



2015 STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION HIGHLIGHTS

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BALANCE THE BUDGET?

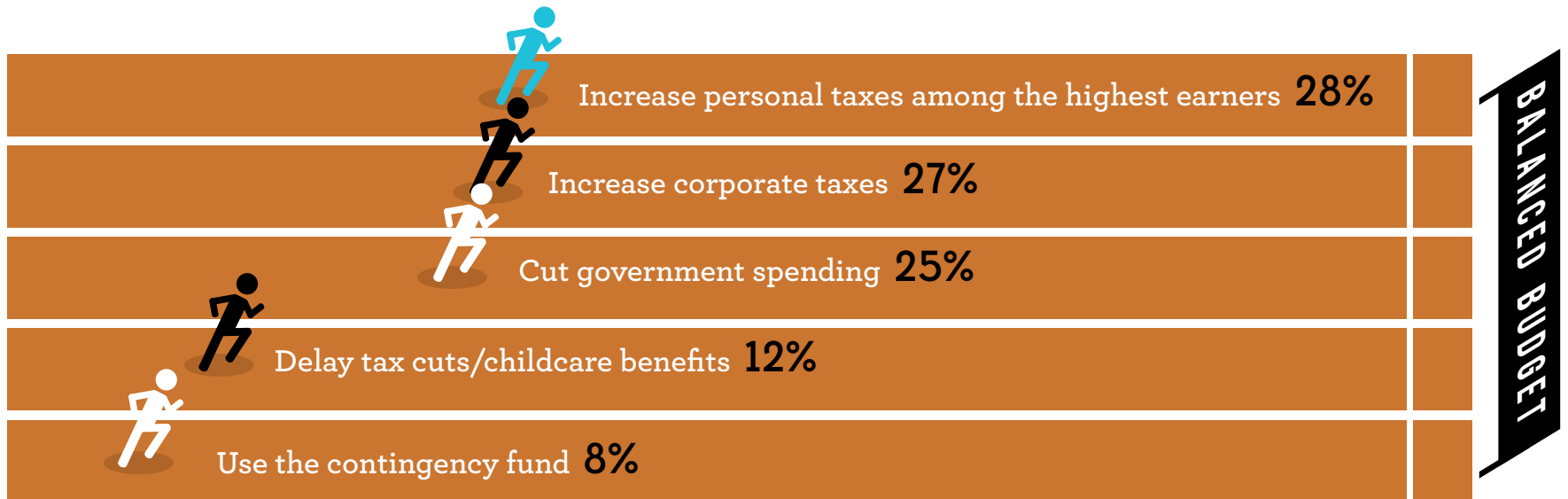


49% of students

believe the government should balance the budget this year despite the decline in oil prices and government revenues

29% said it was okay if the government did not balance the budget

How should the Government balance the budget?



WHAT TO DO WITH A SURPLUS?



Pay down the
federal debt
12.9%

PAY DOWN THE DEBT

Students allocated a larger percentage of the possible surplus towards paying down the federal debt than any other option



