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Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Crowns and Central Agencies  
Office of the Clerk  
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Dear Ms. Ursulescu:

In November 2014, our government undertook public consultations on future options for liquor retailing in Saskatchewan. The results of that consultation were made public at the end of January 2015. Over 6000 people completed the online survey, with more than 3000 of those posting comments.

The results of that consultation showed an overwhelming desire from the people of Saskatchewan for a change in how liquor should be retailed in this province. The public indicated support for a level playing field for retailers, increased product selection, and cost competitiveness.

The plan put forward by our government will create 52 new private retail opportunities in this province – 40 from the conversion of existing government stores and 12 from additional retail opportunities.

I am pleased to submit the results and feedback from this consultation to the Committee for the public hearings on Bill No.1 – *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016*, on June 8 and 9.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don McMorris".

Don McMorris  
Minister of Crown Investments  
Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA)

Future Options for Liquor Retailing in Saskatchewan



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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK

 On Nov. 4, 2014, the Government of Saskatchewan launched a public consultation process regarding the future of liquor retailing. The consultation website, [www.saskatchewan.ca/liquorretail](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/liquorretail), included background information, a snapshot of liquor retailing in other jurisdictions as well as a short survey. At the completion of the survey, respondents were invited to submit any other comments they wanted to make.

The consultation wrapped up Jan. 30, 2015. A total of 7,618 people visited the consultation website, with 6,604 of those visitors completing the survey. More than 3,000 people also took the opportunity to submit personal comments.

In addition to opinions received through the consultation website, government received feedback via 'form' letters in support of the current liquor retail system.

### At a glance

Visitors to consultation website: 7,618

# of completed surveys: 6,604

# of personal comments: 3,000+

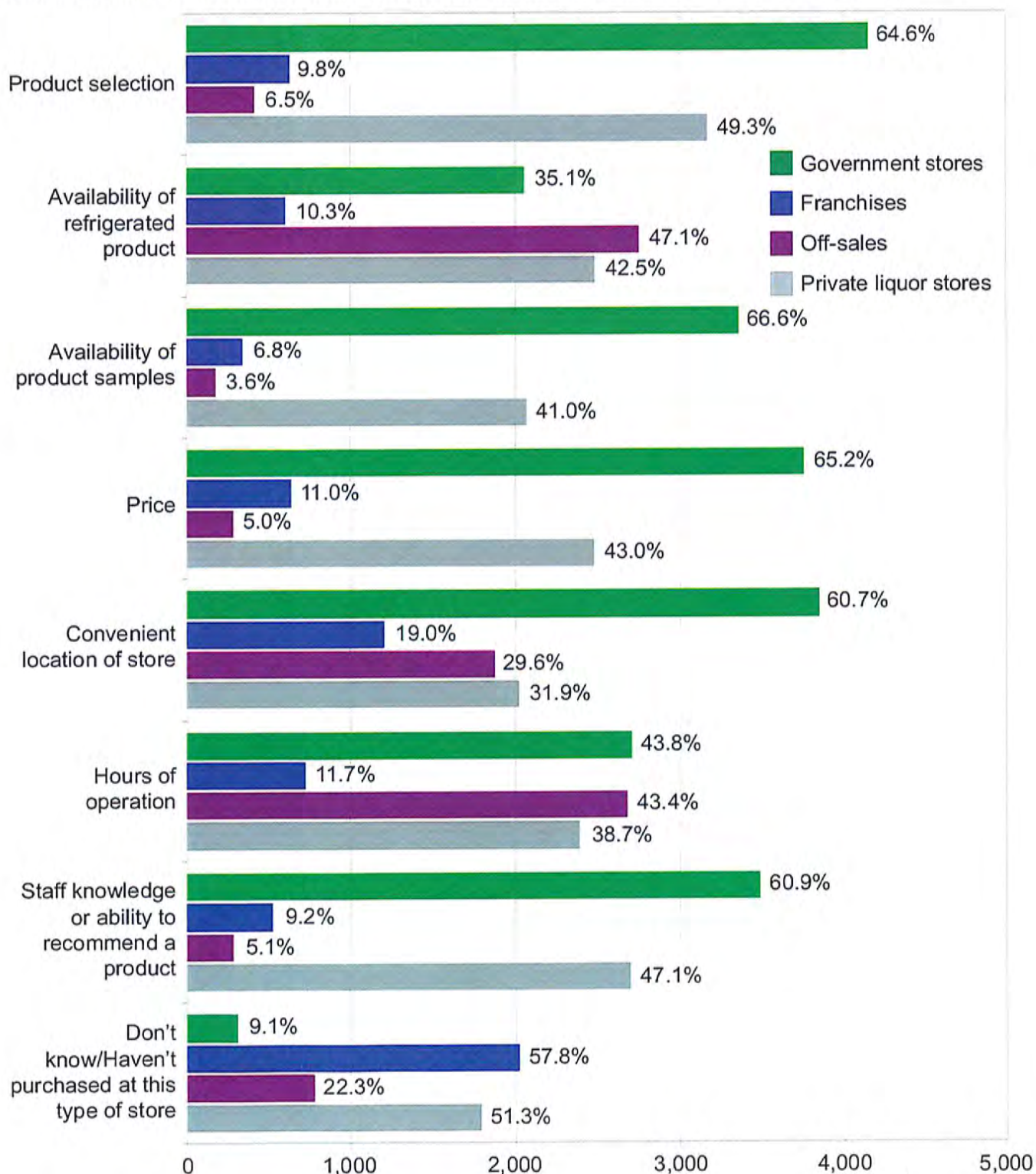
Key stakeholders were also invited to present their views to government. Some groups held face-to-face meetings with the Minister Responsible for SLGA while others submitted written comments. Any written comments received from these stakeholder groups are posted on the consultation website.

This document provides a summary of the results of the consultation process – including both survey results and comments submitted via the consultation website.

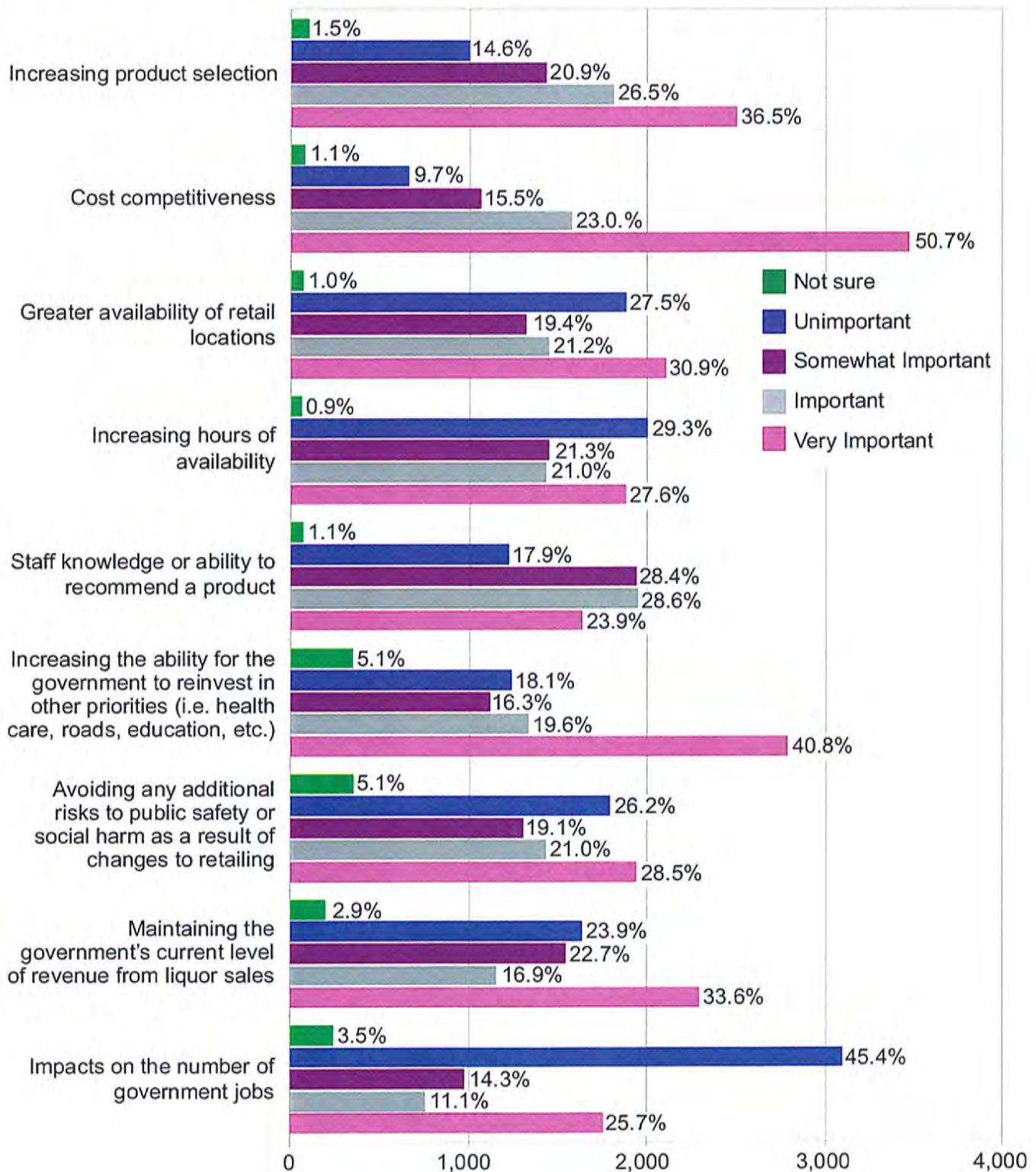
Government will consider all feedback received when forming its decision regarding the future of liquor retailing in Saskatchewan.

## Survey results

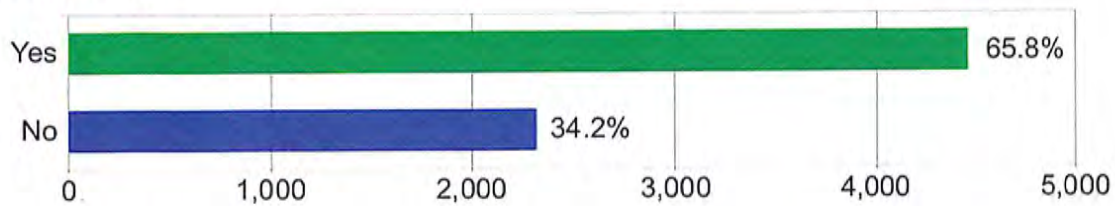
**Question 1:** There are currently four different types of stores where you can purchase alcohol in Saskatchewan – government stores, franchises, off-sales and private full-line liquor stores. Please indicate the primary reasons you choose the following type of retailer. Check all that apply. (Note: Respondents could select more than one answer. Therefore, totals may exceed 100 per cent.)



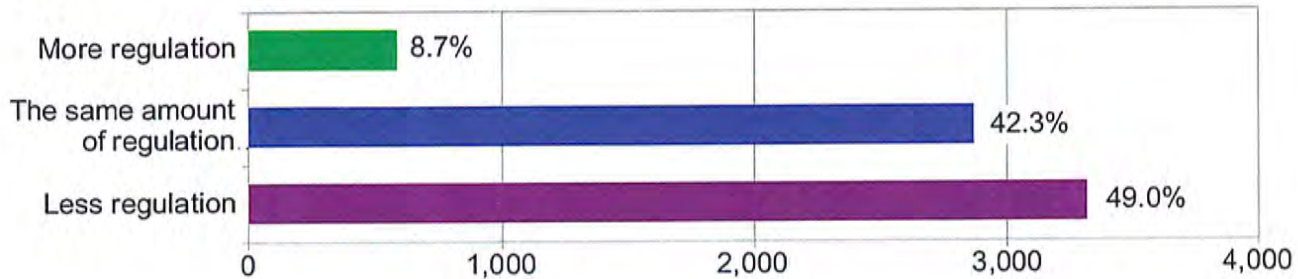
**Question 2:** How would you rate the importance of the following when considering potential changes to liquor retailing in Saskatchewan?



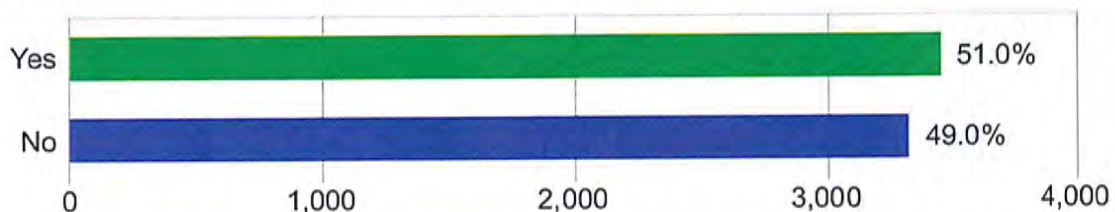
**Question 3:** Would you support the sale of liquor outside of dedicated liquor retail establishments, for example, grocery stores?



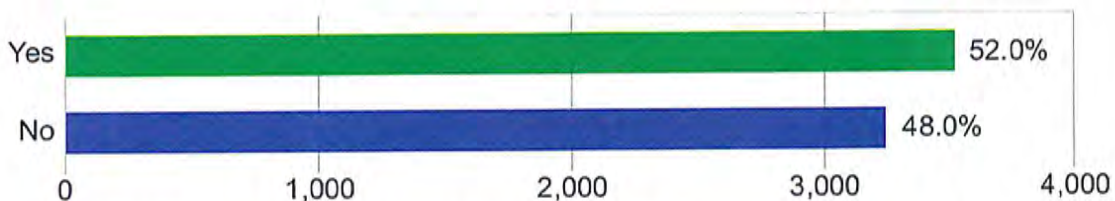
**Question 4:** How much regulation do you think the government should put on the availability of alcohol?



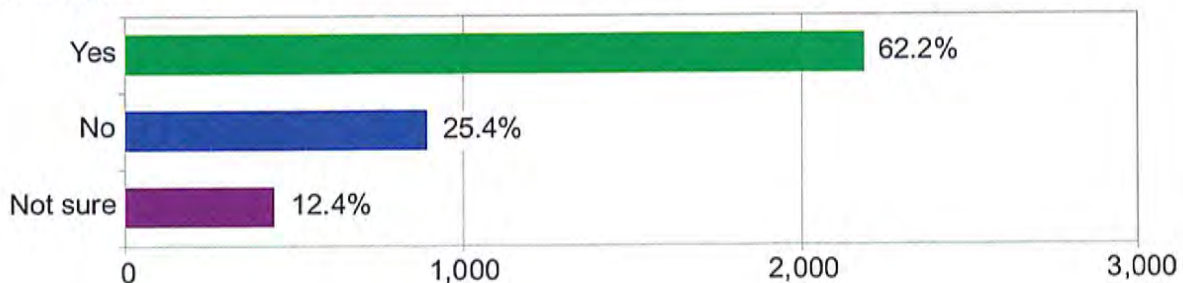
**Question 5:** Would you support government policies that limit the number of stores that retail alcohol within a given area?



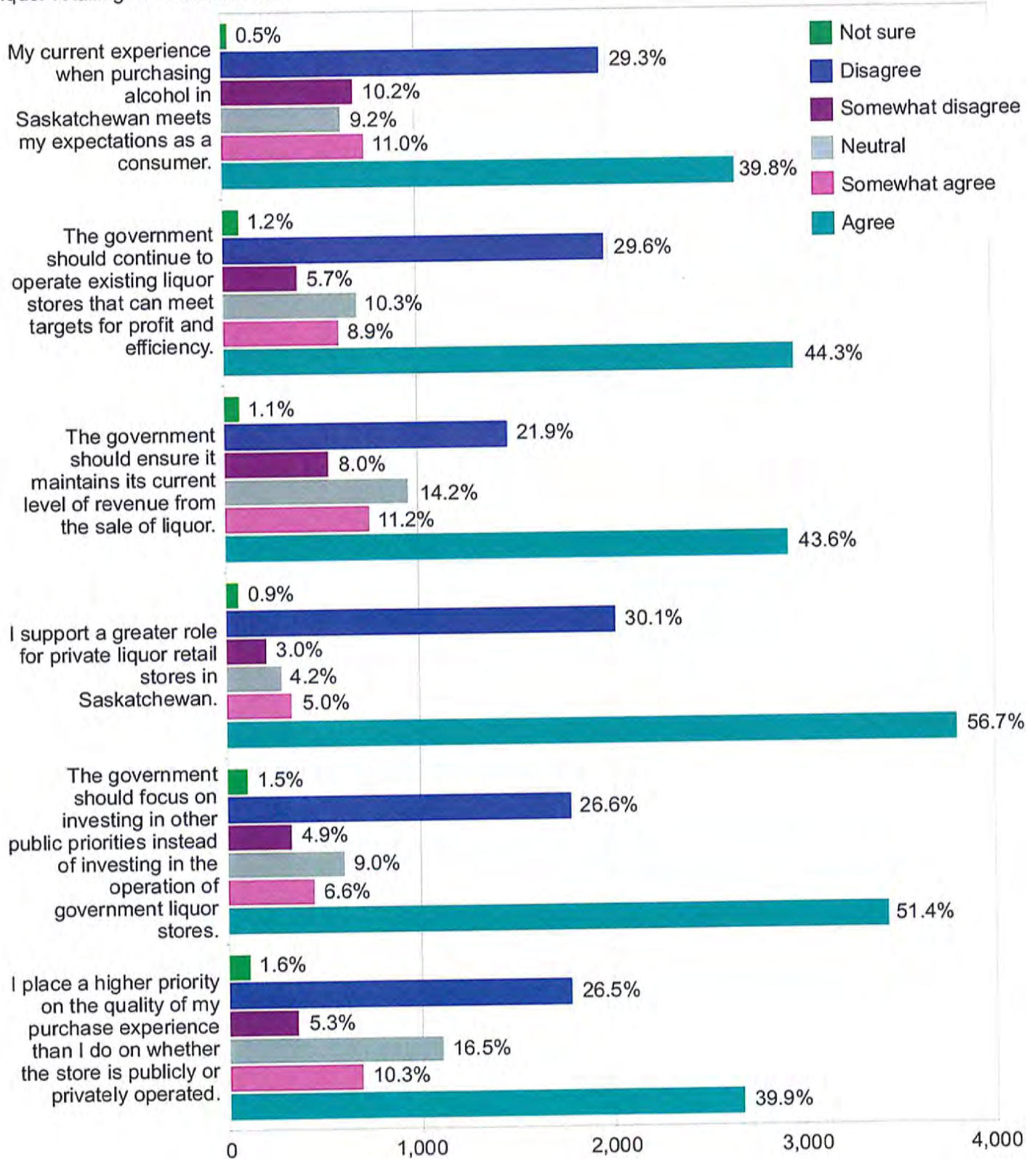
**Question 6:** Have you visited one of the private full-line liquor stores in Regina (Willow Park) or Saskatoon (Sobeys or Co-op)?



