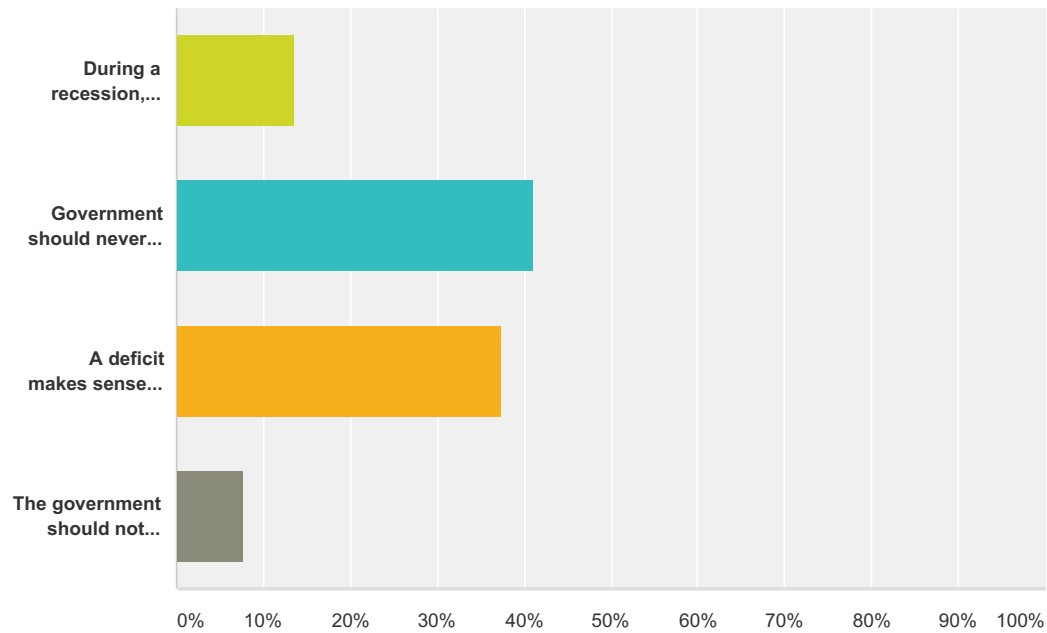


**Q1 The Government of Alberta has chosen to run a budget deficit during these hard times in order to create jobs and avoid layoffs to front line workers. Which statement is closest to your view of that strategy?**

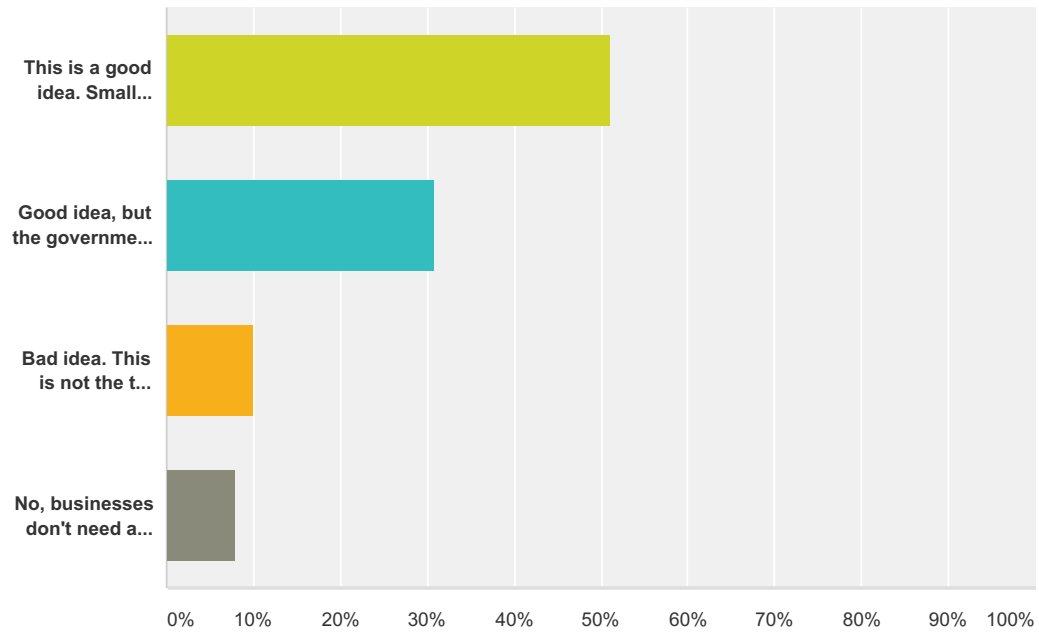
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Answer Choices	Responses
During a recession, government must continue to invest to balance the economic slowdown. A deficit is necessary right now.	13.58% 33
Government should never run a deficit, period, and should immediately make cuts to get the deficit down to zero.	41.15% 100
A deficit makes sense during hard times, but government should hold the line and not let it grow bigger.	37.45% 91
The government should not reduce important spending. It needs to raise taxes so we can pay for what we need and not run up new debt.	7.82% 19
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>