Purchase new
equipment for the
Canadian Forces
8.6%



Increase health care
transfers to provinces
7.8%



Increase social
transfers to provinces
for post-secondary
education
7.3%

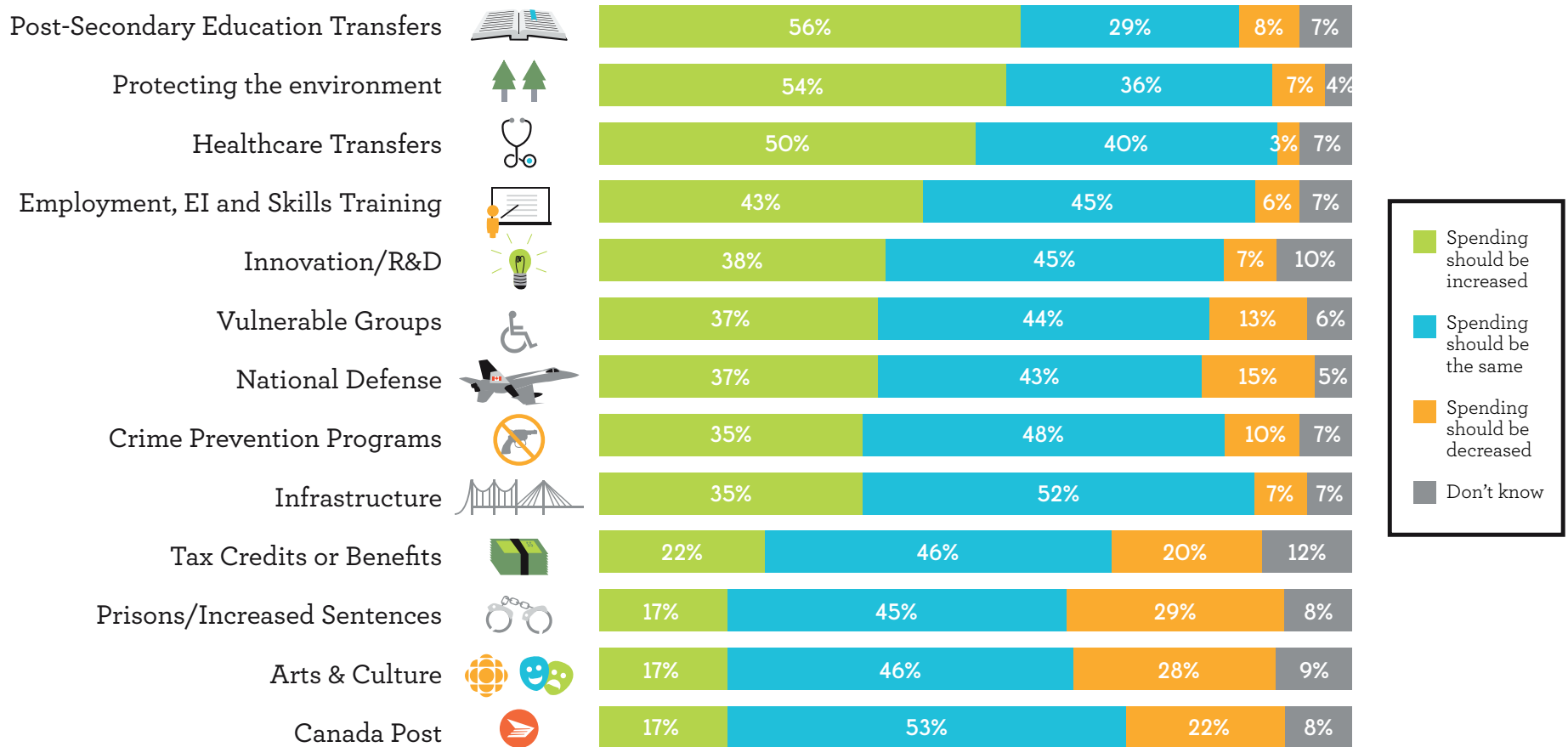


Cut personal
income taxes
7.1%

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Spending **increases** for post-secondary education, the environment and healthcare

