## PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

A clear majority of Canadians endorse the principle of "universality" with respect to ensuring the country's social and economic assistance programs are available to everyone



Do you believe that our country's social and economic assistance programs, such as old age pension...

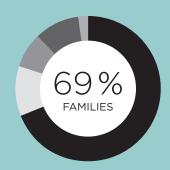
Should be available to everyone 65%

Should be available only to those most in need 29%

Depends (volunteered) 4%

Don't know/no answer 2%

Seven in ten Canadians say families with children living in poverty should be the top priority for greater assistance from our governments



Which one of the three following groups of individuals in the country is in most need of greater assistance from our governments?

Families with children living in poverty 69%

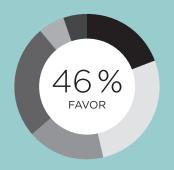
Young adults having difficulty finding their first job 11%

Individuals who have been unable to find work for more than a year 8%

All are equally important (volunteered) 10%

Don't know/no answer 2%

Canadians have mixed impressions of the concept of a "guaranteed annual income" as a way to reduce poverty and economic insecurity



Would you favor or oppose a guaranteed annual income policy for Canadians, to replace the current economic assistance programs?

> Strongly favor 19%

Somewhat favor 27%

Somewhat oppose 17%

Strongly oppose

25% Depends

(volunteered)
6%

Don't know/no answer 5%

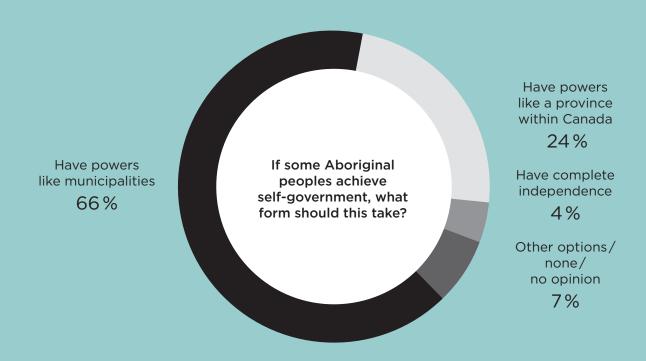
## ABORIGINAL SELF GOVERNANCE

Close to six in ten Canadians believe that the country's Aboriginal peoples should have some form of self government, mainly like municipalities

Aboriginal peoples should have a form of self government.

Total : 58 %

BC AB SK MB ON QC ATL 57% 44% 49% 56% 59% 63% 59%



Canadians say the current federal government has a moral responsibility to honour existing treaties with First Nations, regardless of what this might cost

Does the current gov't have a moral responsibility to fully honor existing treaties regardless of the cost?

