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**Youth Crime Sentencing  
Deep Water Drilling &  
Helena Guergis**

**May 20 2010**

# Methodology

## INSTRUMENT

- ▶ An online survey was conducted between May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## SCOPE

- ▶ The survey was completed with 1,587 Canadian adults (aged 18+).

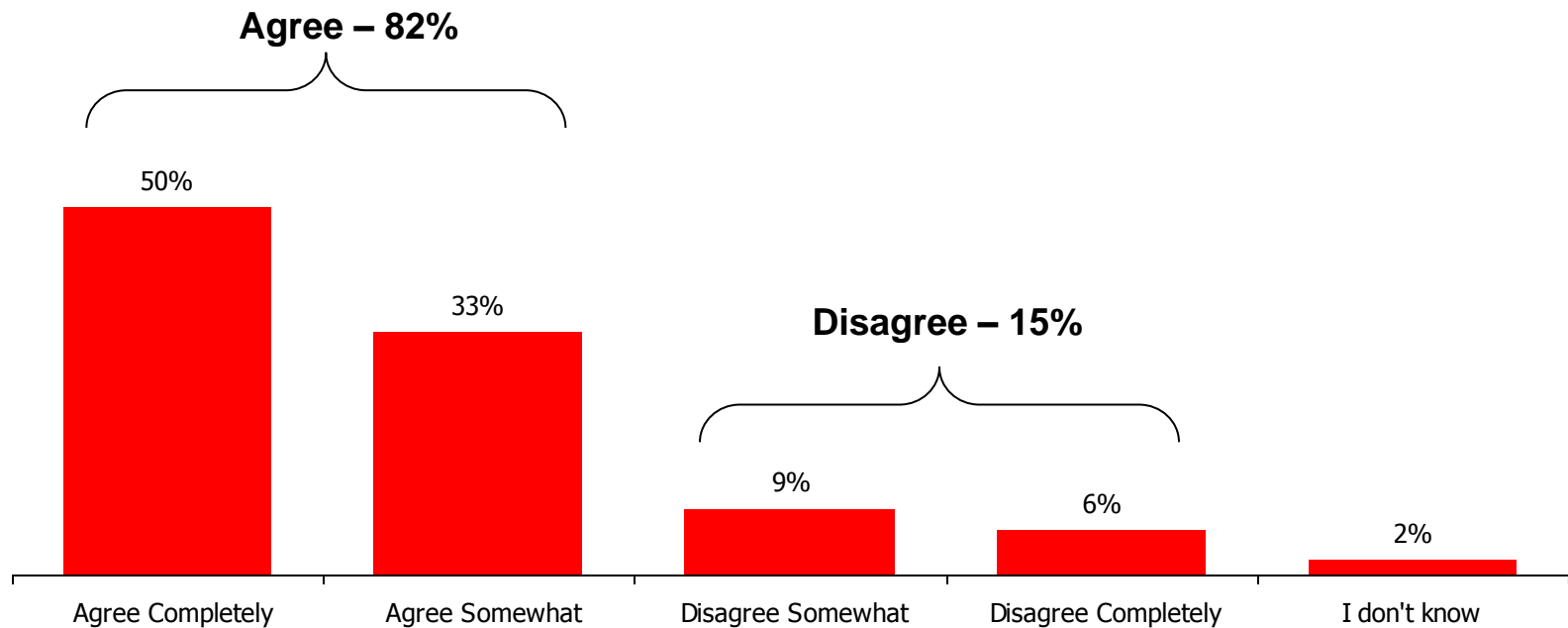
## RELIABILITY

- ▶ Using a national random sample of 1,500 respondents, this method simulates a probability sample, which would yield a maximum margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

# Canadians Agree with Tougher Sentences for Youth Convicts

- ▶ More than four-fifths of Canadians agree adult sentences should be considered for youths who have been found guilty of serious crimes, with half agreeing with this statement completely.
- ▶ Canadians who have children under the age of 18 living in their household are more likely to agree with these tougher sentences than those with no kids (87% vs. 81% respectively).

