

**CARP Advocacy Poll Report
November 18, 2011**

KEY FINDINGS

CARP members overwhelmingly support the organization’s advocacy on a national securities regulator with enforcement powers, as well as creating a national home care health transfer. They say they are willing to take positive political action to support these issues (which may be taken as a proxy for joining the organization in the first place). This would indicate these two positions are especially compelling in prompting action.

CARP members were presented with a number of CARP advocacy positions and were asked to what extent they agreed with them. The wide majority (three quarters or more) agree with CARP’s positions on everything, so, for discrimination purposes, below are shown only the percentages who said they “strongly agreed”, or had a high level of commitment to the position among half our members or more:

	Strongly Agree
National Securities Regulator with enforcement power	75%
Federal Home Care Health Transfer	58%
National Securities Regulator	57%
Investigation/prosecution teams for elder abuse	44%

It is clear a national securities regulator (with or without enforcement powers) and a national home care health transfer are the most compelling issues to members, and are the issues which draw strong commitment from more than half our members. While all issues, including regulating PRPPs, a national health promotion strategy and others, are very popular, these are the most popular.

The strong majority of members say they would take positive action (phoning or writing an MP or using CARP’s E-Voice) to support a national securities regulator and stiffer sentences for elder abuse.

Two thirds of CARP members have been in an accident (few serious), and of them, one quarter claim they were at fault. Members' vehicles are used primarily for errands and shopping, and there is little enthusiasm for doing without them.

A surprisingly high proportion of members plan to be cremated when they die, although few have prearranged their funerals.

The Conservative Party continues to attract the support of half our members, while the Liberals and the NDP split the rest.

ADVOCACY

The vast majority of members asked agree with creating a National home care health transfer (92%), and more than half agree in the strongest terms (58%).

CARP has recently made a submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health Issues. In this submission, CARP made a number of recommendations about chronic disease management, including creating a federal Home Care Health Transfer, which would allow the provinces to provide fully-funded home care as part of the Canada Health Act. How much do you agree with this idea?

AGREE	92%
Agree strongly	58%
Agree	34%
DISAGREE	5%
Disagree	4%
Disagree strongly	1%
DON'T KNOW	4%

Again, the vast majority agree with integrating family caregivers into the health care system (85%), 4-in-10 of them in the strongest terms (“strongly agree” - 41%).

Another recommendation is to integrate the activities of family caregivers into the government health care system through training and certification, as well as providing income support and job protection for those who must take time off work. How much do you agree with this idea?

AGREE	85%
Agree strongly	41%
Agree	43%
DISAGREE	10%
Disagree	8%
Disagree strongly	2%
DON'T KNOW	5%

Once more, the vast majority agree with providing incentives for doctors to practice in underserved areas (89%), more than third at the strongest level (38%).

Another recommendation is providing cash incentives for doctors and nurses to serve in underserved areas of the country. How much do you agree with this idea?

AGREE	89%
Agree strongly	38%
Agree	51%
DISAGREE	9%
Disagree	7%
Disagree strongly	2%
DON'T KNOW	3%

About three quarters agree a national health promotion strategy coupled with a healthy food strategy (72%), about one third strongly (30%).

Another recommendation is to create a national health promotion strategy including a fitness tax credit for all ages and a National Healthy Food Strategy. How much do you agree with this idea?

AGREE	72%
Agree strongly	30%
Agree	41%
DISAGREE	19%
Disagree	15%
Disagree strongly	4%
DON'T KNOW	10%

There is substantial majority agreement Canada should have a single securities regulator (86%), and more than half express this in the strongest terms (57%).

Currently, Canada has 13 different provincial and territorial securities regulators where the US has one (The SEC). How much do you agree Canada should have a single national securities regulator to regulate stock trades and enforce regulations across the country?