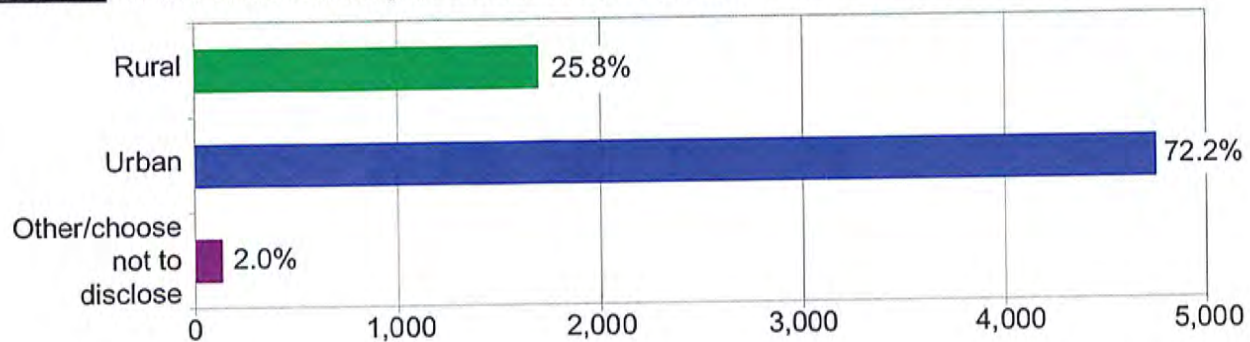
**Question 7:** What is the likelihood that you would recommend the private liquor store you visited to a friend or colleague?



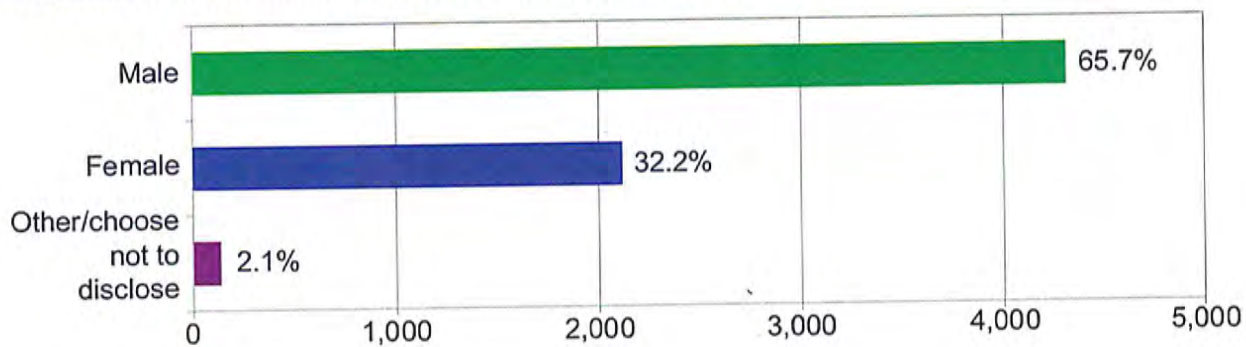
**Question 8:** How would you rate the importance of the following when considering potential changes to liquor retailing in Saskatchewan?



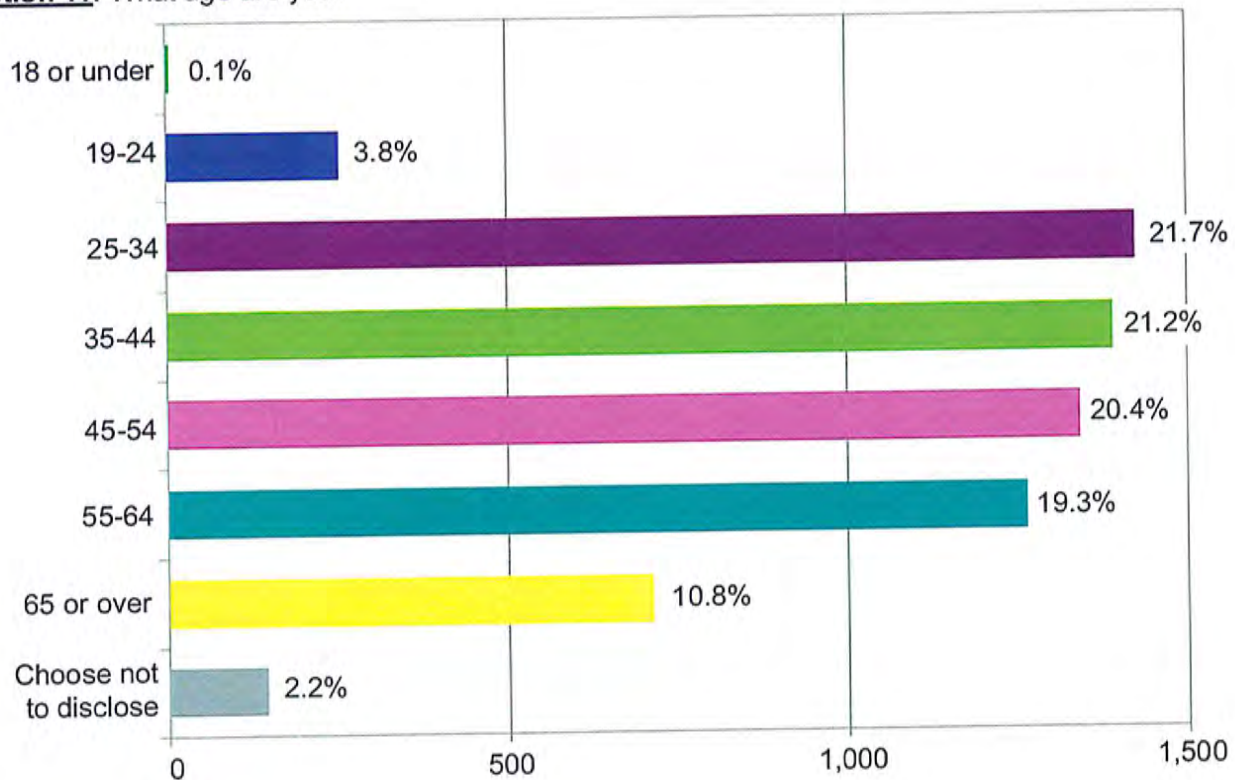
**Question 9:** Which of the following best describes your place of residence in Saskatchewan:



**Question 10:** Which of the following best describes your gender:



**Question 11:** What age are you?



*The following are the views and opinions submitted via the consultation website. The comments appear verbatim, with only minimal editing of information such as names, phone numbers, e-mail address, profanities, etc.*

I also happen to work for a licensee that frequently makes special orders through SLGA, for wine and liquor.

Reading the information available, it appears that the SLGA will still operate warehouse functions and all alcohol coming in to Saskatchewan will still flow through the SLGA. This is actually one of the biggest problems I have with the SLGA.

The system for special ordering, especially for licensees, is inefficient and non nearly as transparent as it needs to be. If the current system of SLGA warehousing is to be maintained, I hope that the province moves away from operating their own stores and instead reinvests the resources into making their system more efficient.

This province needs to arrive in the 21st century when it comes to alcohol consumption, and limiting both individuals and establishments in their ability to easily access a larger selection doesn't help anyone.

More private stores and liquor in grocery stores please.

Please privatize everything.

I would support the sale of beer and wine in grocery stores so long as tax revenue is still used for positive social services as it currently is through the crown corporation liquor stores. Alcohol is harmful, but it is also a facet of our culture and society. It is essential that the government retains its ability to regulate the sale of liquor and to use revenue from its sale to offset some of the ills that go along with alcohol consumption. We derive a lot of revenue from the current system, and I feel more comfortable with keeping that money within the province and within the crown corporation where it can be cycled through government programs that benefit people in Saskatchewan. I do not feel comfortable with allowing out-of-province companies to reap the benefits of liquor sales without giving anything back to our communities. For me, the ideal system is one where our public stores remain viable (I find that the staff at these stores are very nice and helpful, and carry more knowledge than their counterparts in private stores), but where we can also purchase beer and wine at grocery stores. I would like to see some kind of a system where the tax revenue generated from such sales are directly filtered back into government services.

The current mixed system is meeting the needs of the province. The revenue generated remains with the province to maintain government priorities. In a private system the revenue generated could potentially leave the province. Where would the shortfall be recaptured? The government liquor retailing provides employees with "living" wages that they in turn spend in their communities and province. The statement regarding the revenue gain from the sale of gov't stores is misleading. In rural Sask these building will probably be given away generating \$0 and a good number of stores in the larger centers are in leased spaces = \$0. Who will monitor the social responsibility aspect of private liquor retailing?

Just a few thoughts, Thank you

What would happen to all those people who work for SLGA? How much would our taxes go up if we went Private? Everything should stay the same. We all learnt that Privatizing government run business cost us more, and we would never get the same service as SLGA would give us.

The convenience of making liquor available in something like a grocery store, along with an increase in product selection make this switch a no-brainer!

Government should do for the people what people cannot do for themselves. We can operate liquor stores.

The government should not give up on the revenue generated from alcohol sales. Having seen numbers from other provinces such as the AGLC, provinces like Alberta have made lots of mistakes that have lead to massive amounts of missed revenue. Government stores also help local products get to market easier than with big corporate chains. Allowing more private full serve stores should be allowed but the government should really focus on better selection and making money.

It would be great to be able to pick up a bottle of wine or a case of beer and ingredients for supper at the same place. To be fair I don't mind making a second stop but having my wife expecting twins in a few months the logistics of running errands with children seems daunting. Like I said, they aren't here yet but only time will tell. The fewer amount of stops I would have to make would be great. I've been to the U.S. and it is so convenient to be able to pick something up when you are stopping to pick up something for dinner anyway.

Take a page out of Alberta on how they run the liquor stores, franchises and private

I do enjoy the Quebec model of retailing liquor and would support paying slightly more for increased ease of access (depanneur system, gas stations/grocery stores w/ hard liquor [and quality products] only sold until 9 and only at government liquor stores).

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I don't believe that the statement regarding health care and education is accurate, where would they get the resources without having the money from the liquor sales. The profit each year that the government makes on liquor sales does go back into those

areas. I don't believe that Mr Wall and "his government" will take any notice of what the public wants and will privatize stores because that is what he and "his government" have always wanted. I do not want the government owned stores privatized, if I did I would be living in Alberta!!!

Private retail is the way we need to go for the future

More privatization is needed provided gov't is regulating. Needs to be similar to Alberta with more competitive prices and options.

The Government seems to be high on selling all its crowns to line the pockets of some individuals or larger companies. If large companies want a piece of the pie don't you think that it must be a money maker or they wouldn't want to get involved. The monies go to highways, education and health care. These are things all people of Saskatchewan need and want.

Wall is big on promoting the quality jobs in Sask. but eager, and wouldn't blink an eye to take away quality jobs from the current employees of SLGA. Yes we they can get other jobs in the industry if opened up but the quality will not be as good and we know the price of alcohol will not be going down, since when has anything been lowered in price when privatized? I think this could be a huge mistake and the people that work at SLGA who raise a family will be the ones suffering. As I am told the average income of a fulltime employee at SLGA is not much more than \$55,000.00. That is not a huge wage to raise a family on.

Saskatchewan is a wonderful place to live and fortunately is in a good economical position right now. Don't mess up things that are working. The consumer wasn't even thinking about privatization until Wall put it out there. Wonder what's in it for his friends or family.

Alberta has survived privatizing their liquor stores. The government should focus on other priorities other than retail liquor. I don't want to pay inflated prices and have minimal selection. The sales that are available in Alberta, are significantly lower than what one can purchase here in Sask and because of the number of stores available, finding a sale is not difficult.

We should let Sask business have the opportunity to create jobs and a service without government interference and government prices. Time to treat SK residents as adults. Also, the government has a decent policy thus far of not spending public dollars on new liquor stores. However, this should be extended- our current stores should be sold off. Why are we spending public dollars on upkeep of current liquor stores? I'd rather have a better highway than have the government worrying about retail store upkeep. The hours are brutal at current stores, and the locations are few and far between. Why I can't go to Costco or Sobey's and buy liquor like Albertan's can is ridiculous. The world will not fall apart with private liquor. And we will still bring in money through sales and corporate tax revenue.

Finally, the argument that public stores help deter social harm is also ridiculous. You can buy liquor at all times of the night at private stores (though at a stupid price). If someone really wants liquor due to addiction, the extra 7 dollars per 12 pack will not stop them. However, this does annoy the hell out of a lot of other people, who have to pay very high prices just for a beer.

I just want to have a nice selection of beer and liquor, I don't particularly care who I'm buying it from. That said, it would seem the gov't stores have little interest in providing consumers with choice and prefer to stick with offerings of macro producers.

The selection provided by the private stores in Regina and Saskatoon has been a great upgrade. However I sense that the bureaucracy these stores have to deal with in the requirement of purchasing their product through the SLGA is a barrier to even better selection for Saskatchewan consumers. Why can't private stores order directly from distributors, providing SLGA still gets their cut?

It's really frustrating to see the selection available at equivalent stores in AB compared to what is available in the SK stores (ie Willow Park). This tells me there is something broken in our system.

The Government "mark-up" on liquor sales is an embarrassment. It should be reduced or removed completely.

Government should privatize the wholesale sale of alcohol and create a competitive market for selling alcohol.

Why is Government involved in the sale and regulation of alcohol? It should be entirely a private enterprise.

I really think that Saskatchewan needs to go to a system similar to Alberta for liquor sales. Their system works, it is cheaper, and I can get a beer for at home when I want it.

I can get, and quite often do when I am in Alberta, a 50 pack of beer for \$70. I can't even get 30 of the same beer for that here. A greater selection would be good as well. Especially of all the great Canadian made craft beers that are out there now, not to mention the spirits.

Recently moving from BC to Saskatchewan I find the cost of alcohol over the top and the selection poor. I also think that the Sask Liq board should utilize technology by having an APP for their stores featuring new items and taking customer inputs. BC has one of its good resources.

I think that all liquor outlets should be privately run with the business owner setting the price and hours of operation. The government could charge a nominal royalty fee on every ounce sold if they still wanted a profit from the alcohol sales. Then they could save money in wages and benefits to government employees. Also sell off all the public liquor stores that are currently run

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| Government has a role in business and services, but that role should not extend to the sale of liquor. Saskatchewan residents are cable people that have the sound ability to make decisions for themselves, and are rational enough to realize that choice, and more of it, is better.<br><br>In addition, if the sole purpose of government liquor stores is to provide well-paying jobs to union members, as SGEU purports, this is even more of a reason to seriously consider privatization of liquor stores. The idea that only union or public employees can safely and responsibly sell liquor is absurd, and shouldn't even be acknowledged as something to consider.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Government should regulate and enforce, let private sector set price of products and hours of operation like they do now with tobacco.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| No new government stores should be open. As they become unprofitable, close the stores and all new stores should be private stores. The government should also not be using the price of alcohol to govern social policies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| SLGA has a very poor selection and high prices compared to both Alberta and Manitoba in my experience. I often will buy bulk when I travel because the savings. I would like to support Saskatchewan, but not when the markup is so incredibly high and I don't honestly see the benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| There should be no population limits for offsale                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Liquor should be sold in convenience stores and gas stations. Government should make it's revenue from taxes, not from liquor sales.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I have been to both Private liquor stores in Saskatoon and they are phenomenal. There product selection is superior to any other liquor store in the province and the cold beer selection is 10X better than any Government owned liquor store. It is like prohibition in socialist Saskatchewan has been lifted!!<br><br>I am a supporter of selling the Government owned liquor stores, but having the Government still regulate and profit from the industry. I don't mind paying a higher price than other Provinces, alcohol should be expensive, it is a major cause of hospital visits. With that being said, the Government liquor stores are pretty good. They've got decent locations, solid staff, and a decent selection. The cold beer selection is awful, the hours are horrible (why do half the Saskatoon locations close at 6??), and in 2014 with an insane amount of jobs available in SK, I don't think the Government needs to operate liquor stores. It isn't fair to other private business when someone can get paid \$20/hr to stand at a counter and sell alcohol.<br><br>What I absolutely don't agree with is "Off-Sales". There is no reason I should have to pay double the price just because it is after 9pm. The private liquor stores help address this slightly by being open until 10pm, but they should be open until 12am.<br><br>Thanks! Go Private Liquor Stores. |
| Privatization of everything is NOT the answer to the problems in Saskatchewan - including poverty, homelessness, unemployment, social issues, health, criminal activity.<br><br>The Wall government has the wrong priorities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I have had some great shopping experiences in privately owned liquor stores in Alberta, Manitoba and the United States. It would be great to have access to more product at better prices here in Saskatchewan!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Alcohol should be available in grocery stores. The government needs to stop treating us like children and focus on its real work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I believe privatization will allow specialty importing of various liquors creating diversification for multicultural establishments as well as individual consumption.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Close all stores but the ones in larger centres (Saskatoon, Regina, Lloyd, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, Swift Current, etc.) the small ones can be fully privatized                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Any service offered by any organization, public or private, must be customer centric. The current liquor sales model does not address that. The union's purpose, hourly employee's best interest is the only important factor, is dated and no longer tolerated by the public at large. Less government please. PS: Wall Government - Keep up the great work thus far. Keep going!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Our province already has a lot of liquor related problems along with the most domestic violence of all provines. I'M not sure why the present Gov. is encouraging the increase use of alcohol by making it more available . I would encourage you to use a common sense approach .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| should be available in grocery stores not in stand alone stores in the parking lot                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Having recently moved to Saskatchewan from British Columbia I have been appalled at the extraordinarily high price of craft beer, as well as the minimal selection. If the SLGA cannot offer a decent selection of beer, outside of Budweiser, Coors, and Pilsner, and furthermore, cannot offer what craft beer they do carry at a reasonable price, then I absolutely support the move to further privatization. An increase in private liquor stores increases competition in terms of both pricing and selection. In British                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

Columbia the government liquor stores offer a reduced selection of craft beer, compared to the private liquor stores offering hundreds of options, but with reduced pricing. By reduced selection, I mean still at least twenty five times what the SLGA currently offers. For a single can of Phillips Amnesiac Double IPA with a volume of 568mL, I pay \$6.75 in Saskatchewan, whereas in BC I pay approximately \$4.00. With the increased popularity of craft beer within Canada, the SLGA should, for one, increase their selection, and discontinue the practice of removing craft beers that prove popular, and two, decrease their prices in comparison to private liquor stores. If the SLGA were to prove cheaper to acquire a limited number of craft beers than a private liquor store I would choose to shop at both the SLGA and private liquor stores; however, based on the current pricing scheme, I look forward to the expansion of Willow Park and the opening of Sobey's Liquor, which will become my predominant sources of craft beer, as well as liquor in general, as I can depend on selection, pricing, and the staff to have at least an adequate knowledge of craft beer, a quality that the SLGA is lacking.