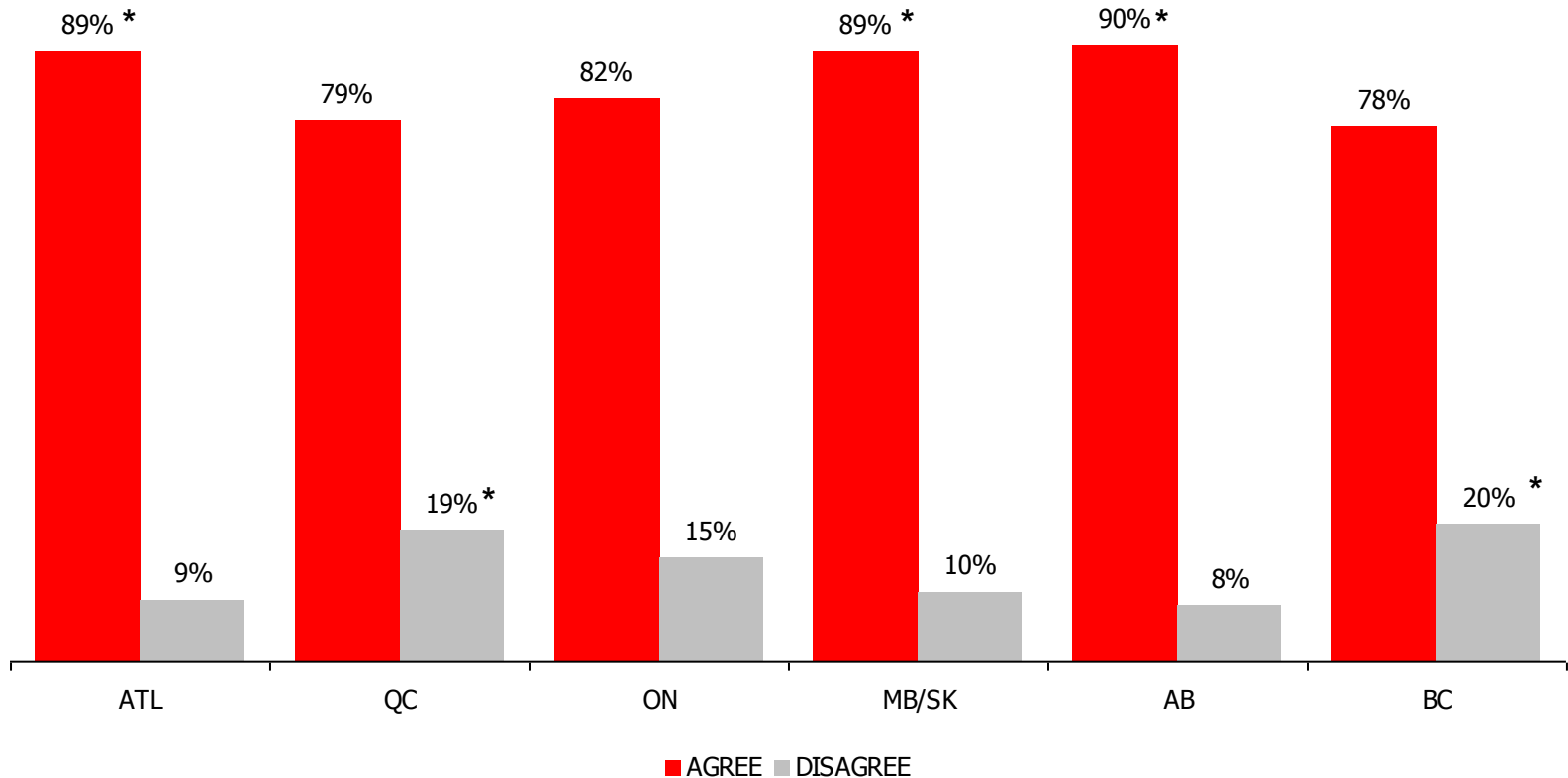
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# Quebec and BC are Least Likely to Agree with Tougher Sentences

- ▶ While the majority of residents of all provinces agree with tougher sentences, those in the Maritimes, Prairies and Alberta feel most strongly about this than the other provinces.
- ▶ In contrast, one-fifths of Quebecers and BC residents disagree that youth criminals should receive adult sentences.

