

# PERCEPTION OF SERIOUSNESS OF SOCIAL ISSUES

Source: Reginald W. Bibby, **Project Canada Survey Series**.

% Viewing as "Very Serious"

	2005	1990	1975
Gasoline prices	51%	---	---
Health care	49	---	---
Drugs	41	50	48
Pollution/Environment	40	54	44
Child abuse	37	51	41*
Use of crystal meth	36	---	---
Crime	33	41	57
Poverty	33	32	22
Sexual assault	31	38	---
AIDS	31***	48	---
Violence	31	40	50
Family breakdown	30	28	---
Juvenile delinquency	26	28	42
Terrorism	26	---	---
Violence in schools	25	---	---
Sexual harassment	24	17**	---
Bullying	23	---	---
Use of marijuana	22	---	---
The Economy	22	57	57
Alcoholism	22	26	40
American influence	22	23	27
FASD	21	---	---
Suicide	21	21**	14
Mental disorders	20	12**	19
Unity	20	37	32*
Energy	---	19	32
Unemployment	18	45	49
Indian/Native-White	15	23	16
Inequality of women	15	21	16*
Racial discrimination	14	16	---
French-English	12	28	20

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\*1980 \*\*1995 \*\*\*2000