## Q2 The Government of Alberta reduced the small business tax from 3% to 2%, starting on January 1st. Do you think ...

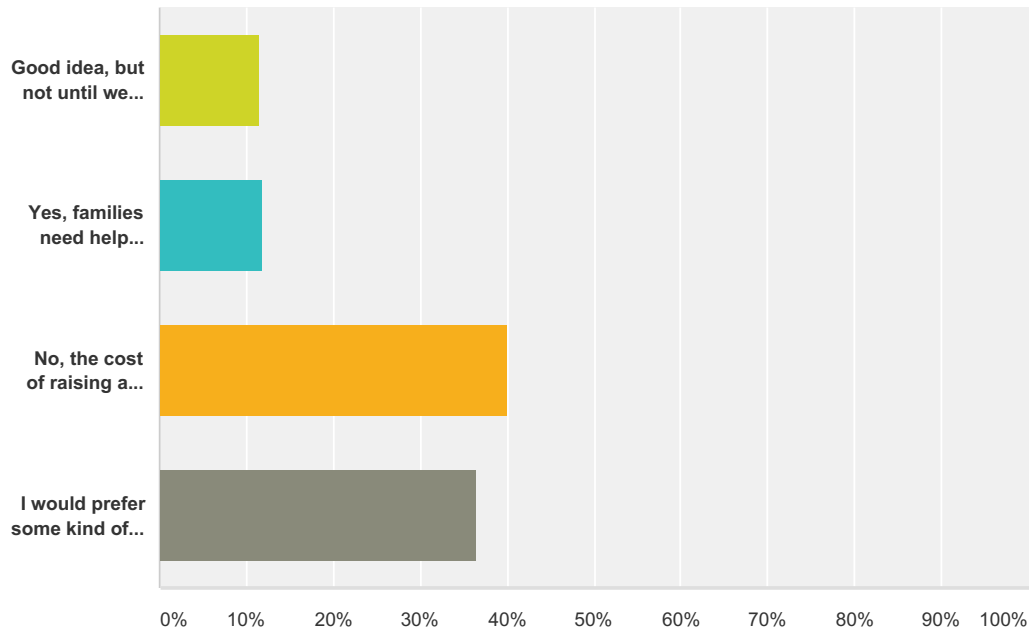
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Answer Choices	Responses
This is a good idea. Small businesses are struggling and need the help.	51.24% 124
Good idea, but the government needs to do even more. Small businesses are in trouble.	30.99% 75
Bad idea. This is not the time to be reducing government revenues.	9.92% 24
No, businesses don't need any help. If they can't stay afloat on their own, they should be allowed to fail.	7.85% 19
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>