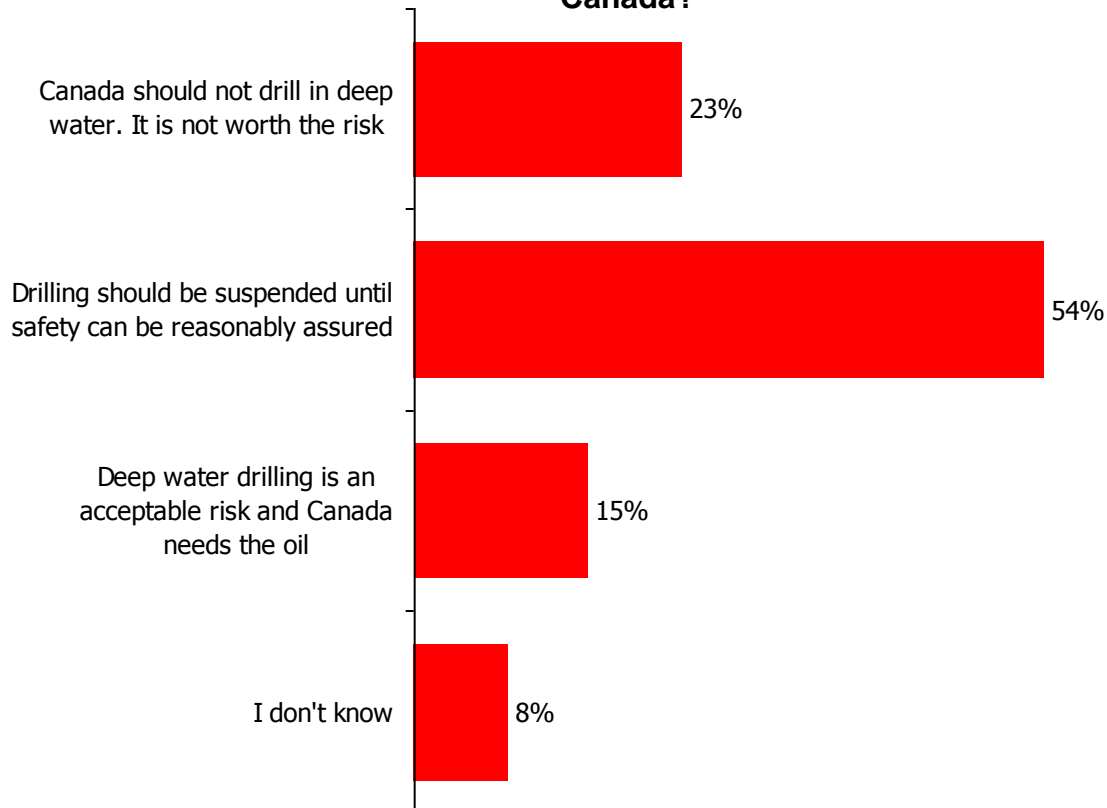


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# Canadians Want to Continue with Deep Water Drilling, Once They Know it is Safe

- ▶ Most Canadians do not want to suspend deep water drilling (23% feel it should be stopped), yet they do not think, at this time, that it is an acceptable risk (15%). Instead, more than half of Canadians feel that deep water drilling should be suspended until safety can be reasonably assured.
- ▶ Men, as well as those with a household income of over \$100,000, are more likely to feel that deep water drilling is an acceptable risk (21% and 24% respectively).