I am excited that the Government of Saskatchewan has decided to examine the options for liquor retailing moving into the future. For my own part, my priorities are as follows:

Eliminating the requirement for private retailers to purchase product through SLGA. In doing so, I expect a wider variety of products and better selection at my private liquor stores.

Allowing the sale of beer and wine in grocery and convenience stores. We already allow salespersons in grocery and convenience stores to sell controlled products such as tobacco and lottery tickets. If the concerns about the ills derived from the greater availability of these products or the potential for underage persons to acquire them are not significant to prohibit their sale in grocery and convenience stores, so it should be with beer and wine.

Allowing pubs and restaurants to fill growlers (1.89 litre reusable containers). I see no reason to restrict the sale of draft beer in reusable containers to the people who produce it. Growlers are convenient, cost-effective, environmentally friendly, and allow consumers to enjoy a wider variety of products in their own homes. Beer Bros. Gastropub in Regina provides an excellent example of an establishment that could provide a quality filling service, with access to numerous options seldom seen in stores.

Thanks for your time and taking the opportunity to seek out public feedback on this matter.

I'm relatively indifferent to the issue of maintaining public liquor stores. I do see a need to shift future retail outlets to the private sector. Perhaps offering the opportunity for SLGA employees or businesses to buy-out existing SLGA retail stores is a reasonable option.

If public stores are to remain, the retail and regulatory roles of SLGA need to be severed. It is completely unreasonable for a private business owner to compete \*directly\* with their regulator (e.g. Bell, Telus & Rogers aren't regulated by SaskTel...that makes no sense & would stifle my entrepreneurial interest in the market).

Liquor Retailing could be converted to a CIC Crown Corp: better public accountability, and doesn't report to Minister resp for SLGA. SLGA Regulatory responsibilities could remain as-is.

I would also note that a Sask-First policy at SLGA stores would go a long way to improving liquor retailing, and the economic development of the province. We've just seen a brewery open in the Premier's hometown... and where are they retailing their product first? Alberta! Why? Because AB's process is straightforward & streamlined. Approvals took days, not weeks. Provinces with strong local beer, wine & distilling industries (BC, ON, QC) have a formal "local-first" policy at their public liquor stores - they don't leave this up to local managers' discretion.

SLGA staff provides a better experience than privately grocery store suppliers I have experienced in other provinces. SLGA could use more new products on a regular basis as I see this as the only advantage privatization would have.

Please move to an Alberta model and privatise all stores. I want better selection and pricing.

It's difficult not to contradict myself in the survey - yes it's important for gov't to fund education, health, transportation, etc., but I also said it's important to spend money on liquor retailing. I don't wish for more private stores to be built, but I'd like for liquor to be sold in more locations, like existing grocery stores. The most important part for me is a wider selection of products, like special imported beer or the promotion of locally produced products (ex. Bushwakker beer sold in stores in Regina).

I don't think private stores are necessarily the answer, if that's part of the debate here, but it would be helpful to pick up some beer and wine at Superstore or Sobeys with the rest of my groceries.

We lose lots of liquor sales to Alberta. I for one stop in at one or two locations when I am in Edmonton 3 to 6 times per year. The main reason is price and selection. Prices at Costco in Sherwood Park are remarkably lower than stores in Saskatchewan. Also I live in a community where the coop sells liquor. There is nothing bad about that! So why can't I go to any grocery store in Saskatoon and buy a bottle of wine? Our restrictions make no sense! In Quebec liquor is sold in grocery stores, what do studies show? Are citizens of Quebec at greater risk of harm?

Don't let the unions side-track the right decision by fear-mongering. The provincial government should be spending money on health care, education and infrastructure, not on liquor stores. Private businesses have been retailing liquor for years and should be allowed to build and operate liquor stores.

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| I think it is more important to keep good paying jobs that provide good benefits and pension than provide cheap alcohol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| At the current pace, it is clear this government is setting up its stores to fail. Stores are understaffed, product selection is mediocre, and price point is poor compared to Alberta. I recently watched helplessly as some patrons stole from a govt store at will, only later to find out the store staff was running short. Shameful.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Go to a system like Alberta has.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Less regulation and more privatization. Government should not be in the retail business. Laissez-faire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fully privatized can be a bit of a slippery slope, however, having lived in many provinces I find the increased availability of liquor through stores like Sobey's or Co-op provides greater selection (of both local and national products) and increased accessibility to those without vehicles or limited mobility. I would prefer more of these options than fully privatized.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I agree that more needs to be done with roads and health care, these are vital to Saskatchewan, and its peoples, If I may say so, going to the many liquor stores in this province, I have to say , I see a lot of staff and not that many customers as in the majority of times other than peak times! I'm sure they are well paid, and they seem to always be not so happy, this puzzles me, as I used to work in a gov't facility not related to alcohol sales, and I found the same thing, highly paid people who are always unhappy about things, and honestly not overly helpful, I find that sad! I always felt I was there to do the best job I could for the people I served, just an opinion!!! thank you!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I would strongly support the availability of liquor in grocery stores!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Where to start...<br><br>The over-taxation and pitiful variety of liquor in Saskatchewan is something that I vehemently hate.<br><br>When I travel to Arizona, Florida and Alberta I am constantly reminded that our liquor prices are GROSSLY inflated and for logical reasons that are fallacious. Our supply of craft beer is among the worst in North America. Right now I do 70% of my liquor purchasing out of province because of two reasons:<br><br>1 - the selection of craft beer, high quality spirits and wine are VASTLY superior in Alberta (as well as almost every US state)<br><br>2 - I can buy the same 6-pack of craft beer in Alberta for 12\$ vs paying 18-20\$ here in Saskatchewan. If I go to Arizona or Florida that price drops to 7-10\$.<br><br>3 - When it comes to beer the liquor store layout and distribution of liquor, the laws GREATLY favor three main companies above ALL others - Anheuser-Busch, Miller and Molson/Coors. Craft beer companies, microbreweries and small start-ups face HUGE problems when it comes to distribution and sale of their alcohol. These companies are the ones I want to support, therefore I will go where they get a fairer chance of market competition.<br><br>The over-taxation of alcohol in Saskatchewan needs to come to an end. We are not living in Circa 1920's Russia, our liquor laws should not reflect such grossly over-controlled socialist values.<br><br>Just go to Arizona and copy-paste the system they use as well as the taxation algorithms for the liquor. If there are areas of the government that oppose this, please provide the statistical evidence showing how the way Arizona runs their liquor policies, distribution and pricing negatively affect social systems, underage drinking and alcohol abuse.<br><br>It is time to catch up to the rest of North America, we are not living in the 1930's anymore. |
| Consumers should be able to import a reasonable amount of product for personal use direct from manufacturer both within Canada and from abroad. There needs to be interprovincial free trade. I prefer the expanded government retail system, but would like to see SLGA spun off as a crown and run as if a private industry, fully owned by the taxpayer, an investment in a thriving business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I think there is a place for both public and private stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Alberta has top notch private liquor outlets. Why can't we?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Get the privatization process started as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I'm honestly confused as to why we need more liquor stores. There seem to be a sufficient amount in any given area, especially once you factor-in licensed off-sale vendors. Privatization is not the way to go with everything and I'm very disappointed in this government for thinking that it would fix the problem. I see nothing wrong with having boutique liquor stores, but every subdivision or area does not need multiple stores within a ten minutes radius.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I think an expanded mixed model serves the best interest of the people. Since there is no going back from a full-privatization, it is best to move slowly this change. There is not a lot of evidence from other Canadian jurisdictions for us to use in the situation. Mostly just Alberta, so it is best to move slowly, and calculate efficiencies along the way.<br><br>Couple other thoughts:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

It is impossible for government revenue to remain the same (or increase) by adding another competitor into the marketplace without an increase in the price to the consumer. Private liquor stores will not result in a lower price.

Lower prices will simply not occur in this market. If I own a private liquor store, I know that consumers have historically paid a set price. Why would I want to charge less to the consumer when I already know what they are willing to pay?

By allowing additional competitors into the market who require a portion of the overall market profit, there is less profit remaining for the original member (government).

If the government is simply looking for an additional revenue stream it should consider selling its sales data to subscribers for a fee. Much the same as how convenience store companies sell sales data from cigarettes to other cigarette companies. Private sector companies will pay big money for access to the competitors sales. As it stands right now, the government is in a really good position to offer this data.

Fundamentally, I have no issue with Government-run liquor stores, as long as they are putting money into the Province's coffers and are not costing us money. Having shopped at both of the private stores in Saskatoon, however, there really is no competition on the basis of consumer experience - the selection, quality and pricing at the privately run stores FAR exceeds that of any Government-run store I have visited. Purely for the improved shopping experience I will continue to go out of my way to visit private stores every time.

Getting rid of government owned liquor stores would reduce costs for all, as the unions in this province are way too abundant.

Though I understand we live in a society based on a former socialist regime(now with a Conservative facade), I find it disturbing that access to products and goods is restricted and controlled by the government. Government control such as this is a fascist/Neomaxist ideal. In a Democratic, free society, I should be free to choose where and what products I wish to obtain and consume. Shy of internet browsing, under current laws I am denied access to products from overseas such as certain scotch brands or czech vodkas. Having said that, currently I have potential to purchase said products only through the SLGA though only after they review and potentially approve the product-charge a fee-and-then determine the quantity to which I may purchase. There is nothing free and democratic about our current system. Under the current rules we are confined. I wish I could purchase goods and make decisions to import direct to my home. A great percentage of distributors and business' have restricted shipping to Canada and Saskatchewan because they understand the restrictions and control that has been placed on us (and them) to bring items in. Not just alcohol but electronics, clothing, building products, etc. I do understand the economics and financial risks to our system as a whole to allow for freedom of imports but there must be a happy median from where we currently stand.

Current society has outlived the stronghold prov model and requires a perfect competition marketplace for consumers. Everyone has a friend or family member that regualy picks-up less expensive alchol from out of the Sask prov, I myself regularly travel south of the boarder and always am over my spirt limit and also purchase enough from the neighbouring prov of Alberta to last until my next trip there.

The biggest hurdle to keep the marketplace competitive is to remove the price enforcement model on the pvt establishments. Increase the liquor taxes rather than a min and max range for the consumer price model.

Increased selection will cater to a growing trend towards craft and specialty beer, wine, and spirits.

Growing up near the Alberta border and having spent some time there, the vastly superior selection was a simply a joy.

it's about time this was privatized. The alberta model works somewhat, but i believe that other countries - US, EU, Mexico have it right. take the stigma away from alcohol. the taxes generated will still keep money flowing to the provincial coffers (and taxes should be reduced please). Get rid of old lazy unionized employees who are stocking shelves and running a till. that's crazy. let grocery stores and gas stations sell liquor.

take a trip to spain, france, puerto vallarta. get bread, cheese, and a nice bottle of 4\$ wine for your night of visiting with friends. now transplant this to Sask!

This survey has an agenda. It was very, very poorly written if neutrality was the goal. I strongly suspect Sask Party interference in the question formation. It is guiding people to dismiss public liquor stores and that is

"Increasing the ability for the government to reinvest in other priorities (i.e. health care, roads, education, etc.)"

We PROFIT from these stores. This question implies they are a distraction. You invest in LBS, make profit, spend that on roads etc. Just... this was a disappointing experience. My voice feels unheard because I know it's written to trick people into making certain selections that actively work against their actual beliefs. Just a waste of time the way it's currently written. For shame.

I am not a big drinker but I think the government should concentrate on improving the infrastructure and healthcare and get out of regulating my moral issues...privatization will bring population and competition to our province...this helps with more taxpayers and hopefully less for me to pay...I believe I am responsible for my own choices and don't need the government to spend/waste money on telling me that it is bad to smoke-drink n swear...sorry unions-you've had it good for long enough, time to let an ambitious person make a living here.

