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# MANITOBA 2019 ELECTION SURVEY RESULTS Views on Privatizing Crown Corporation Services

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# **KEY FINDINGS**

- Manitobans were asked to assess their level of support for privatizing four services that are currently delivered by publicly owned Crown corporations: electricity and natural gas services (via Manitoba Hydro), casino gambling and liquor sales (via Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries through its Casinos of Winnipeg and Liquor Marts brands, respectively) and vehicle insurance (via Manitoba Public Insurance).
- Manitobans are most likely to oppose privatizing services delivered by Manitoba
  Hydro, with more than two-thirds in opposition to privately delivered power services.
  More than one-half are opposed to privatizing casino gambling operations and vehicle
  insurance. Manitobans are evenly split, however, regarding privatizing liquor sales,
  with near-equal proportions favouring (and opposed to) allowing private retailers to
  play a greater role in selling these beverages.
- Generally, younger Manitobans are more open to privatization of all types of publicly owned and delivered services, with rural and northern Manitobans somewhat more open to privatizing energy distribution and vehicle insurance.
- More than one-half of Progressive Conservative supporters favour privatizing liquor sales, while nearly one-half of Liberal and Green voters are in favour of this. Only three-in-ten NDP voters are supportive of privatizing liquor sales. PC supporters are also more likely to back privatizing vehicle insurance, casino gambling and energy distribution.

## SUPPORT FOR PRIVATIZATION OF CROWN SERVICES

QI1. "The Manitoba government delivers several services through publicly owned Crown corporations. Some people argue private companies could deliver these services better, while others say these services are too important to Manitobans to be delivered by the private sector. For each of the following, please indicate whether you support or oppose privatizing these services."

Base: All respondents (N=1,200)

#### Support Oppose Unsure



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### VARIATIONS BY SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC SUB-GROUP

QI1. "...For each of the following, please indicate whether you support or oppose privatizing these services."

Base: All respondents (N=1,200)

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Support for privatizing **electricity and natural gas service** is higher among:

- Rural and northern Manitobans (32% vs. 24% among those in Winnipeg).
- Younger adults (41% among those 18-34 vs. 20% among those 35-54).
- Those with high school or less (42% vs. 21% among university graduates).
- Indigenous Manitobans (39% vs. 26% among non-Indigenous residents).



Support for privatizing **vehicle insurance** is higher among:

- Rural and northern Manitobans (42% vs. 31% among Winnipeg residents).
- Younger adults aged 18-34 (48% vs. 28% among those 55+).
- Those with Grade 12 or less (51% vs. 30% among university graduates).
- Indigenous Manitobans (45% vs. 34% among non-Indigenous citizens).



Support for privatizing **casino gambling** is higher among:

- Younger adults aged 18-34 (38% vs. 28% among those 55+).
- Those with higher household incomes (36% among those earning \$100K+).
- Indigenous Manitobans (40% vs. 30% among non-Indigenous citizens).



Support for privatizing **retail liquor sales** is higher among:

- Those aged 18-34 (54% vs. 44% among those 35-54).
- Those with higher household incomes (51% among those earning \$100K+ and 53% among those earning \$50K-\$99K vs. 38% among those earning <\$50K).</li>

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### BY PARTY PREFERENCE

QI1. "...For each of the following, please indicate whether you support or oppose privatizing these services."

Base: All respondents (N=1,200)

30% Liquor sales 44% LIQUOR MART 48% 42% 46% 22% Vehicle insurance 31% Manitoba **Public Insurance** 33% 33% 36% 26% Casino gambling 34% 35%

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Electricity and natural gas service



62%

■ PC ■ NDP ■ Liberal ■ Green ■ Undecided

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