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Take Action: Have your say on Canada's AI Future

How should Canada shape the future of AI to reflect our values?

Since ChatGPT's release in 2022, new forms of AI have steadily infiltrated our everyday lives. It's reshaping how we work, learn and connect, while also deepening concerns about ethics and accountability. As of summer 2025, Canada has yet to adopt any new laws regulating this technology; as our leaders work to balance innovation with responsible AI adoption, we want to hear from you about what they should do.

Canada's newly appointed Minister of AI, the Honourable Evan Solomon, has outlined four main priorities for his ministry¹:

1. Growing the country's AI industry.
2. Encouraging AI adoption.
3. Building public trust in AI, and
4. Maintaining Canadian sovereignty over AI.

But what's missing from this list? How would **you** shape these priorities? What kind of AI future should Canada build? What should the government protect, promote, or prevent?

We're asking YOU what you want on these questions and more. Help shape what comes next before August 29, 2025 (Friday).

Fill out our community survey below! Your responses will be delivered in full to **Canada's new AI and Innovation Minister Evan Solomon**, and directly shape our formal written submission on what should come next for AI regulation in Canada.

First Name*

Last Name*

Your Email*

Province*

Postal Code*

Note: Your name will be included alongside your comments in our submission to Minister Evan Solomon. Your contact information will not be shared, and will only be used to keep you updated on the delivery of your input and next steps on AI and digital policy.

Section 1: AI in Everyday Life: How You Use It, How You Feel About It

1. How often do you use AI?*

2. If you use AI, what do you use it for? Check all that apply:

3. Right now, how are you feeling about AI?*

4. What concerns you most about AI?*

Section 2: Governance and Accountability: What AI Future Do You Trust?

In 2024, the Canadian government proposed Bill C-27, which included the AI and Data Act (AIDA), Canada's first attempt at AI regulation. But this vision for our AI future was created without meaningful public input — no public consultation, public polling, or other input from ordinary Canadians went into its development. Now, Canada's new Carney-led government is promising new AI laws soon. That's why we're asking you: what should our AI regulations look like this time, if they actually reflected the public's voice?

5. Which types of AI regulation do you think Canada should prioritize?*

6. Do you believe particularly high risk industries should face stricter regulations than others on how they develop or use AI technologies?*

7. If certain industries were to face stricter regulations on AI tool usage, which do you think should be the top priorities? Please select all that apply.

8. Do you believe AI systems should be allowed to train on copyrighted materials (e.g. books, art, music) without the creator's permission?*

9. Limiting access to copyrighted material may stifle AI innovation and slow down the development of more advanced AI systems in Canada. Does this change your view? *

(Optional) 10. If you'd like to, please explain your answers to the questions about AI and copyrighted content. What factors shaped your view?

11. Should AI-generated content created for commercial purposes be subject to stricter regulations and copyright than content used for non-commercial purposes?*

12. Which of the following acts do you think should be considered criminal offences?

Context: Canada's first AI regulation proposal, AIDA, included three new Criminal Code offences: (1) Using stolen or illegally obtained personal data to develop or run AI – e.g. data from a hack or breach, (2) Knowingly or recklessly creating or using AI to cause serious harm or major property damage, and (3) Developing AI to defraud the public and cause significant economic loss. The new Liberal government has also proposed criminalizing the distribution of non-consensual deepfakes.

13. Which of the following AI priorities are important to you? Check all that apply.

Context: The government's new Minister of AI and Innovation, Evan Solomon, provided this list as his key priorities in regulating AI.

(Optional) 14. Are there any goals or actions you believe the government should be focusing on that weren't included in the minister's list in question 13?

Submit your response

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Canada's only major attempt at AI regulation to date, the AI and Data Act (AIDA), was included with privacy regulation in Bill C-27, and died when Parliament was prorogued in early 2025.² The bill struggled to gain support across party lines and, more importantly, lacked any public consultation with experts and ordinary Canadians.³ Now, the new government has signaled a new focus on AI adoption and industry growth, without clear plans to address key problems posed by AI, like its impact on privacy, oversight and equity.⁴

New AI laws are coming—and this time, we're showing up for the conversation!

This is your chance to shape what comes next.

This consultation is about getting our voices heard by the people making the decision. It's about figuring out how Canadians want to balance innovation with responsible AI adoption, and building public pressure to make sure those priorities are reflected in future laws. Right now, many of our priorities are not on the government's agenda. That needs to change.

The stakes couldn't be higher.

Countries like China and the US have refused to meaningfully regulate AI, making it harder for places like Canada and the EU that are not currently primary AI developers to act decisively.⁵ The decisions made now will shape our rights, jobs, economy, and culture for decades. If we don't speak up, others will shape the rules for us—or worse, AI could grow unchecked and unregulated in ways that harm our democracy and our lives. If we want Canada to have real leverage, instead of just following the US, we need to think carefully about how to design a people-first position on AI, and we need to do it now.

What happens next?

The collected data will be used to push for responsible, transparent AI laws that reflect **your** values. Survey results will be:

1. Shared with our community and the public;
2. Help shape our submission to Canada's AI and digital trades agreement consultation,⁶
3. Delivered in full to Minister Evan Solomon as part of our formal policy submission on regulating AI.

This time, we're here to make sure your voice drives the conversation!

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Sources

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*We referred to information from [ISED](#), [MLT Aikins](#), [OpenMedia](#), and [Liberal.ca](#) when designing this survey.

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