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## Canadians Love Their Health Care

12/14/09, by Proloy Bhatta

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 75% of Canadians have a [favorable](#) view of their [health care system](#), 90% according to Nanos Research.
- Canadians would prefer the USA system in the case of an emergency surgery.
- Only 9% of Canadians have a favorable view of the US health care system.

There's a lot of buzz out there about Canadians and how they feel about their health care. So I took a look at the polls to see how they really felt.

The results of all the polls vary greatly because of the drastic differences in how the questions were worded so I recommend you to take a look at the poll questions to see what folks were responding to.

According to our poll of polls, Canadians have a very favorable view of their health care system. As high as 90% according to Nanos Research and as low as 65% according to Angus Reid.

Pollster	Date	Favorable	Unfavorable
<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>75.0%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>
Harris Decima	6/4-8/09	70	28
Nanos Research	10/10-18/09	90	5
Angus Reid Strategies	6/28-31/09	65	32
<a href="#">Question Wording</a>			

And when prompted which system they prefer, they overwhelmingly prefer their own system versus the US system.

Pollster	Date	Canada	USA	Same	Unsure
<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>58.0%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
Ekos Politics	8/5-11/09	87	7	-	-
Angus Reid Strategies	7/28-31/09	32	17	36	15
Harris Decima	6/4-8/09	55	27	12	6
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But the one caveat to all of this is the fact that more Canadians would prefer the USA system in the case of an emergency surgery.

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Pollster	Date	Canada	USA	Same	Unsure
Angus Reid Strategies	7/28-31/09	32	41	14	12
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Emergency care has been listed in polls as the most important flaw to the Canadian system by Canadians themselves. Canadians are also more likely than Americans to know people that have paid for health care abroad.

Despite that, only 9% of a favorable view of the US health care system.

Pollster	Date	Excellent	Good	Fair	Pair
Angus Reid Strategies	7/28-31/09	2	7	32	47
<a href="#">Question Wording</a>					

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No matter what these polls say, EVERY Canadian I have met has told me that their healthcare SUCKS if you have a life threatening disease. They say the wait for surgery is lengthy and if you want to get seen right away by a doctor, you have to pay out of your own pocket.



K. Evans Dec 14

"But the one caveat to all of this is the fact that more Canadians would prefer the USA system in the case of an emergency surgery." Canada 32% U.S. 41%

The actual wording was "immediate surgery". As a Canadian, I can tell you that many, perhaps most responders did NOT understand this to mean "emergency" but "quick" because there is more wait for elective and non-life threatening surgery in some Canadian provinces. We take care of people according to the extent of their medical needs not according to the size of their bank account.

#### Who Would You Vote for in 2012?



Barack Obama (BO)



Sarah Palin (SP)

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