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A single person without a disability receives \$510 per month in welfare payments. Of this, \$325 goes towards shelter and \$185 goes towards all other personal expenses. For a single parent with one child, the monthly welfare payment is \$969, of which \$520 goes towards shelter and \$449 goes towards all other household expenses. These rates are lower than they were 12 years ago. Knowing this, would you support or oppose an increase in monthly welfare payments? (PROBE: Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?)

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - A/B/C/D - E/F - G/H/I - J/K/L - M/N/O - P/Q - R/S * small base

	Total	Region				Gender		Age			Education			Unv L	Income			Employment Status	
		LM A	Isl B	Int C	Non-LM D	M E	F F	18-34 G	35-54 H	55+ I	HS J	PSec K	<40K M		40K-<80K N	80K+ O	Empl. P	Not Empl. Q	
Base: All respondents	803	503	103	197	300	381	422	153	350	265	230	275	283	229	247	189	512	278	
Weighted	803	459	148*	195	344	393	410	282	207	292	237	275	282	262	249	167	504	289	
Strongly support	356 44%	186 40%	76 51%	94 48%	170 50%	162 41%	193 47%	112 40%	96 46%	138 47%	106 45%	117 43%	127 45%	135 52%	105 42%	62 37%	212 42%	140 49%	
Somewhat support	234 29%	148 32%	38 26%	48 25%	87 25%	127 32%	107 26%	98 35%	57 27%	78 27%	73 31%	83 30%	76 27%	75 29%	78 32%	53 32%	157 31%	76 26%	
Somewhat oppose	83 10%	49 11%	14 10%	21 11%	35 10%	36 9%	47 12%	38 13%	20 10%	25 9%	18 8%	32 12%	32 11%	13 5%	29 12%	25 15%	59 12%	21 7%	
Strongly oppose	81 10%	49 11%	14 10%	18 9%	32 9%	42 11%	40 10%	24 9%	23 11%	31 11%	24 10%	26 9%	31 11%	19 7%	29 12%	22 13%	52 10%	29 10%	
(DK/NS)	48 6%	28 6%	6 4%	14 7%	20 6%	26 7%	22 6%	11 4%	12 6%	20 7%	15 7%	16 6%	15 5%	20 8%	8 3%	6 4%	23 5%	24 8%	
Summary																			
Top2Box - Strongly/ Somewhat support	590 74%	333 73%	114 77%	143 73%	257 75%	290 74%	301 73%	209 74%	153 74%	215 74%	179 76%	201 73%	203 72%	210 80%	183 74%	115 69%	369 73%	216 75%	
Low2Box - Somewhat/ Strongly oppose	165 21%	98 21%	28 19%	39 20%	67 20%	78 20%	87 21%	62 22%	43 21%	57 19%	43 18%	58 21%	63 22%	32 12%	58 23%	46 28%	111 22%	49 17%	

These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted on behalf of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives between March 6 and March 12, 2006. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 803 adult British Columbians. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population of British Columbia been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual British Columbia population according to the 2001 Census data.