### Q3 The Government of Alberta is considering a plan to offer daycare at a daily cost of \$25. Do you think ...

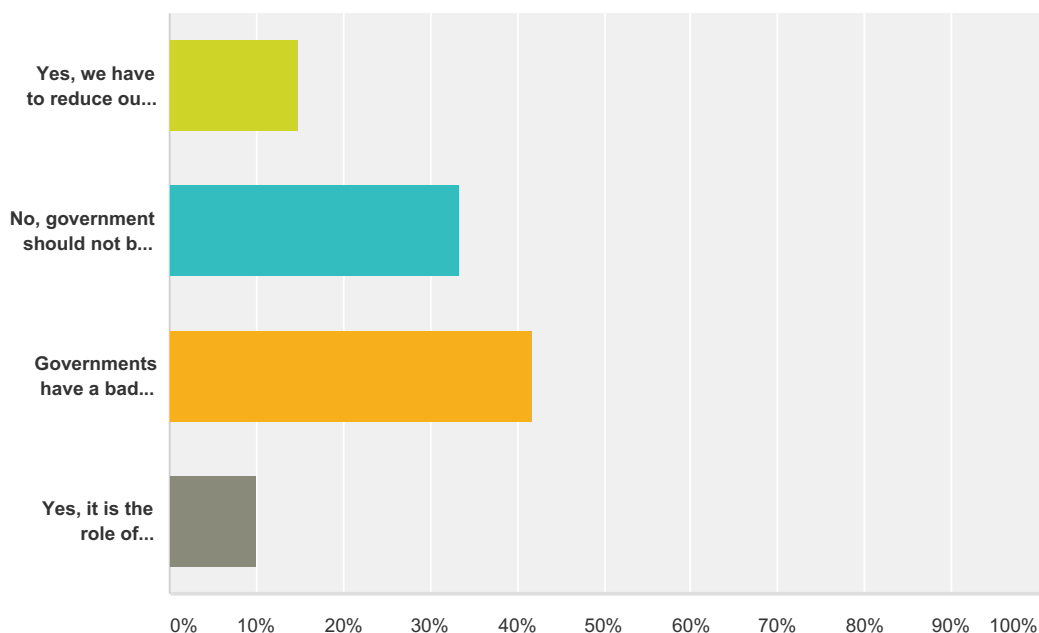
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Answer Choices	Responses
Good idea, but not until we can afford it.	11.48% 28
Yes, families need help immediately.	11.89% 29
No, the cost of raising a family should be borne by the family, not by taxpayers.	40.16% 98
I would prefer some kind of tax treatment that allows parents to choose from a variety of child care options, not only daycare.	36.48% 89
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>

**Q4 An element of the Government's Climate Change Plan is to use money raised by the carbon levy to invest in modern energy technologies such as renewable energy and carbon-reduction technologies. Which of these statements is closest to your view?**

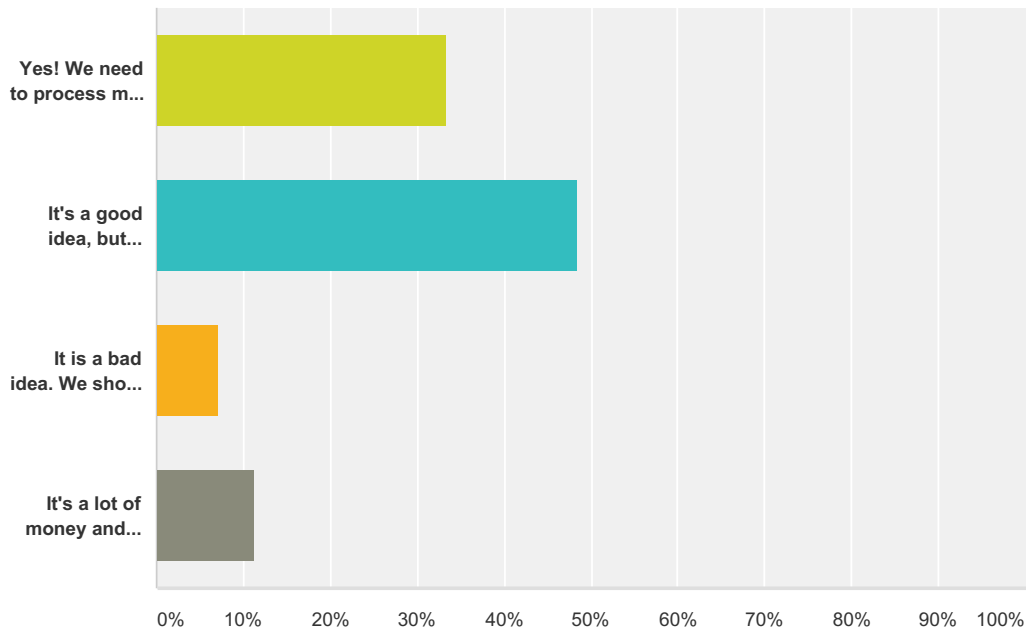
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, we have to reduce our carbon footprint so using the carbon levy for this purpose makes sense.	14.88% 36
No, government should not be paying for this. If the business makes sense, private investors will make it happen.	33.47% 81
Governments have a bad track record of picking "winners and losers". Tax incentives should be offered for new investment, but government should not be deciding which technologies are supported.	41.74% 101
Yes, it is the role of government to kick-start new industries. We as a society need to have renewable energy and new technologies, so government has to make it happen.	9.92% 24
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>

**Q5 The Government of Alberta has committed up to \$500 Million in royalty tax credits (a credit against corporate taxes) to support the construction of two plants that will convert propane from natural gas into plastics that are used in the manufacture of many products, and can be exported. The projects will create about 4,000 construction jobs and about 250 long term jobs. Which statement is closest to your view?**

