

Student Vote Canada 2025: Post-Election Activities and Analysis

Activity 1: Article Analysis

In this activity, students will work in groups to read and analyze articles that attempt to interpret the results of Student Vote Canada 2025. Students will examine and reflect on the claims made in these articles and decide whether the Student Vote results support their conclusions.

1. Review the Student Vote results for the 2025 federal election with students (Slide Deck, Slide 2)
2. Explain that many political experts and pundits have been interested in the Student Vote results and have been trying to figure out what the results say about the younger generation and the future of Canada.
3. Divide the class into small groups. Provide each group with one of the following articles (multiple groups can have the same article).
 - [Canadian students elected a Conservative government in a mock vote. Should Liberals take that as a warning?](#) (*Toronto Star*)
 - [Political experts note 'striking' shift among Canadian youth after students vote for Conservatives in mock election](#) (*Toronto Now*)
 - [Think Tank: Canadian students voted for a Conservative minority](#) (*The Hub*)
 - [Conservatives win national mock youth vote: Does that tell us anything about the future?](#) (*St. Catharines Standard*)
 - [Student Vote 2025: A surprising result?](#) (Abacus Data) [[PDF version available here](#)]
4. Ask each group to read their article and respond to the following questions:
 - a. Who commented on the Student Vote results in your article? If experts were interviewed, who were they?
 - b. What conclusions did they draw? What arguments did they make about why they think students voted the way they did? What do they think the results mean for the future of Canada?
 - c. What parts of their analysis do you agree with? What parts do you disagree with?
 - d. Do you think the Student Vote results support their conclusions?

Activity 2: Exit Survey Analysis

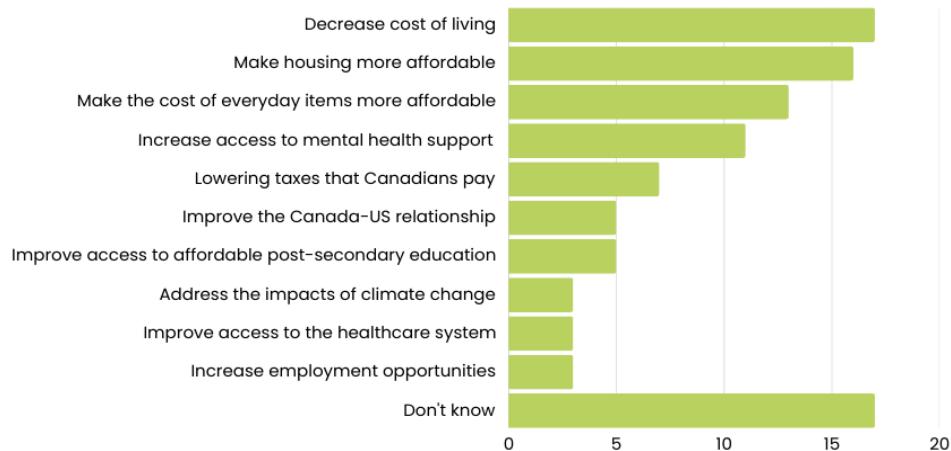
In this activity, students will review and analyze the results of the Exit Survey, completed by their peers after participating in Student Vote Canada 2025.

1. Explain to students that more than 13,000 students representing every province and territory in Canada completed the exit survey and responded to questions about the factors that shaped their vote.
2. Review the Student Vote Canada exit survey results with your students (Slide Deck).

Teacher Notes:

- *You may wish to curate the results ahead of time.*
 - *The results will only appear when you click, so may also wish to ask students to predict what the results will show before revealing them.*
3. Engage students in a discussion about the results and what they mean:
 - a. Did anything about the exit survey results surprise you?
 - b. What do the Student Vote exit survey results tell us about what young people care about?
 - c. [If you did the article analysis activity] Do these results confirm what the experts said in the article you read, or do they suggest something different?
 - d. What do you think the current government should learn from these results?

What is the most important step that the federal government can take to support young Canadians over their next term?



Activity 3: The Government's Priorities

1. Provide students with copies of the Mandate Letter Prime Minister Carney sent to all cabinet members outlining his priorities.
2. Provide students with copies of the Speech from the Throne delivered by King Charles III to open the 45th Parliament. You may review the "Opening" as a class and divide the other sections among students.
3. Ask students to analyze these documents and reflect on the government's priorities.
 - a. Do these priorities match your expectations based on what the Liberals were promising during the election campaign?
 - b. How well do these priorities match the interests of students based on the exit survey results?
 - c. Are you happy with these priorities? What changes (additions or subtractions) would you want to be made?



Prime Minister Mark Carney, left, looks on as King Charles delivers the speech from the throne in the Senate in Ottawa on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Chris Young