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| Opening more private liquor stores will increase the availability of alcohol to Sask residents and this is exactly what we DO NOT NEED there are too many social problems from alcohol already. Plus more private stores opens the likelihood that minors will gain access to alcohol another thing that we do not need more teen related alcohol deaths.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| the government should continue to run the profitable liquor stores but put the rest in private hands. Remove the price fixing as well as we are all adults and should be able to control our purchases.<br>I spend quite a bit of time in Phoenix and it was nice to be able to purchase a 12 pack at the grocery store.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I think the system should be fully privatized with only some regulation. We are very backwards when it comes to liquor retailing compared to the rest of the world. I would like to see regular grocery stores and convenience stores have liquor with regulations / enforcement preventing sales to minors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The selection is finally improving with the introduction of private stores! Previously, I would purchase most of my higher-end and unavailable products in Alberta, which deprives the government of Sask of profits as it is. Now, with the co-op store in Saskatoon, I can finally purchase products locally that I would drive hours to get before. Having a bigger selection and letting the market determine the freedom of some retailers to carry special-interest liquors (larger beer, scotch, wine, gin/bourbon selection) for niche markets without having to list and carry it at all SLGA outlets is a vast improvement. At the very least, make it easier to obtain products not currently available in this province! But so far, private stores are amazing!                      |
| I live close to Alberta and have been in the private owned liquor stores in Alberta. I find the price is escalated once they closed all of the Government outlets. I agree that one may come across a bargain sale that they are trying to clear out because of lack of sales of that particular brand sometimes but overall the cost is more.<br>As I stated in the survey, we have many tourists come through Maple Creek each summer and the majority stop or will come back in from the resorts to buy liquor as it is cheaper here than Alberta.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Increase the availability of product. I shouldn't have to travel to another province to get a certain type of alcohol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| get rid of all govt run stores....they are a waste of time and money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| The government needs to stay out of people's lives. That includes all choices they make, including how they spend their money. Currently, we are forced to pay a premium for alcohol that we get no direct value for. Government should not set the price for alcohol, the producers should.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| It is my strong opinion too keep liquor store owned and operated by the Government...But I strongly feel that the Government should have comparable prices too other Provinces for Example Alberta as there does not need too be such high taxes on Alcohol. I strongly feel that if the Government decides too make Liquor store private it will take away from Government Jobs, So with my opinions I strongly feel the liquor stores can stay they way it is and change the ways its sells too customers at a lower price...and or something done...don't get me wrong on saying anyone that abuses the system should be taxed higher.                                                                                                                                                         |
| I already have concerns about the impact on a community or neighbourhood that high access to liquor or liquor stores has. An increase in addicts hanging around, domestic abuse fueled by alcohol in the parking lot, and people who are struggling with an addiction continuing to feed it.<br>There are many populations in our province which struggle with multi-generational alcoholism. Access to intervention and treatment is not easy to come by. I'd rather see public money go towards that from liquor sales rather than opening it up to private enterprise who are only profit driven and not concerned with the consequences of their products.<br>I'm also concerned with money from sales going to out-of-province business owners instead of being re-invested in our province. |
| Saskatchewan needs more International beer selection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| As a significant user of the liquor retailing system I really like the situation we have here. It's unique and seems to work well for the general good. I truly enjoy living in a place that's a little quirky. It seems to me the reasons for change in the liquor retailing system are entirely ideologically motivated, which is the worst reason ever. I would like to add, if changes are made, I do not want to see this government continue to pick 'winners and losers'.<br>Thank you for this opportunity to take part in this survey.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Why are you guys wasting my tax dollars on useless studies like this when it earns revenues for the province. Do politicians earn us money... no, can we privatize them? How about we stop trying to be Alberta and stick to what works and expand the crown corps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Costco liquor store if we allow any more liquor stores not owned by the government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I've been in Saskatoon 25 years, in East College Park. In recent years I've been very frustrated by the location and accessibility of my closest Liquor store at 3120 on 8th Street. For example, if I want to buy a bottle of wine for dinner, it's at least a 10 minute drive, one way, on the now very busy 8th Street. Many times it's a long wait and tricky access to the store parking lot. Then                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| there is the crazy, tight, limited parking. So, the idea of retail grocery stores carrying wine & beer sounds very, very inviting. However, sadly, the two such stores that have opened in Saskatoon (Sobeys & Co-op) are in newer areas and not anywhere near me. So, the frustration continues. In places like California or Alberta, it's so handy to buy a bottle of wine in a grocery store while I'm buying the rest of my groceries .... and it seems like there so many such stores in or close to each neighborhood.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I believe our government should stick to its role of enacting legislation and regulation as per the will and/or best interests of the public. Please leave retail business to the private sector where it belongs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Privatizing existing government-owned stores is preferable to the current situation, but I would like to see all brands of liquor being available in corner stores or supermarkets or where ever the market dictates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I would love to see beer and wine sales in grocery stores. I also like the way Alberta handles its liquor sales.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| We should not have to pay twice the price for a tenth of the selection of craft beer in this province. the variety of beer available at government run stores is an absolute disgrace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I think there is room for both Government run stores and privately owned locations. I think providing more flexibility in the market with privately run options is a good thing as well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| It's time to reduce the excessive taxes on alcoholic beverages and let the market decide what is the right price. As well let the market decide how many stores are needed and wanted in a given area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Saskatchewan's variety of liquor availability is disappointing, but when I visited a full-line private store (Willow Park in Regina), I did not find their selection to be any better than a government-owned liquor store. I think that a fully private system will actually reduce the selection and variety, as lots of small liquor stores will pop up that will only offer a small sampling of their most popular products. The government could do a lot for craft brewers and distillers if they loosened their rules about what can and cannot be on the list to be sold in Saskatchewan.                                                                                                |
| I strongly prefer improving existing government services rather than privatization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Buying liquor for an event, such as a wedding, through government run liquor stores is very difficult. The staff is unwilling to provide the requested amount of product for fear of "restocking shelves." This, to me, shows a level of laziness. In alberta, private liquor stores were more than happy to provide whatever was requested as they were making a sale.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Allowing better access to a wider range of products is my main investment in this survey, tired of traveling to AB to give someone else my money to acquire what I want. Thanks for taking the time to read. M.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| This govt. promised to leave crown corporations along. Play with them and there will be dire consequences come election time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I think it's about time that we as sask's had privet liquor stores keep the gov. Stores but let the new ones be privet run Privet is always good compation is good it's bin a long time coming let it happen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Manage transition to fully private retail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| My main concern with liquor sales in Saskatchewan is the lack of product selection and cold storage for beer. Private stores do better on both fronts than the other options. However, product selection is still lacking compared with both our neighbours. Some of this is likely due to the fact that our largest cities are relatively small and our overall population is small as well. I also believe that some of this issue can be blamed on the "red tape" a distributor has to deal with to do business in Saskatchewan. I don't believe that privatization alone is the solution. I think that we need to overhaul the entire distribution regime in Saskatchewan to be competitive. |
| I feel quite strongly that SLGA should not act as a monopoly or sole provider of alcoholic beverages within Sask. in both the wholesale and retail businesses. Though tax revenue dollars are at stake, I don't believe these revenues should solely come from the pockets of those who purchase alcohol. It should be a more shared responsibility among the residents of Saskatchewan. I support the movement to a fully private system especially in the wholesale area, relinquishing governmental control on the supply of alcohol & spirits.                                                                                                                                               |
| Get the government out of the liquor business. Fix the dang roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I strongly disagree with having a minimum price on alcohol under the pretense of preventing harmful social issues. Increasing the cost of alcohol doesn't work as a deterrent in most cases where alcoholism and alcohol abuse is involved. In most cases, I believe it just adds financial stress to the problem, which can lead to further problems. Taxing people's addictions as a form of government revenue is poor public policy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Also need to review regulations for micobrewers and wineries to ensure the regulatory framework does not hinder growth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Increasing the number of private liquor stores should be a priority.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I like private liquour stores, however, I don't want to see one on every block like in Alberta. The private stores we have in Saskatchewan now are clean and classy. Some of those private stores in Alberta are sketchy and seedy. As a rural person, if                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Saskatchewan went to full privatization I beleive we would likely lose our liquour store so I don't want to see that. I like the mix of public and private. The government should not be building new liqour stores. Use that money for roads, schools and healthcare.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Gov should also get out of distribution and warehousing liquor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I'm very supportive of providing more choices for liquor selection, and my experience with the new sobeys and co-op liquor stores have been excellent. I now choose to shop at these new private stores over the existing government owned stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I am tired of driving to the US, or Alberta to purchase alcohol. It is half the cost as it is here. Get rid of the "sin tax".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| retailing SHOULD NOT BE in a separate building than the main store                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| While this is not an easy topic, changes can improve the consumers options in a safe and responsible manner. There are two parts to consider for changes: 1. retail which should be done and is under review. 2. Wholesale - which also should be done - the Government can maintain a role in Wholesale and taxes; however, private stores should be able to have expanded product lines including rare specialties not predetermined by SLGA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Prices are not competitive. I am a Scotch enthusiast. I can buy a bottle of lagavulin 16 in saskatchewan for 140 dollars, where that same bottle in alberta is just 80. Cost of the bottle is probably closer to 60-70 dollars. SGLA is the only crown corporation which does nothing to improve the quality of life for residents of this province, instead it punishes them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| As a someone that has worked in senior management in the beverage alcohol industry in Saskatchewan and Ontario, I can tell you that SLGA historically has been poorly run. It is time to turn the page, privatize the industry and allow capitalism to work. Private liquor chains have the expertise to provide the public with what they want.<br><br>Government does not belong in the retail industry. The Alberta model has served their residents (& western SK residents) well. The AB government still collects LCT and private firms compete for business.<br><br>Taxpayers should not be burdened with the overhead and legacy costs associated with a retail chain that is poorly managed with low customer satisfaction and high cost unionized employees.<br><br>PRIVATIZE SLGA.<br><br>***Saskatchewan taxpayers demand and deserve more for their tax dollar from health care and highways-which should also see some form of privatization before labour, the NDP and Tommy Douglas's outdated and antiquated ideologies continue to hold Saskatchewan back from realizing our true potential. |
| Social concerns can always be addressed by legislation or regulations relating to the sale to Intoxicated persons. The simple fact is that by forcing a minimum price as a "social concern" tax is forcing the more marginalized members of our province to resort to far more dangerous activities or sources ie - grocery store products containing alcohol. Or hard drugs - in many cases far cheaper than alcohol in Saskatchewan. Perhaps more restrictions should be put on, or a social concern tax be put on those products as well - ie floor cleaners, mouthwash, certain after shaves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I believe liquor sales should be wide open as in the U.S. It is just a commodity product like any other. Leave the age restriction on sales, I don't believe being more convenient in sales will contribute to any more abuse then what is there already. I believe it is not up to government to dictate sales of any legal product. It is a proven fact that a competitive open retail market is better for the consumer, in regards to price, selection as well as service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I do not think that the government liquor stores could not be improved any more than what the private can offer. The cost of public safety is more important to think about than accomodating people with convenience or pricing...priorities are essential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| If we are making money from liquor stores why would we stop that? Why not put the profits back in to health care. I don't get when you say should we spend our money on health care and roads. When we are not losing money in the liquor stores. Maybe instead of worrying about this insignificant issue but it is not even a issue. You should figure out our health care system and make that better. Raise taxes if you have to because it is . I can't believe you are focused in on liquor stores. Can you say stupid. In my opinion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The current system works. We need to look at other jurisdictions that have gone from government based stores to private; like Alberta, and see how that has negatively impacted overall government revenue.<br><br>Without a comprehensive plan to maintain revenues to maintain and improve current government services this is a non-starter. We will lose revenue, and that will impact us all in the delivery of services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I would like to see private liqour stores province wide and the micro-distillery industry be given access to that market with no mark up and direct sales to retailers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I think SLGA does an excellent job in all of their endeavors. However they seem to focus a bit to much on social responsibility at the expense of convenience and customer service. Though they have made good strides in the last few years to modernize a bit. I fully support private industry taking and extended roll in retailing operations (especially if it finally gives us cold beer rooms), though I feel the revenue provided by SLGA is an important part of making our province great!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| If liquor sales were privatized in Sask, the govt would receive MORE money for Healthcare, highways and education! Much of the money is wasted on inflated SLGA workers' salaries and rent for the million-\$ facilities. SLGA workers do the same job as Wal-Mart employees. Why are they paid twice as much? This is very unfair. Privatize away Mr Wall!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I live in Regina and have frequented Willow Park since moving here. They don't have a large beer selection but what they do have is better than the government run stores. I also recently went to the Sobeys liquor store in Saskatoon and was blown away. It almost reminded me of being in Alberta. I wouldn't be opposed to government run stores if they would stock more things worth buying. Although it has gotten a lot better in the last few years, it still isn't great.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| The major problem is the inability for specialized sellers to open stores where specialized products can be found. While the offer of alcohol is reasonable in private and public stores, there isn't a sufficient offer of microbreweries and other beer products. Quebec offers the possibility for certain commerce to specialize and offer beer products normally unavailable in large groceries store or government-owned alcohol stores. Whatever change happens to the alcohol network, I believe availability of diverse products is the focus.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Private liquor sales in Saskatchewan must happen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I think the retailing should be kept at the same status quo as now. Keep the existing liquor stores as they are and if new ones need to be built, either the province and/or private sector can operate them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Selection is incredibly important to me. The craft beer market in Saskatchewan, particularly in Saskatoon, was godawful until the Co-op opened up. I have nothing conceptually against gov't owned locations, but there's rarely any selection, they are often poorly stored and overexposed to heat and light, and sometimes nearly impossible to find (case in point: shopping yesterday at Saskatoon's 2nd ave location for Schadenfreude and Phillips Crooked Tooth took me nearly 30 minutes to locate both of them).<br><br>I have also heard of numerous horror stories in the facebook Beer Lovers of Saskatoon group where people have tried to order through the special orders desk, only to have the items take nearly a year to complete, if they even receive them at all. If you want to maintain a strong government hand then you NEED to fix this and address efficiencies in this sector.<br><br>I strongly support the Expanded Private Retail System model. |
| I have exclusively shopped at the co-op liquor store in blairmore since they have opened. the prices are competitive and that's a key factor for myself. the selection is also something I enjoy there along with the large amount of chilled products. I have told everybody that asks to avoid going to the government owned stores solely for the fact that they have stayed so closed minded about this topic instead of trying to stay competitive with surrounding provinces.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Please, please, please, pretty-please just privatize the government-owned liquor stores and let the marketplace determine the best way for people to buy and sell liquor. It's embarrassing to live in a province that still clings to these backwards remnants of socialism.<br><br>Also, please allow for beer and wine to be sold in grocery stores. That way when I do my grocery shopping I can buy all of my groceries in one trip without having to make a second trip to a store that sells liquor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Private stores are the only way alcohol should be sold. Tax revenue can still be part of the result. Lower operating costs make sense. Should be a balanced approach.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I believe that the government does not need to operate liquor stores itself. Private sector involvement works, and Saskatchewan is behind by not allowing more private involvement in liquor sales. As well, there are larger and more important projects that the energy and funds of our government could be better spent on (i.e. roads and highways).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The government should concentrate its efforts on liquor regulation and addiction avoidance, not retailing. Government activity in direct retailing is in some sense a conflict-of-interest with its regulatory mandate.<br><br>A hybrid of an expanded number of private stores and grocery kiosks in most urban areas, licensed stores in retail areas, and public stores in areas otherwise not well served, is probably the best model for Saskatchewan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Just do it ! Be progressive! Alberta is killing it!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| The one option that is not explored in this survey is the so called special order desk. The way it is currently operated is a joke. Please, please , please look at how this facility is operated in Alberta to make web based purchasing available and make the SLGA Special order desk operate the same way. If someone would like to have more detail, call me at _____ My name is _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| We don't need to follow Alberta on everything.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Do not privatize SLGA, crime will go up, stealing of product will go up, loss of government, hard working jobs, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| grocery stores!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Private liquor stores encourage new small business development and economic growth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <p>Prices in Sask are way too and the gov is losing revenue to Alberta and Montana. Not just liquor revenue but retail revenue overall.</p> <p>The liquor savings in Alberta are greater than the cost of fuel to drive there to buy.</p> <p>Gov should oversee the sale of liquor but should not be spending taxpayer dollars to run retail sales. ie building costs and wages</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Just make it private please. Alcohol sales (or any business) isn't the job of government.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>I would like to see lower prices, more convenient options (wine/beer in grocery stores would be great) and a selection of beer and spirits that's more in line with the current expansive selection of wine found in most liquor stores.</p> <p>If abolishing government liquor stores helps to achieve these outcomes, then so be it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Get out of the retail business, the rules of supply and demand will dictate the numbers and volume, just as they do for every other retail market. Liquor is no different. More opportunities for small business owners, in small communities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>No</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>As a consumer, my top priorities are convenience and selection. I strongly support a plan that would see at least beer and wine available in groceries stores, a model that I have seen work in Quebec and a number of US states. I would also strongly support a model that would see a wider selection available to consumers.</p> <p>One issue not directly addressed in the survey that would be important to visit is the amount of alcohol a person is able to import in excess of the exemption. Saskatchewan currently has a very low amount (9.1L) in comparison to other jurisdictions. This is a small amount for a private citizen who wishes to bring back a selection of products that simply aren't available in Saskatchewan.</p> |
| <p>I feel that our liquor stores are making money,so the question of prority in spending is irrelevant!!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>I think Option #2 (Expanded Private Retail System) is a good way to continue moving forward to the eventual Option #3 basically through attrition.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>My main concern is that alcohol can be cheaper in the province then it currently is. Similar to Alberta pricing and model. I'm not concerned with generation of profit for the government as the sole reason for keeping prices the way they currently are.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Being the Highest province with drunk drivers on the road. Privatization to companies that only care about the bottom line who are likely to make the sale and care less about underage is the wrong way to go. Not to mention the loss of revenue actually giving us less back to invest in the province for fixing highways and helping budgets of hospitals.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Privatize liquor please as soon as possible! I really hope people do this survey because everyone I talk to wants private liquor stores and looks at alberta with jealousy! Then let's start on sasktel. Would be so nice to have a legitimate choice whether it's in media choices for cell phones/services and liquor! The new saskatchewan is a better saskatchewan!!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Having moved here 6 years ago from Alberta, I have to say the price of alcohol is ridiculous. Incredibly it costs more to drink here yet Saskatchewan is the leader in drunk driving in the COUNTRY. Explain that one folks... I believe the privatization of alcohol sales will NOT increase public harm, but rather create more growth and enterprise in an already booming economy. Time to get with the program Saskatchewan!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>I feel that the minimum drinking age should not be lowered.</p> <p>I believe the government run stores are best regulated and provide the most reasonable pricing.</p> <p>I believe that the number of retail liquor establishments in an area should be regulated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>The main issue with liquor retailing in this province is that the SLGA does not know what the consumer wants and doesn't know the product. Bringing in 10 different brands of the same beer style does not constitute 'selection'. Whomever is retailing the product needs to let the customer decide what they want and keep up with current trends.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Liquor retail is the number one revenue generator for the province of Saskatchewan. It makes no sense to throw away the money this province desperately needs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>There is no need for government to be in the liquor retail business. Government should focus on core responsibilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>First and foremost, having a regulator also be a monopolist is a massive conflict of interest.</p> <p>Every other state in the developed world has a more liberalized system for distributing alcohol. Somehow, other states seem to get along just fine with private liquor sales. The notion that the government needs to be involved in liquor retail is a farce. We need only to look to our neighbours to the west for a better model for Saskatchewan. Alberta has: lower prices, higher selection, and more conveniently located liquor stores.</p> <p>Let's move into the 21st century. Let the government take a hands-off approach to liquor regulation. Let private industry handle distribution and retail.</p>                       |