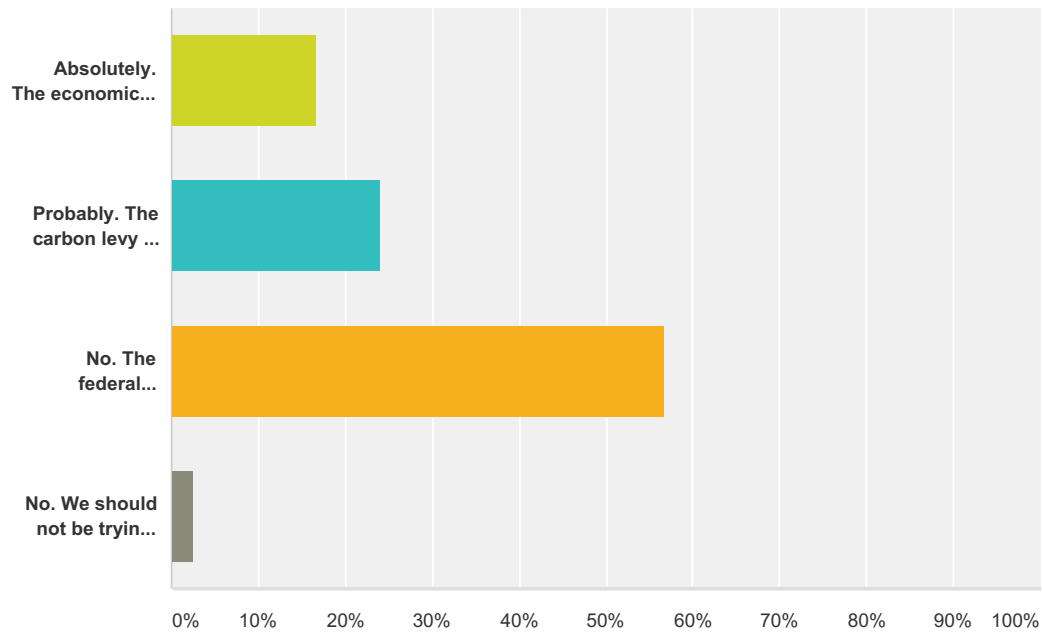
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes! We need to process more of our natural resources here in Alberta rather than exporting the raw resource.	33.33% 80
It's a good idea, but government shouldn't be involved. If the business is viable, private investors will fund it.	48.33% 116
It is a bad idea. We should be getting out of the business of fossil fuels altogether, not finding new ways to use them.	7.08% 17
It's a lot of money and government needs the revenue right now; the number of jobs doesn't justify it.	11.25% 27
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>

**Q6 The federal government was clear in stating that Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan was the reason they approved two new pipelines (Trans Mountain and Enbridge Line 3). Do you think this was a reasonable trade-off?**

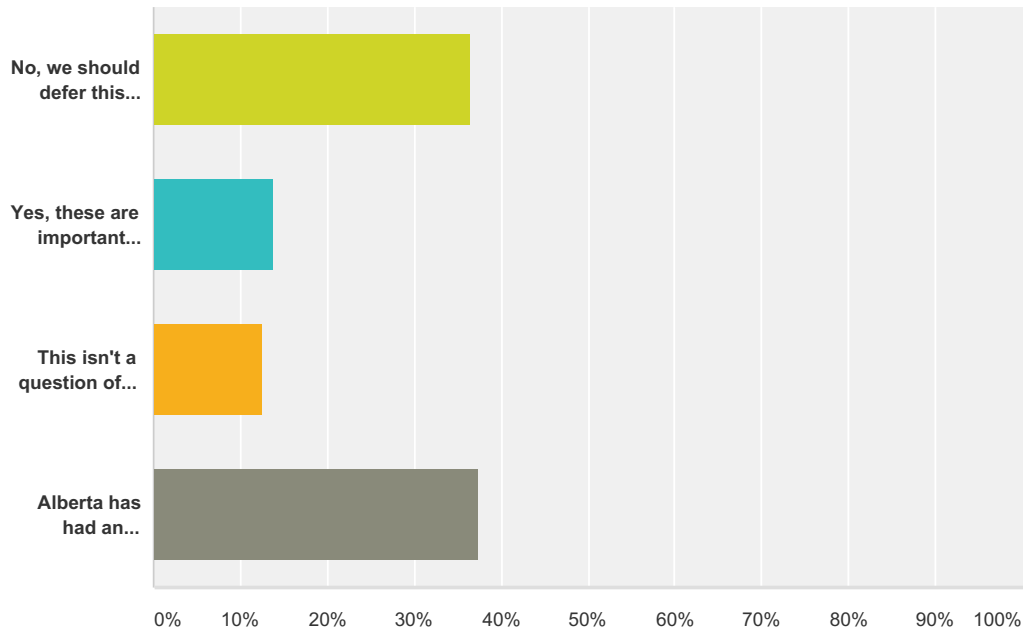
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Answer Choices	Responses
Absolutely. The economic value of the pipelines far outweighs what we will pay in the carbon levy.	16.60% 40
Probably. The carbon levy is a burden in these hard times, but the pipelines should create jobs and confidence.	24.07% 58
No. The federal government would have approved them anyway because they need the revenue too.	56.85% 137
No. We should not be trying to build more pipelines.	2.49% 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>