AGREE	86%
Agree strongly	57%
Agree	28%
DISAGREE	6%
Disagree	5%
Disagree strongly	1%
DON'T KNOW	9%

There is even more agreement this securities regulator should have the power to enforce and punish (92%), and three quarters agree in the strongest terms (75%).

How much do you agree this national securities regulator should have the power to charge dishonest brokers and collect compensation for their victims from them?

AGREE	92%
Agree strongly	75%
Agree	18%
DISAGREE	1%
Disagree	1%
Disagree strongly	-
DON'T KNOW	3%
DON'T AGREE WITH NAT'L SECURITIES REGULATOR	3%

Three quarters of members say they are willing take positive action to support their desire for a national securities regulator (75%), and about 4-in-10 say they are “very willing” (39%).

How willing would you be to write your MP or use CARP’s E-Voice in order to pressure government into creating a National Securities Regulator with the power to protect investors?

WILLING	78%
Very willing	39%
Willing	38%
NOT WILLING	12%
Not very willing	9%
Not at all willing	3%
DON’T KNOW	8%
DON’T AGREE WITH NAT’L SECURITIES REGULATOR	3%

The wide majority agree with CARP’s position on special investigation and prosecution teams for elder abuse (89%), and close to half take the strongest position (44%).

The government promised in the recent election to stiffen sentencing for those convicted of elder abuse. In addition to this, CARP has recommended creating and training specialized investigation and prosecutor teams and creating a nationwide help line with rapid response teams.. How much do you agree with these ideas?

AGREE	89%
Agree strongly	44%
Agree	45%
DISAGREE	6%
Disagree	6%
Disagree strongly	1%
DON’T KNOW	4%

The wide majority are willing to take action to support their belief in this position (79%), and about 4-in-10 take the strongest position (“very willing” - 39%).

How willing would you be to write your MP or use CARP’s E-Voice in order to pressure government into taking action to detect, investigate and prosecute elder abuse?

WILLING	79%
Very willing	39%
Willing	40%
NOT WILLING	15%
Not very willing	11%
Not at all willing	4%
DON’T KNOW	6%

Three quarters agree with CARP’s stance that the government’s proposed Pooled Retirement Pension Plans (PRPPs) need to be reorganized in a number of ways (72%), and one quarter feel this strongly (27%).

In the last election, the government promised to create a new defined contribution pension savings vehicle, the Pooled Retirement Pension Plan (PRPP) for those without pensions. In addition to this CARP has recommended that these PRPPs feature capped fees, that public sector investment managers be allowed to compete to manage them and that they should be defined benefit plans. How much do you agree with CARP’s position on PRPPs?

AGREE	72%
Agree strongly	27%
Agree	45%
DISAGREE	10%
Disagree	7%
Disagree strongly	3%
DON’T KNOW	18%

More than half are willing to take action to support their position on PRPPs (59%), about one fifth strongly (22%).

How willing would you be to write your MP or use CARP's E-Voice in order to pressure government into making these improvements to PRPPs?

WILLING	59%
Very willing	22%
Willing	37%
NOT WILLING	25%
Not very willing	15%
Not at all willing	10%
DON'T KNOW	16%

OLDER DRIVERS

Two thirds of members have been in a car accident (62%), primarily a fender bender (32%) or a minor collision (26%).

Have you ever been in a car accident where you were driving?

YES	62%
Yes, fender bender	32%
Yes, minor collision	26%
Yes, major crash	8%
Yes, major crash involving injuries	6%
Yes, major crash involving fatalities	1%
NO	26%
DON'T DRIVE	2%

Among those who had an accident, just one quarter were at fault (27%).

Were you at fault in this accident (the most recent accident)?

Yes	27%
No	73%

Members' vehicles are used primarily for errands and shopping (58%) and some short trips (10%). Few use them for work (commuting/work vehicle - 11%) or for long trips (5%).

What do you use your vehicle for primarily?