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| Please move to the Alberta model. If the government believes in private sector development...start with liquor stores. The market will provide the needed controls.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Public retailing serves no public purpose which could not be achieved through taxation and regulation.<br>On behalf of the Ales & Lager Enthusiasts of Saskatchewan, we would like to be consulted further in the completion of this review. Please contact _____ The views expressed in this survey are my own and not necessarily reflective of the club.<br>-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Have no problem with grocery stores selling alcohol, if they want. The USA's model works, why not here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Main concerns are BETTER SELECTION, MORE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS. Competitive nature will allow for pricing.<br>Base selection of beer, wine, etc in GROCERY stores would be ideal with more specialized products in the private stand-alone stores.<br>Pls make this happen asap.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As this government privatizes Liquor stores and gives more money to business they will have less money to spend on education, health, infrastructure, etc. Everything else will be privatized before this government is done and the ordinary will not be able to afford health care, education, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Allow the sale of beer and wine in convenience stores ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| My primary concern is that there are a lot of people currently working in government run liquor stores. In most cases, these are great paying jobs plus benefits, etc. Privately run stores will end up paying minimum wage to less employees. This will definitely impact all people currently employed with SLGA stores, in particular small towns. I don't believe there is any way to ensure good paying jobs, job creation if everything is privatized. On the other hand, I don't strongly feel that the government should be in charge of running these stores; however, this is a hard thing to change now. It's unfair to take good paying jobs away from Saskatchewan residents.<br>Thanks,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Take the privatization of liquor even further than the Alberta model.<br>All levels of government should remove themselves from the regulation, supply, sale, and price control of alcohol. This includes getting out of being the only entity that can import alcohol and being the only source through which private liquor stores can purchase their supply (as is the case in Alberta).<br>The idea that government should save people from themselves (regulate the sale of things, particularly what society deems 'sinful things' like alcohol and tobacco) is an outdated and, frankly, patronizing and belittling idea that does nothing to solve societal issues. If you take candy away from a child, you have not actually taught the child why eating too much candy is bad.<br>. If you make alcohol so expensive/inaccessible that a person cannot purchase it, you have not taught them why overconsumption is harmful to both themselves and those around them. You've merely tried to remove the symptom, not the cause.<br>Allow individuals to make their own life choices, including beneficial and harmful choices. Get government out of liquor entirely. |
| While I can appreciate the revenue that government stores generate, I am of a firm believe that the their are higher priorities for our elected members to focus on. Add to that that the private stores are run much better than government stores in regards, to cleanliness, quality of products and price.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Current stores are too far apart and require driving out of your way.<br>Staff are nothing more than product scanners and baggers.<br>Customer service is non existing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Saskatoon and Regina both need grocery stores in their cores. Allowing downtown grocery stores to sell beer, wine, and spirits might be helpful in making those grocery stores viable. I think that existing grocers (e.g. Italian Star Deli and SALT in Regina) and new grocers should be a priority for the government when selecting private operators.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I am a proud member of the NDP Party of Saskatchewan. I fully support the Sask Party in their bid to privatize the Liquor stores in this Province. Retail Liquor sales belong in the hands of private enterprise, not in the hands of Government!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| For me it's all about selection and availability. I can't stand the fact that current public stores don't stock more local and Canadian beer (read: Craft Beer). They have gotten marginally better (read: forced to at least attempt to compete) but are still overall poor. Lack of refrigeration for beer that clearly should be treated as a perishable product (read: all beer that is unpasteurized as a choice to maintain flavour) is also a point of contention. Look at any cooler in an LB, its stocked with corona                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| or other macro brews that pay for the advertising, not beer that actually needs to be refrigerated. Dealing with the special order desk is also a huge farce. 6 months to get a response, essentially saying we didn't feel like importing great beer from BC/Alberta etc let alone Belgium, Germany, America, or the UK is unacceptable when the same beer is available in both Manitoba and Alberta. I welcome more private stores that do as great a job as the Co-op has in the last year (haven't made it out to Sobey's yet so I have no opinion).                                                                                                        |
| Alberta's system seems to be working just fine. Why not follow in their foot steps? I'm pretty sure that jobs would be created and gov pensions would go down for liquor store employees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| More private liquor stores - but fully private, with the ability to purchase whatever liquor they want by not having to go through the SLGA. It opens up a whole realm of possibilities as to what we as consumers can get and experience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| This archaic idea that government ought to be involved in the sale or manufacturing of alcohol sure is strange.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Get rid of government run liquor stores, the money could be used in other areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I strongly agree with the concept of privatized liquor sales. I don't see any reason or need for the Government to be involved in the direct sale of alcohol to the public, there is no purpose for this. The SLGA should be a regulatory body only.<br>I also strongly support the idea of liquor sales in non-traditional locations such as grocery stores or gas stations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I believe the government markup on liquor is outrageous.....money would be better spent on education and enforcement of current laws vis.a.vis drunk driving and public drunkenness                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Please privatize them all-its time the government got out of the liquor business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Speaking as someone who has recently moved here from Manitoba, it is RIDICULOUS that your liquor stores don't stock bitters. How is that even possible? C'mon, Saskatchewan, get it together.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 54% government markup on alcohol is incredibly high- I believe one of the highest in the country.<br>I think that addressing this would go a lot further towards lowering the cost of liquor- personally my biggest concern with how liquor is sold in this province.<br>either than that I agree with opening some more privatized stores but not at the cost of closing existing LB stores. I haven't seen enough justification in the information provided to support that.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Alberta has done it with private liquor stores for years and seem to be doing just fine. We shouldn't have to drive there to buy our alcohol due to a cheaper price or more selection. Private is the way to go!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| When detailing the idea of changing to a private liquor retailer, ensure to show the public how much profit was brought in by the current system and where the money went. For me to save \$50 a year on alcohol vs having to increase my taxes due to less revenue is not that important.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| In favour of Expanded Private Retail outlets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Strongly support a change to a fully private system for the sale of alcohol. Not asked in the survey, but I would strongly oppose government liquor store employees getting first option to purchase existing stores. This should be a fully open sale with no preference to employees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Privatize liquor sales. This is a free society, start making it look like one.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| There is nothing to indicate that the current public liquor stores are inefficient or losing money. The revenues that are earned support the building of roads, hospitals, and social services; it's important to share the risks of going to a private system with the public and the potential for increased taxes in order to fund those foundational community pieces. The issue of public liquor stores is a red herring; we need to focus on building a better province that has a sustainable future tax base. Our growth should be planned, sustained and something that we can count on...this issue is a kneejerk response to a non-existent problem. |
| I dont believe the province should focus on the revenues but on the net income. If we decrease the control of sales but maintain control of distribution while maintaining the level of income received currently then we free up resources by operating in a more private sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Please just get the hell out of the way of private, free enterprise. This isn't the 1920s anymore. How long is it going to take for the government to finally figure that out?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| \$252 Million in profits how does the government plane to make that from the private sector?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| It works very well in Alberta. Get out of the biz and let people who want to do it look after it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I don't believe that the government should be in the business of retailing liquor. Having lived in both Saskatchewan and Alberta, I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| greatly prefer the Alberta model and would implore the government to move toward such a system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| As long as you are able to maintain the same or receive more revenue from privatization I do not have a problem with the change. Where is the loss of revenue to come from if privatization goes forward? The taxpayer of course. A blended public/private ownership in the liquor industry would be my choice ensuring through whatever means that the revenues are not lost to the government. As a note it is sad that the government is intent on trying to make liquor more easily accessible by private stores and increased hours which leads to social problems and loss of lives through drunk driving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I hate that I buy the majority of my liquor in Alta, solely because of the pricing. I support lower alcohol pricing and privatization in Sk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| We do not need any more private liquor stores. What they have already done is only the thin edge of the wedge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| No need for private liquor stores, quit working on things like this that are working, rather focus on the REAL issues, poverty, healthcare, roads, debt etc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| My experiences at the privately owned retail liquor stores have far exceeded my past experiences at government owned liquor stores.<br><br>Within the current system, people can get liquor nearly whenever they want. Why not let all retailers decide if they want to sell liquor?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I think this province needs to get with the times and privatize liquor sales. Unions are a thing of the past and we need to move away from that.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I am a non drinker, but I am not against others drinking alcohol in moderation. I believe we could consider small Liquor Marts in grocery stores operated by SGLA as done in Manitoba I strongly believe we should retain Gov't Liquor stores/outlets not expand to more private operators , our tax revenue is very, very important to me. I am a widow who lives on a fixed income. Allowing big companies to sell alcohol as a private business will not benefit Sask. people. and this move will cause negative effects in order to please people who want convenience. I also believe SLGA employees will be more vigilant in determining if customers are legally entitled to make the purchases such as under age kids, intoxicated people .<br><br>Our alcohol treatment programs are not fulfilling the role they should. Many cutbacks have eroded their value. I favour more public stores and more treatment programs and direct tax benefits through the Crown Corp. SLGA for our residents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Government owned liquor stores should continue as they have in SK for many many years. I believe the decision to privatize liquor stores is the initiative of the current Government to continue on its agenda of Privatizing all Government owned crowns and I believe this initiative is completely wrong and should not even be up for debate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I think the product knowledge is becoming more of an issue for all liquor retailers and should be beefed up considering there are more discerning consumers. I think that offering rotating sale items that have a deeper discount than \$1.00 would be a draw for customers to the government run establishments. I am concerned that if you open up the market to more private retailers you will get a glut of retailers who run shabby establishments of which we have seen many in Alberta and B. C. Let Saskatchewan retain a certain amount of class. As for grocery stores, I am torn as to whether to open up more liquor outlets as I want the revenue generation for our government to continue for the benefit of all residents when it comes to core services such as education and health. There is still a promotion in the health industry for small amounts of alcohol and maybe it is time to take a closer look at that and then offer more services for those who have a lack of control on the other side of the scale.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Keep public, the profits can fund a lot of healthcare and education needs, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I am 36 years old and have lived in 3 provinces. SK has the most restrictive alcohol policies I have encountered. The Alberta model is much more consumer friendly in terms of retail cost and selection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Premium products (e.g., scotch, wine, etc.) need to have an increased sselection. I also feel that unique Canadian products should be emphasized and marketed more - not just for the Canadian economy but as a value add for tourists. Ideally, we would lead the country with the number of 'Made in Canada' products available. I also think that SK should promote the development of it's own liquor production sector.<br><br>From a social responsibility point of view - I feel that regulation does very little. The answer is education. If a partnership with the health regions and Ministry of Health is possible I would support it. I feel that social resoponsibility messaging should focus less on 'responsible use' and more on education about identifying (or self identifying) addiction problems and promoting resources to handle those issues. Accepted medical information about the health risks of alcohol use should be more widely available.<br><br>I support private stores wholeheartedly - but I am not necessarily unsupportive of a hybrid public/private market place like in many provinces. The model used in Quebec was something I liked quite a bit when I lived there - premium products from the government stores & mass produced products from private corner stores, grocery, etc. |
| I live in saskatchewan, NOT Alberta. If we privatize liquor stores what's next? Health Care? That's not the Saskatchewan way. We used to be a good community province, but now that we are moving more and more like Alberta, it's sad. I am becoming                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| ashamed to be from here, and looking to move on if we become Saskaberta.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I found this survey very biased towards private liquor stores. If you are going to ask for our opinions there should not be so many loaded questions. A few of the questions felt like i could not give an answer that was appropriate to my views.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I've lived in Alberta and travel there regularly; having private retailers broadens the options one has and you don't have to wonder where you can run to get a bottle of wine for your hosts when visiting a new place, etc. I'm all for private liquor stores, bring it on!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I'd love to see more deregulation across the board, if you can compete at natural (not inflated) prices with unions and service then stay in business, if not its time to move out of the market. We get ripped off and have limited options, its time to change that backwards Saskatchewan approach to crown corps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I think alcohol should have warning labels on the bottles like cigarettes do. Preventive messages warnings about drinking while pregnant and regarding addictions. Sask should fund better treatment centres also that are longer in duration up to 3mos or longer and treating the entire family as a unit. Very taxing on our healthcare system also.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Option two sounds the best. Expanded Private.<br><br>I really want to see better selection of liquor in Saskatchewan. I don't want to have to make a trip to Alberta just to get something special. I also want to be able to do it whenever I want. I'm not saying we need a Las Vegas kind of approach to the sale of alcohol here. But, I sure would like to see SLGA being open the same hours as the private stores. I enjoy how clean the private stores are, but, I would appreciate being able to travel less and get the same experience at an SLGA. I feel the best employees are always the SLGA ones. I've always had positive experiences with customer service at an SLGA location.<br><br>I also think that we should allow "Adult Entertainment" in Saskatchewan along with Alcohol. Oh, that's not what this is about? Oh well, I've already typed it. |
| I don't think I quite understand the true economic impacts of privatizing liquor stores. There are some ideas in my head that might assume that it'll bring the same amount of NET income to the government however the gross income to the government will definitely decline. As for the jobs I'm also unsure whether these will just be displaced or whether they are true loss of employment.<br><br>As for selections and pricing, these are the areas where I think privitazation will greatly improve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| If it's not broken don't fix it...make it better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| The government should absolutely increase opportunities for private stores, price competitiveness and greater selection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| If you want allow more people to seel liquor but do not sell exisiting stores. More stores does not mean the price will go down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The implementation of new liquor stores should ensure that the level of social harm is not increased through saturation of liquor stores in specific areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| An absolute NO to liquor store privatization in Saskatchewan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The Free-er the market the free-er the people. More stores, open longer, selling for cheaper.<br><br>Both expanding the Private Retail and Expanding Government run stores into existing grocery stores seem like things that would benefit the government and the taxpayers/voter,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Alberta approach is significantly flawed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| People should be given the right to choose where they shop. Our current legislation is the equivalent of someone telling me I can only shop at Walmart for household items even though Superstore is offering the same item at a lower price or possibly a brand I prefer that only they carry. Time to move into 2015 with some forward thinking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I would love costco liquor store! I have been to them in Alberta and the US and would love if Saskatchewan would have one.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I'd like to see growlers avaiable for sale not only at breweries but bars as well. It's frustrating seeing all the other western provinces going ahead with this while we are left in the stone age. Growlers are environmentally beneficial as well as convenient.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The prices of Liquor in Saskatchewan is ridicules. Look at the prices in AB and you will see. the "private stores" we have now still have to purchase through the Government and therefore we will not see cheaper prices anyway. we need to move to a more Alberta style system and get the Government out of this business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sask minimum pricing is too high<br><br>Leave existing government liquor stores as they are.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| I don't think government should be in the business of alcohol. Enforce age restrictions, and collect tax. That is all.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| To me, I think it is ridiculous that liquor is mostly sold in Government facilities where entry level or low skilled employees earn double minimum wage. I think that if the government sold liquor through retailers (like Costco, Safeway, Co-op for instance) and let those retailers determine their own price, the government could probably raise liquor consumption taxes slightly and generate more revenue to pay for social programs, health care, etc. If the government wasn't paying ridiculously high wages and high overhead costs for each liquor store, the taxes collected by the retailers would probably be equivalent. That's just my opinion though. I think there are enough people who stock up on liquor while in Alberta that if our prices were more reasonable, there would be no need to stock up and sales would increase, thereby increasing tax revenue. |
| My suggestion would be to fully privatize the liquor stores without government interference in the business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Paying taxes on alcohol has never been an issue for myself personally, I do however have some fundamental ideological issues with the idea of the government having a large degree of control over what I am personally able to purchase and consume within my own residence and prior to the new private establishments, this has always been the case.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lived in both Alberta and BC and moved to SK this year. Saskatchewan liquor availability and pricing are exceedingly poor.<br>I am not a drunk or binge drinker (I like to drink 1 beer, a nice craft beer, with supper) but feel put upon due to the difficulty of obtaining said beer when I live out on the farm and work during the week. The prices are also offensive.<br>I actually am planning to start brewing my own beer again to have beer at hand and avoid this gratuitous "sin tax". Government should get out of the liquor business and leave it to the private sector.<br>I also don't appreciate how we can't have a beer on the beach or while ice fishing. Let's move on from Prohibition like the rest of the world. Arrest drunks but don't harass those who enjoy a harmless beer.                                                                               |
| sell all existing public stores, offer the current employees first option to buy them.<br>private liquor stores will NOT affect public safety, that is pure union propeganda. In fact, private stores will probably be more dilligent as they are accountable...government union employees are not.<br>the government should maintain the role of wholesaler, but stay out of the retail end of it. let private business and market demand dictate pricing, location and available products.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Prices are ridiculous. Brewhouse made in Saskatoon in SIGNIFICANTLY cheaper in Alberta - and they have to ship it there. Price is my biggest concern.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Public liquor stores should offer all cold beer, coolers, and white wine. They should offer bar accessories. They should offer products that our customers want; bring it in as a test product.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Because I live rurally, it would be nice to walk to the local grocery store and pick up a nice bottle of wine and not have to drive 30km to the only option....a government owned liquor store. These small communities are still dying in our provinces economic boom. Give the small businesses an opportunity to expand.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| We have too many liquor providers already. We have one of the highest rates of drinking and driving in the country. Get rid of some of the liquor stores, make more laws about its use. Make it harder for people to be stupid with alcohol. I am also concerned about the level of crime and violence in smaller establishments should alchohol as well as cigarettes and cash be readily available for the taking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The system is working but it would be great if we had the added benefit of being able purchase wine and beer from grocery stores. That would be great!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Private liquor stores and great and we should have more espically to bring down the cost of alcohol in our province.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Stop privatizing our province! Stop destroying our public sector jobs. There is nothing wrong with our current provincial liquour stores. You are doing nothing but tying their hands up so they cannot compete against your private agenda. Shape up Wall government, I am sick of you supporting only the 1% you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I need the healthcare so the money must continue coming from the liquor revenue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| My biggest wish was for widespread refrigeration of beer in government run liquor stores along with lowering taxes on liquor products.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| It make no sense to sell off a profitable business and then have to spend more public dollars policing the people it is sold too. Government should focus its efforts on more important matters than playing with the current system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| You are closed on holidays, too early on Sunday, No access to home made beer or wine, IE ; worts available at grocery stores. can't buy 1 beer out of any 6 pack; forced to buy all 6. Local beer should be cheaper than National brands.<br>Operating costs/ need for revenue to pay expensive employees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Allow liquor to be sold at grocery stores or at least have a wine and beer kiosk in the grocery store.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I believe liquor sales should be fully privatized.</li> <li>- I believe liquor should be available in existing businesses such as grocery stores, gas stations and convenience stores since these can already sell cigarettes which requires the retailer to check for ID.</li> <li>- I believe the market should dictate how many stores/retailers can sell alcohol within a certain area</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I think the government should leave things the way they are. There is always a comparison in this to Alberta.... Why can't Saskatchewan stand strong independently and be it's own province? If I wanted to live in Alberta I would move there.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| More revenue should be placed in making rehab facilities available to those who choose. Even funding assistance to those who choose out of Province rehab facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I STRONGLY DISAGREE with privatization of our liquor stores. It seems that the Sask Party gov't trying, again, to fix something that is not broken. Why would we get rid of an ongoing revenue source again? Yes there would be an immediate, and large, influx of dollars into the gov't coffers, but what about the ongoing revenue the province gets now? That is money being reinvested into the province in roads, health, education, everywhere that public dollars are used a certain percentage is directly from the liquor store revenue. My experience in neighboring provinces private owned liquor stores has been less than wonderful. I have found them to be located in areas that clearly have much higher priority needs than liquor stores. They generally are quite seedy and have less than knowledgeable staff. I think that we should leave well enough alone and be proud of having clean, well run stores with knowledgeable staff and we should enjoy the much needed revenue generated for use to build and maintain our province, not just one person's bank account! |
| The priority needs to be on providing greater choice in all aspects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| How about real strip clubs not these pretend ones. Let the market decide if there is an appetite for it. What is this, ?<br><br>The poor guy in Regina trying to get a club going is likely going to go in 6 months (no pun intended) Give him a chance by allowing him to run a real strip joint.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Don't make it cheaper or easier to purchase. Alcohol is already a major problem in saskatchewan. Sell off stores/locations if you see fit, but don't allow more stores per capita. Thanks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Because of the SLGA's tight control on what can be ordered from distilleries/breweries I am not able to get certain spirits or beer. If they are available for order it takes a long time for them to arrive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Privatization is not the answer and does not make things better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The liquor retail system in Saskatchewan is outdated and ineffective. The store hours of SLGA stores are unrealistic and the selection is horrible compared to any other province. The city of Lloydminster can be used as a case study for this - the Alberta stores have competition and thus have sales, selection, and good store hours, while the SLGA store on the Saskatchewan side gets a miniscule amount of business and their prices are higher.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I have been in Alberta many many times, and the selection of wine is incredible compared to Saskatchewan, and the price point is so much less.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Alberta's system seems to work well.<br><br>I am also a fan of laws surrounding wine production in BC. Companies can do most of the work for a person looking to bottle and produce their own wines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I think it's a great idea to increase the availability of private liquor stores. I like the idea of Alberta where they have separate stores from grocery stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Maintain the government run liquor stores and allow grocery stores to sell wine and beer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>We do not need low paying private liquor stores, the kind with tip jars at the cash register to supplement the low wages paid to their employees.</p> <p>The current system is profitable and pays living wages to SLGA employees while contributing money to the government coffers.</p> <p>Premier Wall has already stated: "not one more public dollar will go into liquor stores". Why have this survey when a decision has already been made?</p> <p>The liquor store debate is not important to the citizens, things are fine as they are. This is an attempt at privatization through manipulation. We see this manipulation on with the other crowns, SGI, SaskPower, Saskenergy, SaskTel are being stripped of their profits forcing them to raise rates and lower services offered. If the SK Party can make the crowns distasteful, privatization of said crowns will face less resistance and backlash from the citizens who own these crowns. This is a thinly veiled attempt to</p>                                                                                             |