**Q7 Despite the government's revenue shortfall, it has committed \$35 Billion over five years to build infrastructure such as Calgary's green line LRT, schools, hospital facilities such as the Calgary Cancer Centre, and roads such as the SW leg of the Ring Road. Which statement is closest to your view?**

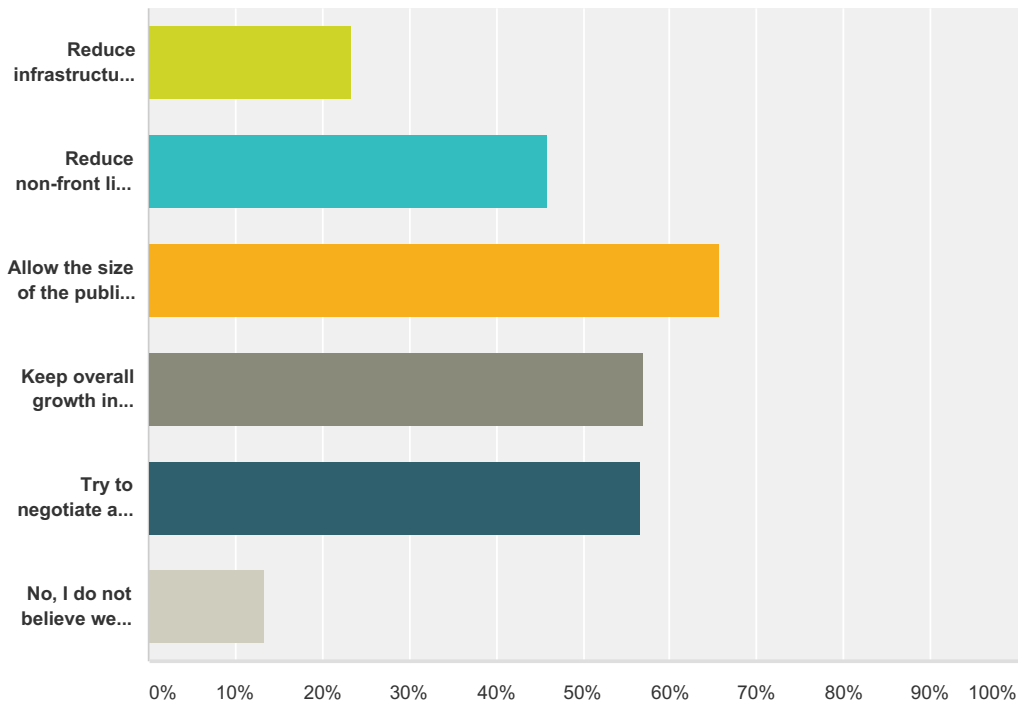
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Answer Choices	Responses
No, we should defer this spending until revenues rebound and the deficit is under control	36.51% 88
Yes, these are important projects to create jobs right now. People need jobs, and businesses need to sell their goods and services. Government has to invest.	13.69% 33
This isn't a question of cost or timing. Our city and province need these things so we must build them.	12.45% 30
Alberta has had an infrastructure deficit because of our exploding population. Now is the time, when labour is available and costs are lower, to catch up and build the things we need.	37.34% 90
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>

**Q8 In order to prevent Alberta's deficit from growing larger, we may need to restrain spending in areas that currently consume many tax dollars. Would you support spending restraint in any of the following areas (choose as many as you wish):**

