

VIEWPOINTS RESEARCH (WEIGHTED N=402)

INTERVIEWER: ___ ___ ___ PHONE: (306) ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___

GENDER: Male 48.9% Female..... 51.1%

REGION Regina 19.0% Saskatoon 21.0% Other 60.0%

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Viewpoints Research. Today we're conducting a survey on issues of local interest and I'd like to include your opinions. Are you 18 years of age or older?

IF NO, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DOES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS. IF THE PERSON WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS IS NOT AT HOME, ASK FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS 18 YEARS OR OLDER. IF NO ONE PRESENTLY AT HOME QUALIFIES, ARRANGE A TIME TO CALL BACK.

For the purposes of the following questions, when I refer to health care providers, I am talking about licensed practical nurses, special care aides, medical laboratory technologists and home care workers.

Q1 Saskatchewan health care providers are negotiating a new contract with the government. Have you heard about these negotiations in the news media?

Yes, have heard about these negotiations 58.1%
 No, have not heard about these negotiations 41.6% **GOTO Q3**
 Don't know / Refused..... 0.4% **GOTO Q3**

Q2 In these negotiations, have you generally supported.....? **READ / ROTATE**

Workers / health care providers 61.2%
 Government and employers 21.8%
DO NOT READ
 Neither..... 3.9%
 Both / depends..... 4.5%
 Don't know / Refused..... 8.6%

Q3 The contract negotiations between the health care providers, and health employers and the government, have been going on for more than two years . How concerned are you that the contract negotiations have lasted this long? Are you...**READ LIST.?**

Very concerned 28.4%
 Somewhat concerned 45.2%
 Not very concerned 18.7%
 Not at all concerned 6.3%
 Don't know / Refused..... 1.4%

Q4 Who do you believe is primarily responsible for the lengthy period of time these negotiations are taking?

- Workers / health care providers 17.5%
- Government and employers 51.2%
- DO NOT READ**
- Neither..... 1.9%
- Both / depends..... 17.6%
- Don't know / Refused..... 11.7%

Q5 Do you agree or disagree that the shortage of health care providers will get worse, unless improvements are made to the current contract, in terms of how it deals with benefits and working conditions? **THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly / moderately agree or disagree?

- Strongly agree 35.9%
- Moderately agree 33.7%
- Moderately disagree..... 14.7%
- Strongly disagree 6.4%
- Don't know / Refused..... 9.2%

Q6 Do you think the government has treated Registered Nurses and health care providers more or less the same, or do you believe the government has shown favouritism to the Registered Nurses

- Treats them the same 25.6% **GO TO Q8**
- Favours Registered Nurses 43.5%
- Don't know / Refused..... 30.9% **GO TO Q8**

Q7 How concerned are you that government has shown favouritism to Registered Nurses over health care providers. Are you.....**READ LIST?** (N=179)

- Very concerned 29.0%
- Somewhat concerned 59.9%
- Not very concerned..... 8.9%
- Not at all concerned 2.2%
- Don't know / Refused..... 0.0%

I am going to read you a list of contract items that health care providers want in their next contract and which Registered Nurses in Saskatchewan already receive. For each one please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that it should be included in the health care providers' next contract. **ROTATE**

	STR AGREE	AGREE	DIS- AGREE	STR DIS- AGREE	DK/ REF	MEAN
Q8 Being paid for travel time to jobs outside the community.	21.9%	54.8%	15.7%	4.1%	3.6%	0.77
Q9 Having legally required licensing fees paid for by the employers.	19.5%	48.9%	19.2%	7.0%	5.4%	0.58

		STR AGREE	AGREE	DIS- AGREE	STR DIS- AGREE	DK/ REF	MEAN
Q10	Paying health care providers an additional hourly amount of about \$3.00, when they work evenings and weekends.	17.7%	47.6%	23.7%	7.7%	3.4%	0.45
Q11	Generally do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose higher wages for health care providers?						
	Strongly support.....	17.9%					
	Support.....	55.4%					
	Oppose	12.9%					
	Strongly oppose	3.8%					
	Don't know / Refused.....	9.9%					
Q12	Have you heard radio ads recently from Saskatchewan health care providers dealing with their concerns about staff shortages and working conditions in health care, and calling on the government to negotiate a fair deal with them?						
	Yes, have seen the ad.....	49.7%					
	No, have not seen the ad / don't know	50.1%			GOTO Z1		
	Refused	0.2%			GOTO Z1		
Q13	Do you agree or disagree with the main message of the ads, which is that the government should re-start negotiations to reduce staff shortages, and get a fair deal with health providers? IF APPROPRIATE Would that be strongly agree / disagree? (N=200)						
	Strongly agree	38.9%					
	Agree.....	49.1%					
	Disagree	6.0%					
	Strongly disagree	2.5%					
	Don't know / Refused.....	3.4%					

Now I just have a few questions for our statistical tabulations...

Z1 RECORD GENDER (DO NOT READ)

Male	48.9%
Female.....	51.1%

Z2 What age category are you in?

18 to 24	13.5%
25 to 29	7.8%
30 to 34	7.4%
35 to 39	7.8%
40 to 49	19.7%
50 to 54	9.6%
55 to 59	8.0%
60 to 64	6.1%
65 or over	20.1%
Don't know / Refused.....	0.0%

Z3 Would you say that your total household income before taxes is...?

Less than \$20,000	7.3%
Less than \$30,000	12.7%
Less than \$40,000	9.1%
Less than \$60,000	16.4%
Less than \$80,000	14.3%
Less than \$100,000	10.6%
\$100,000 or more	18.9%
Don't know / Refused.....	10.7%

Z4 Are you or is any one in your household a union member?

Yes, respondent.....	13.5%
Another household member is	10.7%
Both/more than one.....	4.5%
None	71.1%
Don't know / Refused.....	0.2%

I'd like to thank-you for taking the time to participate in this survey.