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| privatize SLGA and other crowns while allowing the citizens to feel that they have had input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I think there are many more important issues to deal with than privatization of liquor stores. ie. healthcare and education. also not wasting \$45M on smart meters would have been even smarter than not spending money on liquor stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Privatize! Let the Government's energy be in more important places.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The government has more important things to do than govern cashiers and stock boys. And a minimum price is irrelevant when it comes to people who want to get drink. It isn't the government's job to try to control my morals. Get out of alcohol and open it to the public.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>1 placing taxes on sales is the way to control the minimum price</p> <p>2 setting up an Alberta-style warehouse system will allow small producers to get market access.</p> <p>3 I would support an Alberta-style deregulation but with government stores in competition.</p> <p>4 It would be useful to see data on Alberta to see what social programs may be required if SK deregulates. Eg. if you allow more gambling then you need more support for gambling problems.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I think it is way beyond time for the government to step out of liquor retailing. Having lived in Alberta for 12 years, I think privatization is a much better plan. But regulation is needed so you don't have a whole bunch of stores in one area, like the pawn shops.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Would be nice to have greater product selection and cheaper pricing instead of driving to Minot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I would like to see the government continue with there liquor stores rather than go privately. I see big problems if the whole province goes private. I believe this will cause huge inflation and the people that think the private stores will drive price down are wrong. All it will do is drive prices up. I like being able to go to any location and pay the same price for the same product. Whether its a \$1000.00 bottle of Scotch or a mickey of rum. I really like that the excess profit helps fund other areas to make our province better.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>The monopoly of government controlled liquor stores makes life difficult for bars and restaurants. Most of which are hard working, local independent small businesses. Private enterprises with competitive pricing and a wider and also more specialized product selection benefits everyone.</p> <p>Decreasing almost all overhead while still collecting LCT is a win for the government as well.</p> <p>Privatizing liquor stores is a win for everyone.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>I would like to see a wider selection of wine and beer. The selection currently available in Saskatchewan is very limited compared to other provinces/states. I would also like to be able to buy wine or beer at the grocery store when I'm picking up items for supper. Like in Quebec it would be nice to be have the convenience of picking up beer and wine at the neighbourhood convenience store.</p> <p>I don't really care if the above is provided via public or private stores. The private sector isn't perfect - I've shopped at Willow Park in Regina and the experience hasn't always been good. I've experienced varying degrees of service, product knowledge and selection there.</p> |
| Too many hoops to jump through to get a certain product on the shelf as it stands now. Hopefully regulating board softens this process. Wages are way out of hand for a cashier/shelf stocker in LBS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I think it is very important for the government to maintain it's current level of involvement. The revenue generated from the current government stores is crucial in the maintenance of our Health care, roads and schools. I for one do not want to see our taxes increase because the sale of our government stores. It is also important that we keep our economy strong with good paying jobs in this province, and maintain all that our past unions fought for. I see this government stripping away years of progress and I strongly disagree!!Thanks for asking.                                                                                                                                  |
| Please keep in mind the amount of money that leaves the province when we stock up on booze in Alberta. We could keep that money here if our prices were in line with theirs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>In privatizing liquor sales you are removing a steady folow of income to the province.</p> <p>The accessability of liquor increases the likely hood of alcohol related abuse and dependancy.</p> <p>In privatizing the sale of alcohol you are removing good jobs. Jobs that people take pride in and that people can raise familys with.</p> <p>this is essentially helping to lower the bar with respect to wages and benefits which helps no one in the end.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The public system is just fine. I think enough people die due to liquor. We don't need to increase the availability until we have educated our population to drink responsibly. The revenue is good to pay for other improvements to our province and good jobs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| for our people. If I wanted things to be like Alberta I would have moved there. I like Saskatchewan and that we do things our way. That we still care about each other and our quality of life                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The province should consider selling existing liquor store to private enterprise. The cost of unionized labour and bricks and mortar adds to the cost to operate that private business can run better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| This is clearly an area that belongs to the private sector. Government should get out of liquor retailing altogether, including the warehousing function. Government should only collect tax on liquor and enforce regulations concerning the consumption of liquor by minors, impaired driving, licensing of establishments, etc. Taxes should be raised on liquor to keep liquor prices neutral on account of a more efficient private sector distribution system. Any retail establishment should be able to get a license to sell liquor as a consumer product, much like toilet paper. SLGA's conflict-of interest in both selling liquor and regulating it is completely unacceptable and makes Saskatchewan look like a sort of banana republic. |
| Please move to a Alberta like system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Ther only thing that NEEDS to CHANGE is the current government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| With the boom in craft beer and unique wines on the market, the current selection in Saskatchewan, especially with respect to craft beer, is completely abysmal and unacceptable when our neighbours to the west enjoy such an expansive product lineup. I feel my consumer choice is severely hindered due to the tight restrictions of the SLGA on what our current retail stores carry for product. Private stores are working well in Alberta and have for some time. Please set us free!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| We should have the same or better pricing as Alberta does instead of being taxed to death on everything. The Government should divest from this non-sense. If people want to drink alcohol, you aren't going to prevent them from doing so regardless of price. If prices are less, at least the poor alcohol dependant people or younger 19+ people will have extra money leftover to spend on tuition, food, clothing, shelter, etc. Stop trying to be big brother with everything.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The revenues generated from liquor sales need to be maintained, but can come from other means than retail sales. Not sure price is truly a deterrent to alcohol issues. It just forces a person with an alcohol problems to other means such as shoplifting, other forms of alcohol that are even more dangerous such as Lysol. At the same time if the retail prices were to come down a bit I wouldn't object to a higher tax on alcohol sales                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Why would the province want to eliminate even more middle class jobs like those held by current SLGA employees and replace them with minimum wage jobs by privatizing liquor stores? To whose benefit would this serve?<br><br>Also, why has there been zero discussion on how the liquor stores would be privatized? How would a private company purchase a liquor store that is currently public? Would there be auctions, sealed bids, or would this be done by some sort of backroom deal where a "preferred" private company would be handed the store? This seems like the most critical issue with privatization in my mind. No discussion of this aspect of the privatization really makes me wonder about the real motivation behind all this. |
| Please update Saskatchewan's outdated liquor laws so I do not feel the need to flout existing regulations by going to Alberta for access to greater variety / reasonably priced alcohol. Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| We pay way TOO MUCH for alcohol in this product. Time for a change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I believe that we are on the right track in terms of private liquor stores. The market has been tested and it is obvious from Co-Op's success that there is money to be made for private liquor stores and also it shows us just how expendable the current Government standard is.<br><br>I would like to see the Government continue to regulate the sale of alcohol, but reduce their involvement in the actual cash transaction. I think there are a lot of other areas that Government employees are needed. We have seen through Co-Op and Sobeys that placing the sale of alcohol into the private sectors hands is a very viable option and one that should be further explored moving forward.                                                 |
| If the public thinks that they are going to save alot more money w/ private liquor stores, they are wrong. Crime rates will go up w/ easier access like more hours of operation, etc. Checking of proper ID will not continue as well as it does in private stores than in goverment stores. Keep the liquor stores public and out of the corporate pockets!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Our liquor retailing should mirror Alberta's.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The SLGA stores are so dated and product availability is terrible in terms of beer offerings. My most glaring gripes about the SLGA stores are:<br><br>- Minimal refrigeration of alcohol<br>- Terrible beer choices<br>- Outrageous prices                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <p>- Employees that are only there to collect a paycheck. Never there to help. Never about the consumer.</p> <p>- Too many hoops to jump through for new suppliers to start selling in Saskatchewan. For example, Steam Whistle has been brewed in Toronto for many many years, yet only within the past couple months has it started to be carried in SGLA's.</p> <p>I understand the idea of social responsibility, but let's get Saskatchewan out of the dark ages. I'm fed up with the government telling me I'm not a responsible consumer of alcohol by making me pay the higher price. Painting a whole province with the same brush is ridiculous.</p> <p>I was happy to see the changes a couple years back which led to the private store coming into the province. Mr. Wall has done a great thing and I support his initiative for privatizing liquor sales in Saskatchewan.</p> <p>Granted the craft beer choices has b</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Government need to get smaller. There is no reason that some government union worker should get twice the wage that a person working down the street doing essentially the same job. I have never been greeted with anything but arrogance and laziness at the SLGA stores I have been in. Hats off to Brad Wall and his forward thinking Sask party. You have had my vote and will continue to get my support. Lets bring Saskatchewan into the new millennium and leave Tommy Douglas and his CCF in the past where they belong.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>I don't want to see what has happened in Alberta happen here. It's not always cheaper there than it is here. I also don't believe we should be opening up low paying positions to sell alcohol. It's a crappy job (I've done it) where you work terrible hours and have to deal with drunk people. There's nothing wrong with paying workers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Revenue from government owned liquor stores should not be lost. It should be used to invest in infrastructure and health care.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>the government likes the idea of being private and having the individuals owning the store have all expenses but they sure don't want to give the owners any of the money from the sales-its too bad selling alcohol in Saskatchewan is a no-profit business for the ones actually doing the work and any money made is given to the government to be a show-off in doing road construction etc. If the government is saving all these thousands of dollars to do extra stuff they should maybe look at given the ones selling there product a decent cut of that money being made</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Please allow sale of alcohol in grocery stores.... this is LONG overdue!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>I strongly feel that SLGA should only exist to collect the liquor taxes and controlled a minimum amount of liquor laws. There is no need whatsoever for the government to run store or even warehousing or distribution. Let a private company or companies run the distribution and warehousing. Also SLGA should get out of the gaming and stick only to liquor and then start a Saskatchewan gaming association with no connection to liquor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Gov't should get out of alcohol sales &amp; should not regulate where &amp; when I can buy alcohol. Let the market dictate the number of stores. As an adult, I should be able to buy a bottle of wine on Sunday if I want to. I also need to take responsibility for my own actions. It is not up to the government to decide what is in my best interest.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Allow retailers to stock what they want and to set their own prices similar to Alberta operations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Too much is made of the ideology surrounding the private vs public debate. Just do what makes the most sense for consumers and our society and leave ideology out of it!</p> <p>This is not a top of mind issue for most people anyway, and do citizens actually believe that our current approach to liquor retailing is a needless drain on govt resources that could be better used elsewhere? Really? Liquor retailing is compromising our schools, hospitals and roads? Hardly. I would think that eliminating govt debt would certainly be a much bigger issue than this, yet no one discusses that at all!</p> <p>I think a mixed retailing model is the best - and typically Saskatchewan - way to go. Yes, bring in more private stores to enhance competition and niche selection. Yes, support existing govt stores (but don't build new ones). And don't get out of liquor retailing. I think it is a societal responsibility that the govt cannot simply concede to the private sector. The fact of the matter is that we know how liquor impacts our health and society, and since the private sector is not exactly known for having those priorities close to its heart, the govt has to provide "sober" oversight.</p> |
| <p>We should operate on the same principles that Alberta operates in and the government should not be involved in liquor sales.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>liquor needs to be more affordable to the everyday joe who would like to purchase alcohol for themselves... why punish the ones that don't need to. Becoming a private run liquor store, would greatly bring competitive prices... I'm all for private stores.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>would really like to have a Costco product line available</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Keep liquor stores government operated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Privatizing the sale of alcohol allows easier access for minors and the need for more enforcement efforts. Keeping access and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| run by the government allows for better control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| It seems to me that the current government wants to reap the benefits of government controlled liquor stores without having the expense. Although that may sound very attractive to the government, I don't think the employees in the government stores would agree. They have become accustomed to the standard of living that their employment affords and as such would have less disposable income. This would have a negative effect on the retail industry and as consumers who pay taxes that would impact our local government bodies. I realize that you may have to make some changes in the way we operate our stores but privatization is not the way to go. Maintain the status quo or perhaps allow the gov't kiosks in grocery stores similar to Manitoba's model. |
| Whenever I visit a different country I am greatly satisfied by the selection and price I see. Saskatchewan has a long way to go and we need to get rid of these archaic laws.<br><br>Also, there isn't a single store in Saskatchewan which offers Soju... which is the highest selling alcohol in the world                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I think the govt needs to seriously consider limiting alcohol venues to the point of banning them...since this is the same thing they do to marijuana (much less harmful on a social level).<br><br>SK meets avg targets for heavy drinking and Canada as a nation drinks more than many countries. Is this is a stat we are proud of? If not, what exactly is this govt doing to change this?<br><br>I figure if we treat a drug (alcohol) at the same level we treat a lesser drug (marijuana) then we should be fine. But we don't and we allow excessive drinking that is causing a multitude of societal problems. Worth a serious review.                                                                                                                                    |
| I think that regulation for alcohol should primarily be focused at the point of sale (similar to tobacco products or prescription drugs). In my responses to the survey, I have indicated a strong desire to move toward a private-operated model of liquor sales, but I also think the concept of having a centralized, government-overseen distribution system needs to change. Liquor vendors should be free to obtain their own supply through their own means and not be dependent on SLGA to serve this function.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I fully support the Alberta-Style Fully Private Retail System, as well as eliminating the minimum price restrictions on liquor. Since liquor is not considered to be a staple, I don't believe that the government should play a role in regulating prices at all. Let the market decide the price of a commodity like liquor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Being able to get into the retail market would be a huge opportunity for any entrepreneur to get involved. The ability to sell liquor at competitive prices; not only within the province but competitive with other provinces; will not only help reduce the cost of liquor prices in the province but will help retain many residents who often "stock up" and purchase large quantities of alcohol in neighboring provinces before returning to Saskatchewan.<br><br>Privatizing this service industry would allow retailers to more effectively hire dedicated staff who are willing to become knowledgeable in the products they are selling and can more effectively convey product information to the end consumer.                                                         |
| I find it hard to swallow that we are paying high union wages for a clerks job.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I think the system needs to be regulated but entirely private. The government is losing money in the current system by having to pay workers union wages, which, while not a bad thing, is money that could be better spent on something like the health care system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I have been to Alberta countless times and find their system to be far superior to ours in both availability, experience and cost. Please change the way it is now                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Keep Saskatchewan government jobs! Don't privatize all crowns!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| the less government involvement in all businesses, the better                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Saskatchewan should move to immediately privatize all government owned liquor stores. Beer should be sold in grocery stores, and Saskatchewan should allow Alberta-style private liquor stores in the province.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Go to an Alberta style system where there are a few specialty stores with selections of highly premium products and a lot of smaller liquor stores with selection that meet 90% of the populations needs and have hours that meet demand. There is no need for the government to be in the retail business, manage the wholesale and let the private sector do what it does best.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| All private vendors should be allowed to sell all products, wine hard liquor and beer should be available in all locations. My concern would be private vendors would only be allowed wine and hard liquor and hotels would control pricing on off sale beer sales.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I lived in Alberta when they privatized liquor sales. Better price, better selection, better hours and better service. Way to go                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Alberta!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Keep them government owned. Keep good paying jobs. Crown owned business needs to increase not decrease so that everyone can benefit from profits and not just a rich investor from out of province                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Do what Alberta does.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Competitive pricing to what the US has for liquor prices.. more variety.<br>Selling in grocery stores would be awesome!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Has worked for many years ,if not broke why fix it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Please go to the Alberta model for liquor sales. The selection and prices here in Sask are terrible, but at least selection is better now that I can visit Sobeys or Coop Liquor. Get rid of the off-sale stores that charge ridiculous prices and have no selection and have to "brew" their own beer that nobody buys because it's horrible. Move Saskatchewan forward and don't worry about the people complaining about the proposed changes, they'll enjoy things once they're better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Stop setting minimum pricing on alcohol. The people who abuse alcohol are going to do it no matter what the cost is. People who only drink casually shouldn't need to be affected with having to pay more money because a small portion of people will make bad decisions and harm themselves by drinking too much. Places with lower alcohol pricing don't have more incidents of alcohol poisoning just because they have lower pricing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| The government shouldn't be in the business of selling Alcohol at all. That said, the current SGLA stores are of reasonable quality. Price and hours of operation are huge for me though.<br>Having visited the USA on several occasions recently, it's convenient to pickup a bottle of wine to go with the nights meal plan. It's also convenient to pick up product after 5PM on a Sunday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I would like to see a much LARGER selection of CRAFT BEER!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| The gov could run the current stores better. For example: more craft beer selection, having all beer in a walk in fridge, better hours. I think if privatized, good-paying jobs will be lost, private stores will only create more min wage jobs..not good for people of SK!! I also think that if privatized, the gov will lose money for hospitals, highways etc. If private stores can sell booze for less money than the gov stores, the gov stores will be soon out of business = NO INCOME FROM BOOZE FOR HOSPITALS, HIGHWAYS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Get privatization done asap!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| For most people in this age group we are primarily concerned with the selection of products available and the price. We will go wherever for the cheapest price, and the idea of private or publicly owned does not factor in. Hours of operation continue to be a concern as well - as there is clearly a reason off-sales are open till 2 am. I am not concerned with having a high cost for liquor to deter alcoholics or anything else, as I feel there are better ways to go about preventing abuse. Programs could be advertised on bags, and in the store for example.<br><br>The idea of following suit in the states of having places like grocery stores with the ability to sell alcohol is appealing, as currently the only option is to go to a government owned store for the simple reason it is cheaper. However, sometimes these stores are not conveniently located and the experience can become frustrating when there is only one hub and the store is extremely busy. |
| Lower drinking age to 18<br>Keep the stores public but lower the taxes to bring prices in line<br>Not open to privatizing the crowns and this is another attempt at doing so, so stop.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Keep it the way it is STOP PRIVITIZATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Private liquor stores don't mean better prices. Private stores rely on loss leaders and spending money on advertising as well to get customers in the door. Alberta private stores don't have the same selection as our public stores in SK and private operators don't have the same knowledge of products and they are not concerned with age verification. Moving to private stores means less revenue to government coffers which means less revenue to pay for infrastructure like roads hospitals and other public items.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Alcoholism is a problem in our society. Privatization may lead to more sales to minors or at risk people that are currently denied product through government run facilities. Control of the sale of alcohol is important as it will increase safety and security throughout our communities.<br><br>Alcohol may be 'cheaper' at a private store, but is it really? What is the true cost of increased alcohol in society - increased traffic accidents, increased health care and education costs of that cheaper alcohol?? Is is worth it?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Will the government not still get there money? By the tax placed on alcohol, and the businesses selling the alcohol will be                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

paying tax. It is time Saskatchewan made these changes to be more like the rest of the country! Good grief already. Why didn't you ask in your survey, how many people bring cheaper AB liquor back to SK for personal consumption? How much money do you think SK government loses by this well known fact?