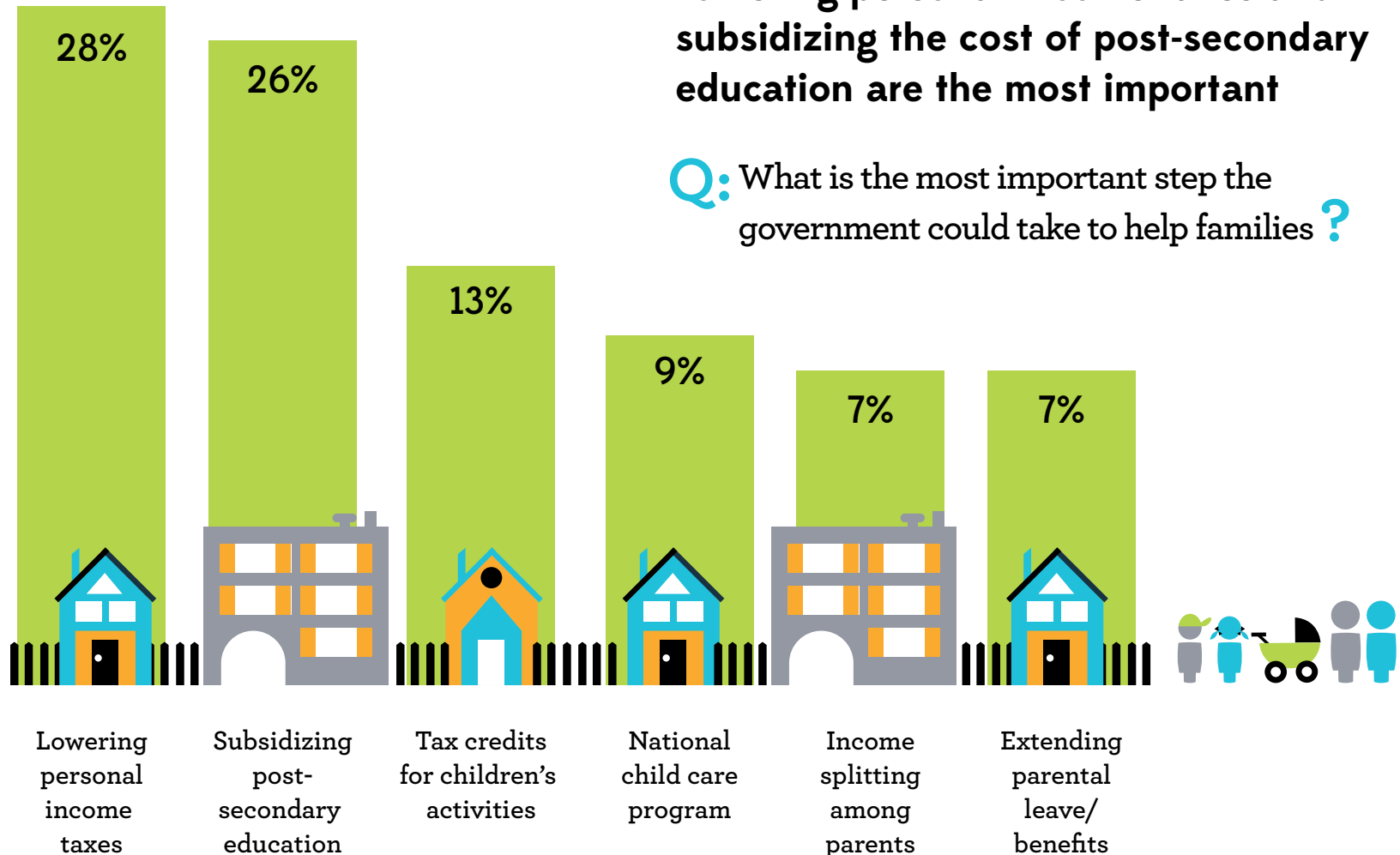
Spending **cuts** for increased sentences & prisons and arts & culture



HELPING FAMILIES

Lowering personal income taxes and subsidizing the cost of post-secondary education are the most important

Q: What is the most important step the government could take to help families ?



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Q: What is the most important step to increase youth employment ?



38%

Lower tuition



16%

Training programs to fill skills shortages



14%

Jobs grants or tax credits for businesses



12%

Increased awareness about available jobs



6%

Lower taxes on businesses

Q: What is the biggest challenge that you face in starting your career ?