Errands/shopping	58%
Short trips	10%
Visiting family/friends	9%
Commuting	7%
Long trips	5%
Work (truck or van)	4%
OTHER	4%
DON'T HAVE VEHICLE	5%

One third of members say they could not get by without their vehicle where they live (32%), and close to half say it would not be easy to get by without a vehicle (46%). Very few say it could be done "very easily" (4%).

Could you get by without your vehicle in your town?

EASILY	19%
Very easily	4%
Somewhat easily	15%
NOT EASILY	46%
Not very easily	26%
Not at all easily	21%
COULDN'T GET BY WITHOUT VEHICLE	32%
DON'T KNOW/DON'T HAVE VEHICLE	3%

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Just fewer than one fifth of members have pre-purchased their funeral arrangements (18%)

Have you pre-purchased your funeral arrangements?

Yes	18%
No	83%

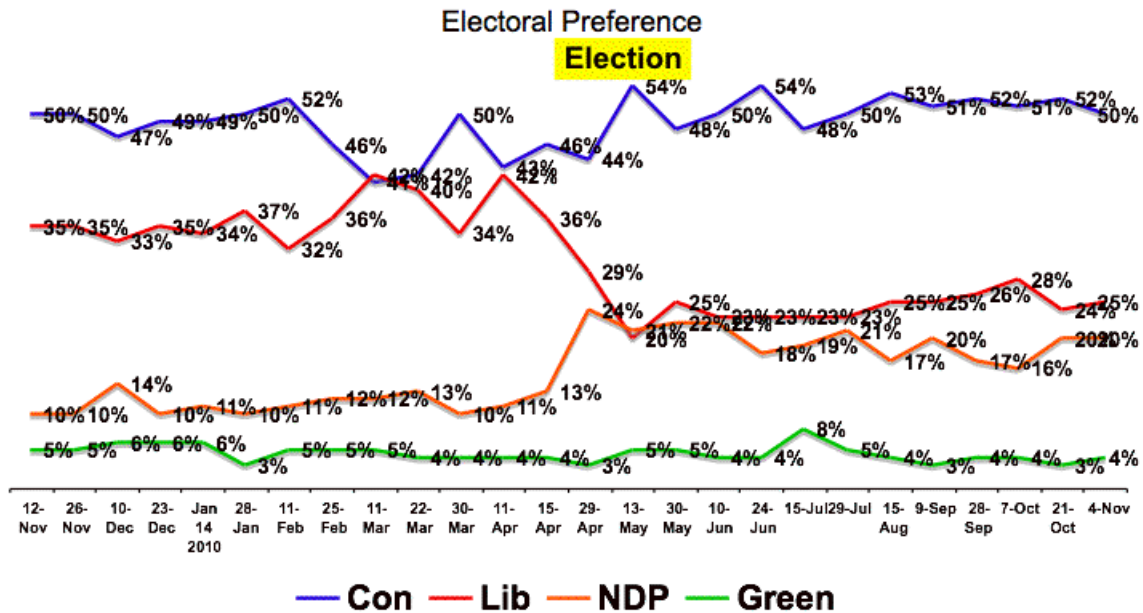
More than 7-in-10 members plan to be cremated after they pass on (71%), and very few will be buried in a casket (10%).

Is it your plan to be cremated or not when you die?

Cremated	71%
Not cremated	10%
Will my body to science	5%
DON'T KNOW	11%
PREFER NOT TO SAY	3%

ELECTORAL PREFERENCE

While the Conservative Party remains dominant (50%), the Liberals have lost some ground since the last two waves of polling (28% to 25%), which the NDP have made up (16% to 20%). Nonetheless, the Liberals are still in second place among our members and don't look as if they're going away soon.



Almost 3000 CARP Poll™ panel members responded to this poll between November 4 and 7. The margin of error for a sample this size is plus or minus 1.8%, 19 times out of 20. That is, if you asked all members of the CARP Poll™ panel the identical questions, their responses would be within 2%, either up or down, of the results shown here, 95% of the time