Also, why is it that the SK liquor board government paid workers are always so miserable? Another reason why I would prefer to support private run liquor stores. As a tax payer and a liquor customer, nothing is more frustrating, than having to support a business where you are not acknowledged, not smiled at and not spoken to when making your purchase. And what is their wage again? And ultimately, who is paying that wage? Why would I want to continue to support paying those high wages only to turn around and not get treated like a customer should? If a private run liquor store employed people like that, they likely won't be in business very long.

I look forward to a change and until that time I will continue to support AB private liquor stores when I travel west.

The wording on this question should have been clarified:

Increasing the ability for the government to reinvest in other priorities (i.e. health care, roads, education, etc.)

How can having private liquor stores increase the ability to reinvest? Unless the gov't ensures that the level of profitability can remain the same or increase then the gov't can't increase the reinvestment. Bad sentence11

Our liquor stores are sad and pathetic compared to Alberta. The pricing and selection are utter bollocks. My SLGA customer experience can only be described as ennui, the sadness so profound that only the French can adequately describe it.

You'd think with what I pay at your stores I could get a cold craft beer, but apparently I would be wrong.

Encourage more Saskatchewan craft breweries!

Close the government run stores. Save the money used to run the stores. It would pay to have someone else manage the headache of running these stores and services. The government is still going to make their same amount of money in the taxation of alcohol. Put that money into healthcare, roads, and education.

I find the Public Liq. Store's hours to be problematic. After experiencing 10-10 Sun-Sat from private Sobey's Liquor Store in Saskatoon goes to show that if Public Liq. stores can't be open those same kind of hours, then there is not no need for any more of those types of stores.

I look forward to Saskatchewan taking an opportunity to explore creative solutions in the system of liquor. I hope that the solution will be bold and innovative, making Saskatchewan a leader in Canada.

It is important to create a fertile environment for Saskatchewan entrepreneurs to fully realize their potential. They will not only create innovative retailing experiences, but also create value-added industries such as distilleries and breweries. The regulatory environment should foster such investment and innovation and will ultimately help grow the economy and help fund important services for all Saskatchewan people.

Please note: the first slide is confusing as it provides no instructions.

We need

- more options (for example I attempted to bring in a particular type of scotch and the current Liquor Board had zero interest in helping me.
- cheaper prices - I know many people who purchase large amounts of liquor in Alberta and bring it back simply based on price...we are not competitive

Privately operated retail outlets subject to appropriate government regulation and oversight would be a major improvement. The fact that only specialty beer can be purchased cold at SLGA stores is a good example of poor retailing.

I very much appreciated the background information document provided on the website. The info was clear and helped to inform my answers to this survey.

Well Done.

On the whole, I sense that people don't care one way or another. I don't believe this is a winning issue for the government because few bystanders are concerned. People just want to be able to purchase liquor when convenient, I believe how the market delivers that to people is irrelevant to them.

The employees at Sask Liquor stores are over paid, how can their high wage be justified? An employee at a government run liquor store has an easy job of stocking shelves, operating a computer/cash register, unlike a health care worker where a persons life is in danger. Many of the employees are rude and have let their overpaid job go to their head especially staff in small town Sk. where many employees are making a better income than employees at our local hospital or long term care

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| Limiting social problems as a result of alcohol has significantly less to do with the availability of retailers than it does the availability of social programs to combat addictions and mental health issues. The discussion around private liquor retailing should have more to do with customer experience than dealing with alcohol abuse; perhaps the discussion around addictions and related social problems should be focused around what the government does with the very significant amount of tax money derived from liquor and gaming.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>end sin taxes, tax booze like everything else</p> <p>stop using false choices, liquor stores aren't built like schools or hospitals</p> <p>"Government Jobs" to whom the is this appealing, call them well paid UNION jobs</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| What a biased survey. Shame ! I was very disappointed when the Premier announced that the people would be consulted re: privatized liquor stores while he was opening a private liquor store. What a farce!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I totally support government liquor stores. The government has control over an abusive substance when they own the liquor store. We have enough problems with drinking and driving, highest rate of impaired driving in Canada. Rural Saskatchewan does not need another empty building, stop closing our government stores. Three quarters of the govt liquor stores are leased, quit saying you don't want to build any with tax payer dollars you haven't built any in over ten years. If my taxes go up because you need to pay off the Liquor Barn for favors received, I am not going to be happy. Over 70% of liquor store employees are female, quit taking good jobs away from them. I could go on..... I want more government liquor stores but I don't see the box to check for that                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>I think the question about reinvesting in other government priorities does not allow for an informed response. How much will the province lose by handing over liquor sales to the private sector? How much liquor revenue is currently used for those priorities now?</p> <p>Will the volumetric pricing still be utilized?</p> <p>Has consideration been given to the increase in social harms with the increased availability of alcohol (hours and location)?</p> <p>I do not really think the government should sell alcohol but I believe that the province must get as much money from alcohol sales as they do now and that pricing, including specials and hours of sale must be controlled strictly by the government to attempt to prevent the harm that can result from easy access.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I strongly feel that the Sask government should leave the government run liquor stores as is!! I really wish Brad wall would quit trying to privatize saskatchewan. We are not Alberta!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Keep the liquor board stores public! Social responsibility is imperative!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| There is a severe lack of options for foreign alcohol, wine especially. I can buy many of my favorites in Alberta that I can't find in Sask, often for a fraction of the price of comparable products. The cost of alcohol also makes cooking with alcohol exorbitant. A domestic product like Brewhouse, produced in Saskatoon, is fully double the price compared to Alberta retail. Every time I leave the province I stock up on alcohol. No doubt others do the same, ultimately hurting Sask retail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Do not give public money to private business. Keep the liquor stores government owned and operated and provide a decent living wage and benefits. Increase the wages and benefits for unionized workers. Stop meddling with the Trade Union Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I beleve there is no economic reason to change from the current government owned LB stores. I only benefits big business (so far out of province business) not the people of the province of Saskatchewan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Please keep facts straight. Privatization is not for Saskatchewan residents!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>I support Crown Corporations generally; however, the current system with regards to liquor laws (and other aspects of SLGA) is archaic, paternalistic, does not satisfy consumer expectations with regards to price and choice, and it hinders the ability of domestic producers (such as craft breweries) to thrive and expand their businesses.</p> <p>The public can exist alongside the private. Quebec has countless private liquor sales in such places as convenience stores, alongside its numerous Société des alcools du Québec (SAQ) and SAQ Express stores. Price is lower, selection is far superior and the provision of liquor is convenient.</p> <p>I believe revenue loss can be offset by tax ensuring a minimum sale price. Revenue loss to the treasury may be necessary, however, to accomplish the goals of overall price reduction to consumers.</p> <p>I do not believe that greater provision and lower costs of liquor correlate to greater societal harm. If this were true, places with greater access at lower prices would have greater instances of alcoholism and impaired driving. Akin to jurisdictions with greater access to lower priced cigarettes, Saskatchewan pays more, yet has higher instances of use (smoking and alcoholism). What other jurisdictions — such as Alberta and British Colombia have — is not just lower prices and better selection; rather, they have more education and stiffer penalties (in BC anyway with respect to impaired driving) and which has created a social stigma</p> |

