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**Round tables in Toronto, Halifax, Edmonton,
and Winnipeg – between March 22nd and May
1st, 2012.**

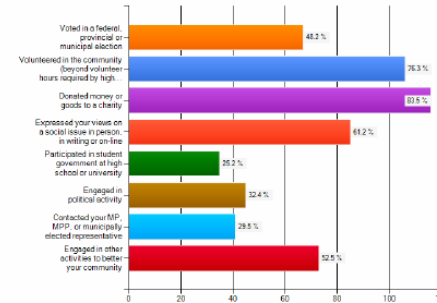
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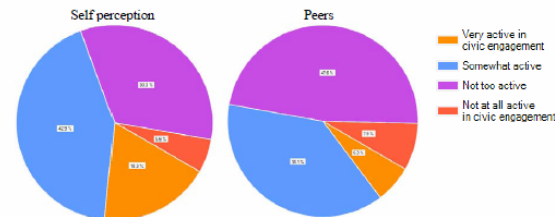
BACKGROUND PAPER
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1. Have you participated in any of the following activities relating to civic engagement in the past year? Check all that apply:



2. Considering your answers to the previous question, how active in civic engagement do you consider yourself to be? What about your peers?



CANADIANS ON CITIZENSHIP

the first national survey on what it means to be a citizen in Canada



Headline Visions

The categories that emerged...

- **Increased electoral participation**
- **Engagement in citizenship activities**
- **Influence and impact**
- **System change, and**
- **Leadership**



Calls to action

- **Make responsible citizenship education a priority**
- **Learn through experience**
- **Ground education in real world issues**
- **Empower youth as change agents**
- **Support teachers: Pre-service and in-service**