

**Canadian Union of Public Employees National Pension Survey
 Environics Research Group (Jan. 6 – 11, 2011)**

1) As far as you know, are policy makers moving too fast, too slow, or at the right pace in their efforts to deal with changes to Canada’s pension system?

Too fast	5%
Too slow	48%
Just right	25%
Not aware of changes	5%
DK/NA	17%

2) There has been talk about expanding the Canada Pension Plan [RRQ/QPP for Quebec respondents] to help people save more for retirement. The CPP covers almost all workers. The amount that individual workers and employers pay into the plan would increase slowly over the next several years to provide higher retirement benefits from the CPP. Generally speaking do you support or oppose increasing Canada Pension Plan benefits. Is that strongly or somewhat?

Strongly support	31%		
Support	45%	Total support	76%
Oppose	12%		
Strongly oppose	6%	Total oppose	18%
DK/NA	7%		

3) Recently, the federal government announced plans to delay increasing Canada Pension Plan benefits in favour of what they call a private pooled pension plan for individual Canadians who can afford to make contributions. These new private saving plans would be offered by banks, insurance companies and mutual fund corporations. Do you support or oppose the decision by Ottawa to delay improvements in CPP benefits that would benefit all Canadians?

Strongly support	9%		
Support	29%	Total support	38%
Oppose	28%		
Strongly oppose	23%	Total oppose	51%
DK/NA	12%		

****Of those surveyed with an opinion*

Support	43%
Oppose	57%

4) Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statement. Increasing Canada Pension Plan benefits should be the first priority for improving retirement security for all Canadians because not everyone has a workplace pension and many people can’t afford to make RRSP contributions. Is that strongly or somewhat?

Strongly agree	42%
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Agree	38%	Total agree	80%
Disagree	11%		
Strongly disagree	5%	Total disagree	16%
DK/NA	4%		

5) There is talk of a possible spring federal election in Canada. In your view, how important is it that issues such as retirement security and improved pensions be debated during the election? Is this...

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	40%
Not very important	12%
Not at all important	4%
DK/NA	3%