publicly available so that data may be inspected and analyzed by others. The data that will be shared in the dataset will not contain any information that can identify you. Participants will not be able to withdraw from the research after submitting their surveys. You are encouraged to save a copy of this letter for your own records.

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If you have questions at any time about the study or its results, you may contact:

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If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant or the conduct of this study, you may contact The Office of Human Research Ethics (519) 661-3036, 1-844-720-9816, email: [ethics@uwo.ca](mailto:ethics@uwo.ca). This office oversees the ethical conduct of research studies and is not part of the study team. Everything that you discuss will be kept confidential.

Completion of the survey indicates your consent to participate.

If you wish to participate in this phase of the study, please close this window and indicate your consent to begin the survey.