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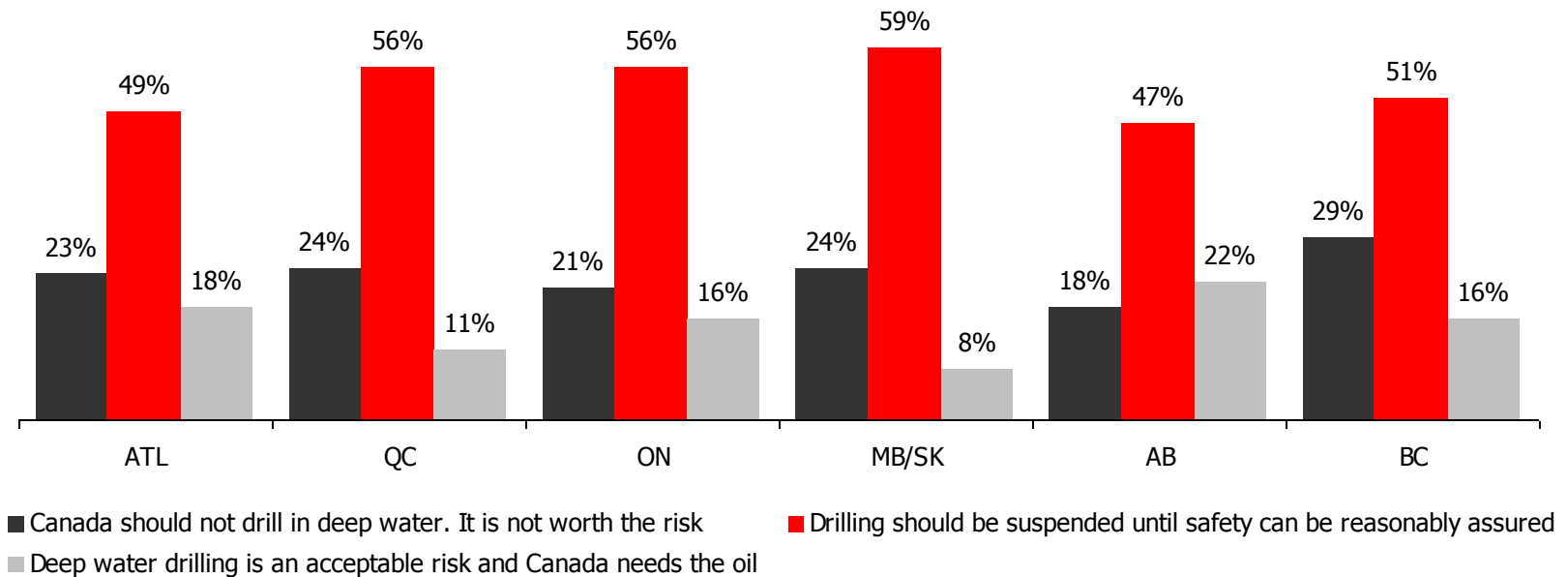


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# Opinions on Deep Water Drilling are Similar Across the Country

- ▶ Overall, opinions of deep water drilling are not vastly different across the country.
- ▶ That said, residents of Alberta and Ontario are more likely to consider this an acceptable risk than are residents of Quebec and the Prairies.

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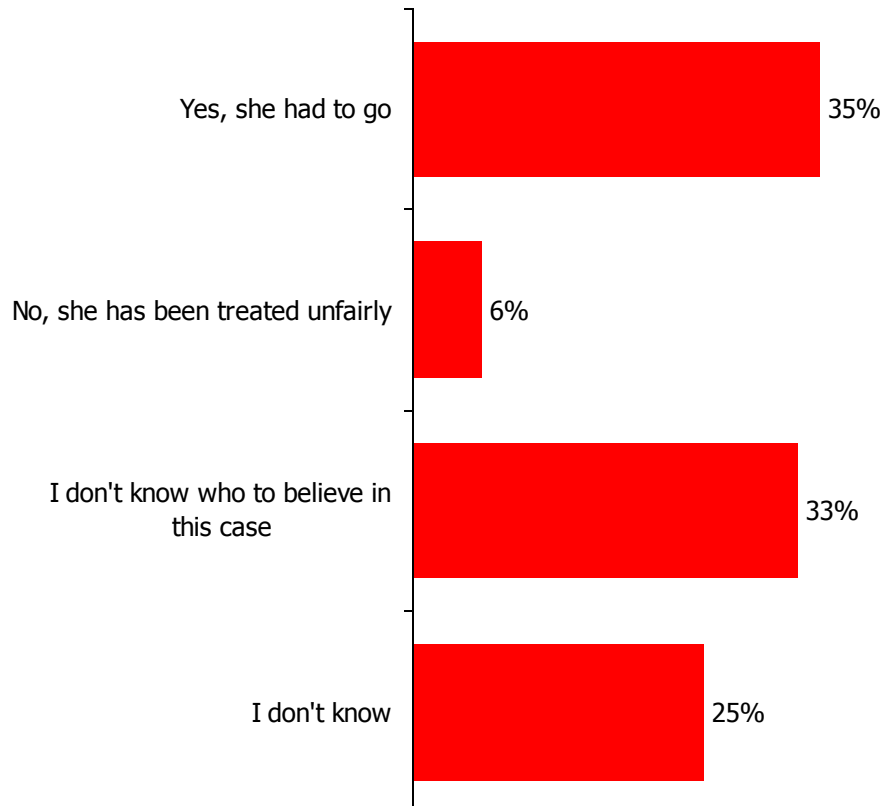