20%

Cost of education



19%

Career uncertainty



11%

Job competition



9%

Location



8%

University program competition



7%

Limited jobs



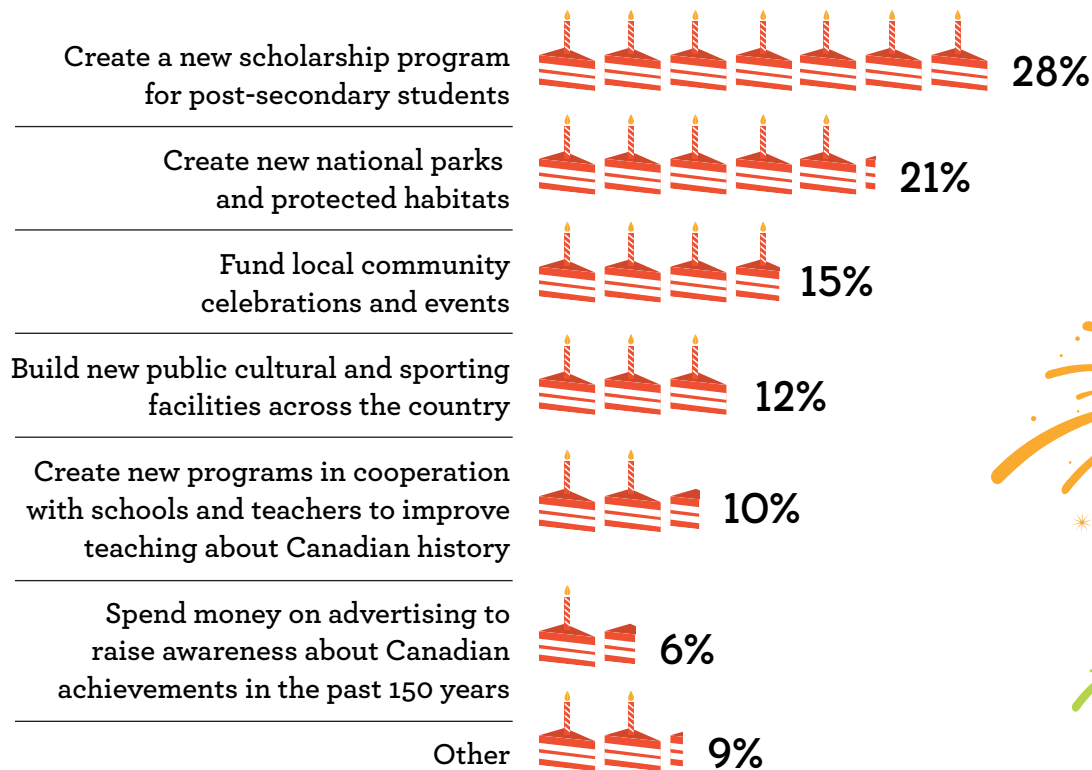
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Lack of guidance/support


CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150TH

Q: Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2017.

Which is the best way for the Government to mark this occasion ?



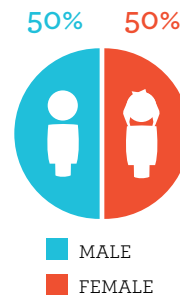
METHODOLOGY & BACKGROUND

 **STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION** is a civic education and financial literacy program for high school students across Canada. The process gives young people an opportunity to learn about government and public policy, debate varying viewpoints and offer their own opinion on the priorities of the federal budget.

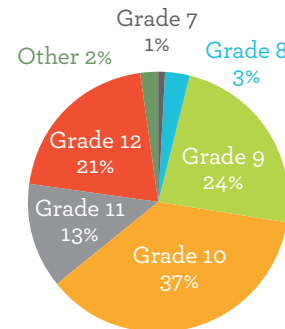
In conjunction with the 2015 Federal Budget, Canadian high school students were consulted on budget priorities using online and paper-based questionnaires. In total, 6,189 high school students from every province and territory in Canada participated between December 2014 and April 2015.

The most recent Canadian census data has been used to weight the data to reflect the actual population distribution by province of Canadians between the ages of 12 and 19.

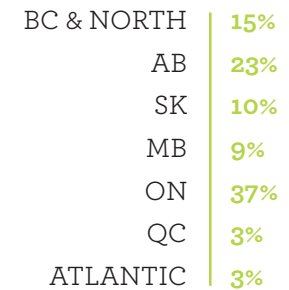
Gender Breakdown




Grade Breakdown



Regional/Provincial Breakdown



CIVIX is a non-partisan, national registered charity building the capacity and commitment of young Canadians to participate in our democracy. Our vision is a strong and inclusive Canada where all young people are ready, willing and able to contribute to their country.

Student Vote , the flagship program of CIVIX, is a parallel election for students under the voting age coinciding with official elections. In the 2011 federal election, more than 563,000 students cast a Student Vote ballot from nearly 3,800 schools throughout Canada.