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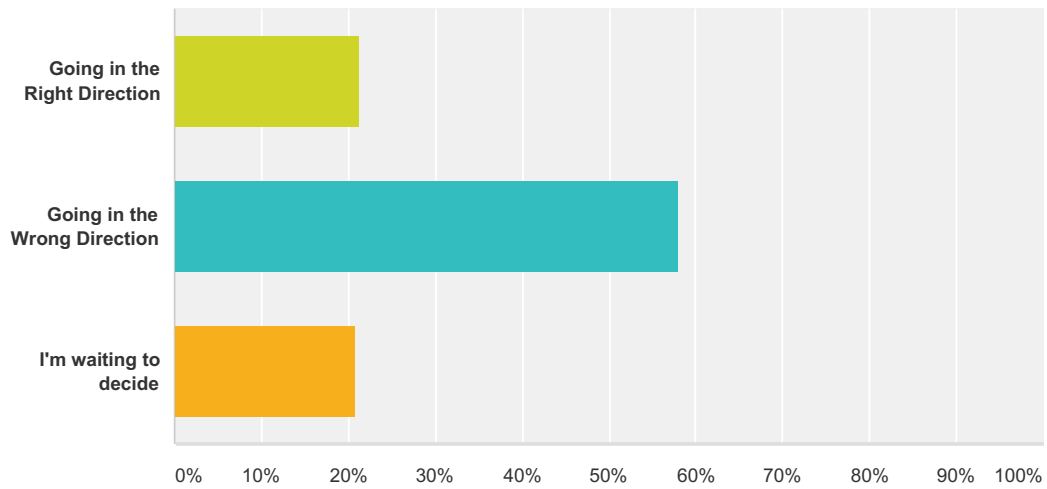


Answer Choices	Responses
Reduce infrastructure spending (money invested in building things like roads, schools, health care facilities, rapid transit)	23.43% 56
Reduce non-front line staff costs in health facilities (such as privatizing services like laundry, janitorial, or lab testing)	46.03% 110
Allow the size of the public service to shrink modestly through attrition, and trim back services and regulations to reduce the need for staff.	65.69% 157
Keep overall growth in spending to zero percent for the next two years, by trimming less frequently used programs and putting a cap on increases to programs including payments to individuals.	56.90% 136
Try to negotiate a wage freeze with public service unions; and freeze any wages that are outside of a union contract.	56.49% 135
No, I do not believe we should be constraining spending. Spend what is required to get the job done right.	13.39% 32
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### Q9 All things considered, I think the Government of Alberta is ...

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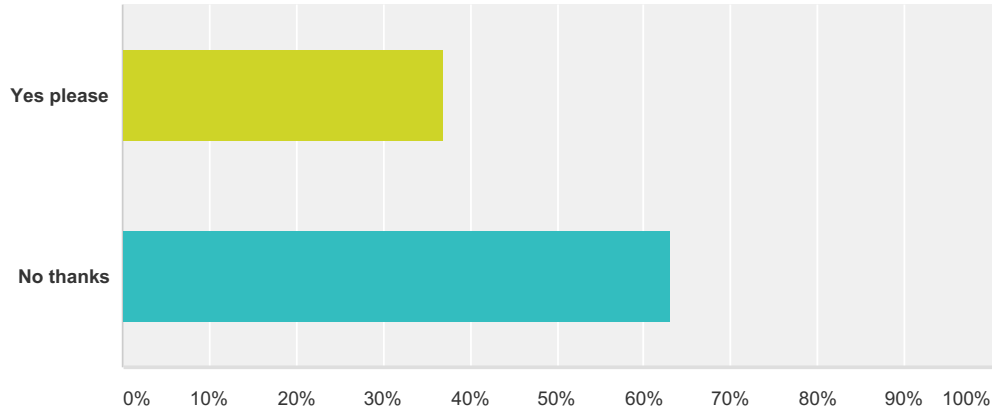
Answer Choices	Responses
Going in the Right Direction	21.22% 52
Going in the Wrong Direction	57.96% 142
I'm waiting to decide	20.82% 51
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>

**Q10 This survey may not provide enough space for you to share your opinions. If you wish to provide more detailed feedback, please send me an e-mail at [Calgary.NorthWest@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Calgary.NorthWest@assembly.ab.ca), or go to my website at [www.calgarynorthwest.ab.ca](http://www.calgarynorthwest.ab.ca) and click on "contact". You can also leave a short comment below.**

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### Q11 Would you like to be added to my quarterly newsletter? If yes, please provide your e-mail address in the box below.

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes please	36.89% 83
No thanks	63.11% 142
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>