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# Few Canadians Feel Helena Guergis Has Been Treated Unfairly

- ▶ There is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the firing of Helena Guergis, with more than half of Canadian being unable to give an opinion (58%). However, one third do feel the firing was justified while only 6% feel she has been treated unfairly.
- ▶ Canadians with a household income of over \$100,000 are more likely to feel that she had to go (46%).

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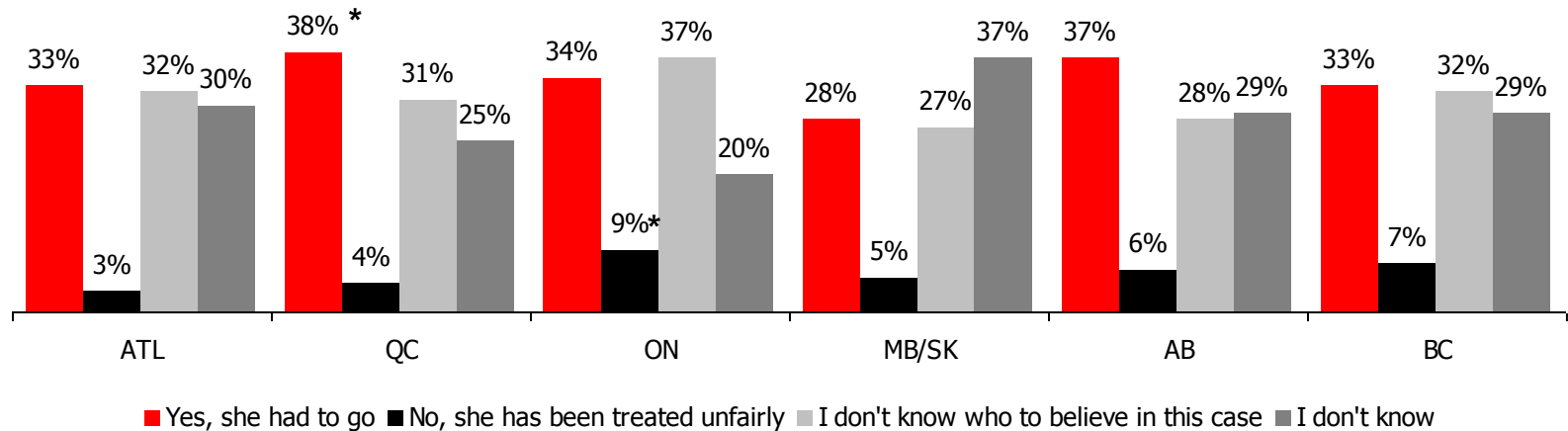


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# The Uncertainty in the Helena Guergis Case is Consistent Across The Country

- ▶ The majority of residents in all provinces feel uncertain about the facts of the Helena Guergis case.
- ▶ Those in the Prairies are least likely to feel that she had to go (significantly less so than in Quebec), while those in Ontario are most likely to feel she has been treated unfairly (significantly more so than in Quebec and the Maritimes).

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