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| <p>against drinking and driving, smoking, etc.</p> <p>Although I support the increased provision of private sales and reduced SGLA regulation generally, another model could be to simply improve SGLA. Ontario's equivalent, LCBO, provides far superior selection, at a lower costs, with somewhat more convenience (when taking into account Wine Stores and The Beer Store). Furthermore, unlike Saskatchewan, it seems that LCBO employees are required to actually know the product they are selling and can provide recommendation. This provide for a better consumer experience.</p> <p>Finally, while I appreciate that the Government of Saskatchewan is seeking feedback on this issue, I will note that it is likely that the vast majority of respondents will be those (such as me) who dislike the current system. Such surveys are often methodologically flawed as those satisfied with the status quo and prefer to keep it rarely speak out.</p> |
| <p>PLLEASE PRIVITIZE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>I definitely believe that privatization of liquor stores is the way to go. follow Albertas way of being the wholesaler!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Privatizing and allowing privately owned liquor stores isn't going to help anything if the prices and selection in these stores is still tightly controlled by the government. Until I can get fair prices and fair selection at these stores I'll continue to stock up every time I come back from Alberta.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>The people in government have no other special rights other than being equal to everyone else in society. therefore the government having any control on any substance that goes into a person's body is it legitimate. I cannot tell my neighbor what to eat therefore the government cannot tell me how much I should pay or what I am restricted on consuming.</p> <p>Government controlled liquor stores / government controlled commerce is illegitimate because it is forcing the will of the majority on the manority.</p> <p>I would strongly suggest completely eliminating all government controls ,regulations and employees that are related to the liquor industry or any substance that human beings consume.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>The biggest shortfall of the current system is the availability of products from small producers. Craft breweries and small wineries are not given sufficient access to the market because of limitations to the stocking capacity of the distribution warehouses. More emphasis should be put on bringing in the quality product over the large scale products.</p> <p>I have been impressed however by the increased display spaces for and choice of products produced in Saskatchewan. This is an important role that Government run stores should play. The number of alcohol products being crafted in Saskatchewan has grown tremendously. It is important that we give these producers equal if not more access to the market that the big established players.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>I think all government regulation related to liquor sales should be scaled back, opening the doors to better selection and more customer-friendly pricing of products.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>There is absolutely no reason that I should be able to buy a beer that is brewed in Saskatoon, cheaper in Alberta than in the city it came from? Remove the government run liquor stores, and you save the cost of overhead, and staffing. Have a competitive tax on liquor as our neighboring provinces, and let the private retails set the price that they want. A little competition never hurt!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>wise that some products that are NOT on store shelves like Sloe Gin and you have to get it some other place. It would be nice to have some of these products so you can get it when you need it , thanks</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>I really believe it should all be privatized. As a consumer all I care about is cost. The less the government jobs there are the better. I would rather save my money for other things. I don't want to pay union wages to anyone. Working at a liquore board store should be a minimum wage job. I think that it's crazy that this hadn't happened yet. This decision would benefit more people. The thought that costs prevent social problems is funny if people. are going to drink they will no matter what it costs. It will actually benefit those people because then they would have more money for other things ie the children. I am hopeful that this will actually happen!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>open up distribution for further selection of beer products, every place has the same choices i'd like to see more variation</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Revenue loss from govt stores will be replaced by taxes of wholesaling to private stores. Hours and service will be dictated on convenience to the customer not convenience to the employees</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>I personally would like to see more private participation in the sale of liquor and have the government eventually sell off the current government owned stores. I would additionally like to see liquor sales to be in grocery stores.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>I have been to many jurisdictions in the US that sell all types of alcohol in grocery and other private stores and find this to be cost competitive, efficient and very convenient. I would support this type of retailing in Saskatchewan.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Opening some private stores isn't a bad idea. Let someone born and raised in Saskatchewan have a crack at it though instead of big box operators/Alberta based companies. It's very important to me to keep and maintain the current liquor stores you currently operated. Expanding with private stores beyond what we currently have is fine - but keep the current SLGA stores</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| operating as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| PRIVATIZE!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Crime rate, under age drinking, spousal abuse, where will get money for schools, hospitals, roads etc? Will private stores give 250k to the study of fetal alcohol syndrome ? YEARLY? I think Mr Wall should leave it public or does he want unemployment numbers to go up? We don't have enough minimum wage earners now, do you think customer service will be better when the staff to help the customers? There are more cons than pros to privatizing our liquor stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Save OUR Crown Corporations. Where will the money come from for roads, healthcare etc. Where will the employees find a secure job with unions to protect their rights, from the likes of the Sask Party. Once this Crown Corp. is gone there is no going back!! Quit selling us (Sask.) out!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Competitive pricing is the biggest factor. Prices in Alberta at wholesale sellers such as Costco are far cheaper than here and would be ideal here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Stop selling off saskatchewan. Crown lands, agriculture lands to forgein investors, isc. It all looks good now with the extra money but eventually you'll have nothing and the people suffer from these policies. Stop it or get voted out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I do not support privatizing any of the crown corporations in Sask the profit should go to the province not Sobeys or Co-op or a private business to bleed off the profits away from the province. The loss of good jobs is a blow to the working class of the province. Do not sell off our liquor stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I fully support the privatization of liquor stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I think our public liquor stores should be maintained. Private stores can remain as they are they are an enhancement to our public sector stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Life is too short to be drinking cheap/bad alcohol.<br>Liquor should be more encouraged as a part of dining, taste exploration, entertaining experience.<br>Accordingly, there needs to be more boutique stores that offer a wider selection of speciality products (eg craft beers from throughout Canada and the world, craft distilleries, vinyards/ small volume wineries). Individual stores should be able to easily purchase directly from source producers and to import product. This will lead to greater ability to specialize a product line and cater to specific markets.<br>The Coop store in Saskatoon is a step in the right direction -- an improved selection with tastings, pairing events, and sale of related food items (cheeses, sausages etc). |
| I hate the thought of purely private liquor outlets that pay employees minimum wage. Privatization is a race for the bottom in this province. I also don't think my filling out this survey will make any difference in the government's decision making. You are determined to privatize and will do it come hell or high water. (We aren't as stupid as you seem to think we are Mr Wall.....)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| It is high time the government got out of business. The government is there to govern, and set laws, not to run business. It is well know that the government is very inefficient at running anything. Sell off all the liquor stores to private business, and use the funds for building a children's hospital, something that is needed in this province.<br>The staff at our government run liquor store, in our city are very arrogant, and would not make it in private business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Government should INCREASE the number of stores it operates and cease privatization. Costco, Sobeys and others want their stores here because of profits they can earn, not because they are charities. Sobeys will NOT be paying the bill to build passing lanes on highway 7; and Costco will not be building new health centres for Saskatchewan. In fact profits they earn will be leaving Saskatchewan - maybe even Canada - forever. The argument the Sask Party is using about building highways instead of stores is misguided. \$1 million spent on a highway returns nothing to the province. \$1 million spent on a new government store returns profits, which in turn builds the highways...more than the original \$1 million over time.                  |
| Greater choice is always good for consumers. Government should pull away from liquor sales beyond what is already installed an profitable. Greater selection and competition in price is good for everyone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I have really noticed that the new private stores are offering a much more consumer friendly atmosphere than the SLGA stores which are becoming shopworn. I strongly believe that convenience is important, and the SLGA system has limited availability by limiting store numbers. Most importantly, I very strongly believe that beer and wine should be available at grocery stores - I understand the argument for some control over stocking which would see "kiosks" used, but I don't really see difficulties when I shop south of the border and find the beer and wine aisle located in the middle of the groceries.                                                                                                                                           |
| The government shouldn't be in the retail liquor business - plain and simple. As an adult, I should be able to purchase alcohol at a grocery store, along with my other purchases. It is time to truly cast aside the legacy of one of the worst policies to ever hit this country - the prohibition of alcohol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Make alcohol service training mandatory for all employees serving/selling alcohol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I miss what you could get and the prices in Alberta. We need to catch up to the more progressive provinces and not be twenty years behind on everything.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| It is my opinion that the government should license the businesses selling alcohol and act as a regulating body, not as a retailer or competitor to private business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| NO to privatization!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The government should get out of selling liquor. Let non unionized places of business sell liquor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I would like to see a much greater selection of products, especially in the beer and wine areas. I would also like to see easier access to lesser known products from other parts of the world.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| This should be kept as a source of funding for other public programs such as health, but the governmental regulations and supervision should continue so private stores won't charge abusive final prices and also we do not increase our already big problem with alcohol addiction in the province.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I don't think we need more options for private liquor in this province, nor do we need to build more liquor stores. There are more than enough options to purchase alcohol no matter where you live. Use the profits from existing stores to repair the roads and improve education. This is just typical PR where you are trying to frame a non-existent issue in order to further your conservative party privatization goals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| A fully privatized system is going too far and you'd lose my vote if you went that way. As long as the current public stores remain profitable, they should be maintained.<br><br>However, there's no reason we can't maintain those stores and continue to introduce more private stores. Seems like a win-win to me.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Keep public revenues and better paying public jobs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| This survey is a farce the questioning favours privatization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The stores should have more freedom on what they can order ,whether they are private or public stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I think we should maintain the current government run stores and add others as needed before going for more private stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Government operated liquor establishments need to place a higher priority on proper storage and selection. Also, from my understanding, all unique orders still need to be procured through the SLGA special orders system which is archaic at best. Again, if my understanding is wrong about this please disregard my statement but there needs to be a better way for a business to bring in a product that customers are clamoring for without it being an onerous process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Don't lose these decent jobs to part time low NO benefit ZERO pension ones, where the money we'd be getting from taxes would go into infrastructure etc instead get funneled into corporations pockets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I believe we should deregulate and allow liquor purchases in grocery and convenience stores as well as private stand alone stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The Government of Sask has to be losing millions in revenue due to cross border shopping in Alberta. I spend about \$1500 a year on alcohol and at least \$600 of that is spent in Alberta. If you have ever shopped at the PC or Costco LBS you will know that there are large savings to be had on certain products. I don't know many people that don't stop and buy 6 cases of Brewhouse for \$11.99 a case in at PC LBS in Alberta.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I see no reason why the government needs to be active in the retailing of liquor. It is not an essential service.<br><br>I am completely on board with the continuance of a provincial liquor board which all resale establishments must purchase through. That should be the absolute end of government control in the supply chain. Consumers should be able to purchase product wherever retailers determine demand is located - ie, grocery stores, convenience and so on.<br><br>The current set up is beneficial to the government, government employees, and the hospitality industry. All others are gouged via prices as a result, as there are no other options. Off sale is an antiquated practice which needs to be put to a halt.<br><br>Let the market decide. |
| Important to maintain revenue from the crown and to maintain good paying jobs for the Saskatchewan people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The continued use of SLGA as a regulator and supplier in the Saskatchewan market is key to any changes in liquor laws, in my opinion. While I support more private vendors, including small town grocery stores, the key to price competitiveness and diverse selection will likely hinge on SLGA's purchasing power over the next decade. Pricing should discourage over-consumption but not penalize casual drinkers. Its a fine balance that I feel has tipped too far towards higher prices                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <p>I would love to see more private alcohol stores being opened in Saskatchewan but they need to be able to set their own prices. I have no issue with the Government keeping their current stores but they should only be able to stay if they can compete. Alcohol costs WAY too much here. I'm not some 19 year old who drinks to get drunk, but alcohol, when consumed responsibly can be such a beautiful part of culture and that's not something that should be discouraged over the fear that youth and alcoholics will abuse cheap liquor. Perhaps the government stores could charge a premium for their alcohol with revenue from these stores going to programs to help these groups. This way those who have their concerns can still support the higher priced alcohol and those who don't can enjoy more competitive pricing at private stores.</p> <p>Having a glass of good wine with my spouse is something I really enjoy doing. It shouldn't cost an arm and a leg to do this. I personally feel very discouraged when I see the same bottle of wine available in Alberta for substantially less, or even worse, down in the United States. A bottle of wine down in the United States will be approximately half as much as it costs here in Saskatchewan. Alberta is usually in the middle. Saskatchewan prices are utterly outrageous.</p> |
| <p>It is quite clear through the survey, that the government is targeting rural liquor stores for closure first, even though they are profitable, their numbers substantiate this. In addition to providing decent paying employment, these liquor stores also provide an additional economic anchor for other retail businesses to exist in rural Saskatchewan towns. To many questions left unanswered, cost of severance to Sask tax payers if privatization occurs, will private stores request a higher commission other than 16% "after privatization" occurs and what is the financial and social impact of this, are just two that currently come to mind. This "is" Saskatchewan "not" Alberta. Leave liquor retailing and the profits from it, in the hands of Saskatchewan people not private business. Leave it as is.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>If private stores are allowed, it should be made available through a sealed competitive system without favoritism to govt supporters.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Compared to the rest of the country, the price of liquor in SK is way too high, especially considering it appears to have no effect on the rates of alcohol abuse OR the condition of our roads.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>It is time for Saskatchewan to privatize the sale of liquor. We should be able to purchase our liquor at grocery stores and gas stations, etc. It is ridiculous to stand in long lines at Easter, Christmas, etc. I will avoid purchasing these products if that is the case. However, if you privatize liquor sales, they have to have the ability to purchase what they want from where they want.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>The government run liquor stores leave a lot to be desired. Staff are not friendly or knowledgeable, the stores are not clean, there are no walk in coolers for cold beer and the wine selection is laughable. At the prices we pay, buying liquor should be a "boutique" type shopping experience. As it is now, it feels more like warehouse shopping.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Get the government out of liquor. SLGA needs to go. Get rid of it. It is a relic from the past that is an absolute joke.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Government operated liquor stores are an antiquated idea from another time. I personally do not see the need to have liquor stores owned and operated by the provincial government.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>I do not support the privatization of government liquor stores and feel that the present mix of government owned and private is perfect. The Alberta model is dreadful in my view, with Whyte Avenue having two liquor stores per block on one stretch. Very seedy establishments with high prices and poor selection. The government liquor stores are welcoming and friendly with some great sales and good selection.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Traveling to Alberta a lot, I find the cost and convenience of liquor retailing to be drastically better than in Saskatchewan. Additionally, when it was extremely convenient (in the USA) where you can purchase alcohol and groceries simultaneously. Allowing one trip instead of multiple seems much more efficient.</p> <p>The current liquor retailing in SK makes me feel as though it is outdated and we are behind the times.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>SLGA needs to stop controlling the availability of product in the province regardless of who does the retailing. Being unable to obtain a product because SLGA has delisted it or never listed it in the first place is ridiculous. Consumer demand should control availability not some list maintained by SLGA.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>We currently have a franchise store in our community that provides great hours of operation and a willingness to accommodate requests for personal preferences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Although this falls outside the realm of liquor retailing, I would like to see the permitting process for special events (i.e.: Weddings) change to allow home-brewed products (wine, beer, meade, etc) to be served (for free), alongside the sale of commercial products.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Profits from public owned liquor board stores should go right back into our government run establishments; health, schools, infrastructure, etc. Giving it away to a private business person Sask. Residents will lose all that revenue. Keep Sask. Liquor Board Stores Public. Private does not mean cheaper! Work with NDP to make it work efficiently.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Make it easier to special order alcohol that is not typically stocked in Saskatchewan. I should be able to go into any liquor store, private or otherwise, and order, for example, Dominican rum without any red tape or delays. Or I should be allowed to order directly from either another Canadian liquor store that stocks that liquor or directly from the source in Dominican Republic, for</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| example. Beer in grocery stores and convenience stores would be a welcome move into the 20th (yep, 20th) century compared to other places I've travelled.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| There needs to be a full shift of liquor sales and distribution in Saskatchewan. While the laws have been recently pulled back from the days of full on control in the 1950's, more can be done. Allow the market to decide whether a private retailer is able to sustain itself or not. There should be limits to number of stores but a private entrepreneur should be able to open a liquor store in Saskatchewan if he/she so desires.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I live in a town where almost all of the crime here is alcohol related. Do I believe it's the government's fault, of course not. However, the grocery stores in town do not have security cameras. If the co-op, extra foods, IGA, start selling liquor, prices will go up exponentially.<br><br>In a small town there's not a lot to do so young people drink as a way to pass the boredom. That's if they can get some one to pull for them. Having temptation right there as they go into a store is just asking for trouble.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I think the government needs to STOP privatizing!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I am happy with the what I have seen so far with the beginnings of privatization here in Sask. I love the new Sobey's store (Stonebridge) what it has to offer (mix,snacks,ice,lottery if you are so inclined). As a microbeer connoisseur I hope its selection and that other private retailers continues to grow (a humidor filled with cigars would be great). In general the employees are very knowledgable and seem happy to be there (In general a lot, not all, of the employess that fill the LBS stores portray an attitude similar to that of a disgrutal postal worker). I am also a fan of allowing grocery stores sell beer and wine (at the very least) as long as it can be done in a secure manner.<br><br>I don't like seeing people lose jobs especially those who have many years of service in with the government owned locations however I don't like the idea of their pension, disability premiums and other benefits being the burden of the tax payer. There are some industries where I feel that this is ok, however liquor sales is not one of them. The same can be said for the money that goes into owning and operating these facilities. I think all of this is best left to the private sector. I like the idea of slowly phasing out these facilities rather than just cutting the cord completely. Perhaps in smaller or rural areas the employees can be offered first dibs in buying the facility or opening one up in the area?<br><br>I feel as though government has a role in regulating the industry but that is where it should end. I think there are other areas where funding and attention would be better spent. The minimum price of alcohol should monitored however it certainly does not need to increase as it is too expensive already. People who abuse will find a way to abuse it no matter how expensive it is and if the cost goes up too much then it creates a situation where more people need to rely on theft and crime. For the majority of the population this isn't even a factor. Time and energy would be better spent on awareness and helping those who have issues to begin with as there are quite a few people abusing/stealing painkiller and other meds to solve these same issues.<br><br>Now can we do something about breaking up SGI and getting some competitiveness, customization and customer service into the insurance industry? |
| My main concern is selection (mainly craft beer) and a little less about the pricing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| This questionnaire has an ideological agenda and is stacked in favour of privatizing SLGA. It is biased and slanted in that direction.<br><br>It's insulting that you think citizens can be led around like a bunch of sheep.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Unionized jobs are important for families and to replace them with low wage, part time jobs with no benefits is something I will never support. Keep our crowns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Government run liquor stores only job is to sell liquor and they do a far worse job at it than a typical grocery store in the USA whose primary focus isn't liquor.<br><br>Private retails are superior in it's service because:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All beer is kept cold in fridges instead of on pallets at room temp.</li> <li>- Much larger selection on all types of alcohol.</li> <li>- More covenient hours of operation.</li> <li>- One stop shopping. No need to go to a separate store for alcohol.</li> <li>- Better prices.</li> </ul> Government has no place in retail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Governement run stores provide good paying jobs, pensions and benefits to their employees and inject extra revenue back to the province while maintaining competitive prices with our neighbouring provinces. If we further privatize, the majority of these stores would not create any good paying jobs. I do not desire to have any better access to alcohol than I currently do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| I work in the private sector for a company that pays good wages and provides excellent benefits, however anyone can see that the jobs created by privatizing liquor sales will not provide good paying jobs to anyone and will only create negligible benefits to the consumer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| It is extremely ridiculous the variation of price points between Sask and AB. Why is it that there can not be more competition for business and the government still maintain a similar if not higher rate of return with going to the retail market.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Reduce the taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| We should go the way of Alberta and privatize liquor retail in Saskatchewan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| My only concern is the availability/variety of types of liquor available, particularly high-end Scotch and things like that. The store selection, and special order desk, are completely inadequate. I don't care about price (within reason) and am happy to contribute to government revenue - I just don't want to have to drive to Alberta to buy what I want because it's not available here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| If stores aren't making profits or require a bunch of money be put into them for refurbishments they should be turned into franchises or private stores. In the city I would like to see them stay govt run as I find it to be a terrible shopping experience (Alberta) when I have to go to 3 different stores to get the products I'm looking for.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Availability similar to Quebec. Grocery stores, etc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I think the high restrictions we have on alcohol in this province are outdated and do not reflect the experiences one can get in other markets. The fear of social ills from availability of alcohol can not be fully controlled by government and is not a responsibility of the government to control. Education and the normalization of alcohol consumption can go a long way to preventing social harms. Spending money on supporting poverty as opposed to restricting responsible consumers is a better focus for resources.                                                                                                            |
| The privatized system in Alberta provides much better selection and much lower prices. The Government of Saskatchewan should follow Alberta's model. The argument that a Government owned liquor store worker is going to I.D. and "protect our children" more often than a private worker is a complete lie. Gov owned workers just want to protect their ridiculously high wage for their positions as cashiers. Please privatize liquor in Saskatchewan.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The time has come for the Government to get out of the business of running businesses. This is what the private sector is for. The Government's job is to govern and provide services its citizens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Privatize everything. Go Sask Party!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Keep liquor stores public!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| If it is decided to go private, maybe the government should offer incentives in order to be a part of the decision making- eg: Grants to start private stores. (or low interest loans)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Make it like Alberta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| There is a delusion that private liquor stores provide better selection. This is false, as I well know from visiting private stores in Alberta. Apart from the huge liquor stores run by transnational corporations, most private stores in Alberta are small with limited selection. Price deals are also an illusion. Yes, sometimes there is a better price on one or two items but, in general, Saskatchewan public liquor stores are just as economical. We need to place more value on higher paid public jobs, revenue for the government to do other things, and the need to regulate the sale of alcohol to minors. Do not privatize. |
| Time for the government to get out of the alcohol business. Less regulation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| It's sad that a lot of people go to Alberta and buy their alcohol, therefore our money is going to another province. But when I can go there and buy a 60 pack of Coors Light for \$80 I'm going to. That gives me a free 12 pack when comparing prices. You can get a 66er there for the price of a 26 here!!!! YES I am all for privatizing out liquor stores!!!! I want the same sales as Albertans!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| We, my husband and I, do not drink alcohol at all. We have no need for this artificial stimulation. And we know the evil effects of too much alcohol, let alone the effects of alcohol long-term on the mind and body. It would not hurt our feelings at all if there were no sale of the stuff at all!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Alcohol should be available in grocery venues at a fair price. I understand that currently the mark-up on liquor exceeds the actual price that the government pays for the product. This should change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The government will get more revenue from government run stores as all the profit stays in the province either in government coffers or employees pockets. Private stores want to make a profit - they are not concerned with the social accountability of selling the 'drug' that is alcohol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Strongly support private liquor stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I feel like the stores that maintain a healthy track record including low overhead and high sales should remain. I enjoy the wide                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| product selection in our slga stores and good customer service. The higher over head and lower sales stores should fold, especially the stores with aging infrastructure. I'm not adverse to allowing popular wines/spirits/beers into the private sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| The consumption of alcohol is a huge problem in our culture. Though I understand the need to maintain revenues to keep other programs afloat, this government is not doing enough to stem the abuse of alcohol in Saskatchewan. It's reprehensible, quite frankly, that the privatization of alcohol sales has become more of an issue than the health impacts of continued consumption and over-consumption.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| sell off all the Govt owned liquor stores, and just run the wholesale side of things.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Generally, alcohol is a scourge on society. It harms individuals and families. My most preferred option would be 1920s-style prohibition. Recognizing, however, that that will not happen, I want my government to focus on things that matter and get out of the business of selling booze. Let private merchants sell the product, but place sufficient regulations in place so it's not a free-for-all. I live in Prince Albert, which is perhaps more negatively affected by alcohol than any other community in Saskatchewan. If I see<br>.+ than I currently do, I will need to move out of this city.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| if i were an employee i would want the option to have first dibs on a franchise. And if i dont want to invest in myself, why should i be in the business?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I would really appreciate the convenience of being able to purchase alcohol in all major grocery stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 'Impacts on the number of government jobs' is not an issue. Why should we care if a certain product (alcohol) is sold by gov't employees?<br>People that argue for this would logically be in favour of gov't run gas stations & grocery stores.<br>I do appreciate the professionalism of most SLGA staff and expect privatization would change that experience a little, but the premium we pay for wine & beer is terrible, that more than anything is what I want changed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Eliminating the stores from government or private, will reduce the money that the government makes, therefore creating short fall in other programs. We need to maintain the liquor stores for that alone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| NO TO PRIVATIZATION!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Government should not be involved in liquor sales waste of money operating there own stores and all should be privatized so we have a more competitive market and would create more jobs through private sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Having lived in other provinces, I find the availability and high prices of alcohol in the SLGA stores to be outrageous. The hours of availability are also very poor. There is no need for government interference on alcohol pricing and availability - once people reach the legal drinking age, their drinking habits are their responsibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Locations in town. The west of Regina from North to South has very little choice and not safe areas to purchase after 6 pm. Like idea of being able to buy in grocery lot. Hours need to be later and offsales shouldn't be able to hike prices so high.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| A mixed retailing model with existing gov't stores is fine although I'd be equally happy with a fully private retail system. Regardless, the government shouldn't try to control the number of private suppliers except to make sure they meet minimum performance standards (e.g. no criminal activity/links to organized crime, not selling to minors, not selling below a minimum mark up, etc.). Let the market decide how many stores it wants, and where, by voting with its wallet. If some private liquor retailers go bankrupt, then so be it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Good luck on doing whats right. Keep the intent of what you are doing first and foremost in your thoughts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I would like to know how this will impact revenue from liquor sales. If privatization occurs, a private company would earn part of the profit unlike now where SLGA collects 100% of the profits. Yes, there is 100% of the liability and cost of building maintenance, etc, but there must be some profit made above and beyond the cost of running liquor stores and that profit would be higher than the Liquor Consumption Tax or else private companies wouldn't want to invest in SK.<br>My thought is why are we giving profit back into the hands of private companies, that yes create jobs (ones that give less benefits and lowers wages to the employer than SLGA)but it also takes away funding for sports and recreation in this province? I know many community groups that depend on government grants from liquor and gaming for them to exist and I truly believe this system will be severely impacted. The reasoning also is that money will be reinvested in highways, school and healthcare. In the recent Thrown's speech, there was no mention of healthcare or education, two sectors where they are both going through government-forced "efficiency" revitalization which is only making the employees work harder and both less effective. Why are we treating education and health care as a business? Highways have been crumbling for years and the ones that are being rebuilt are taking a ridiculously long time and they aren't standing up because the government has also "stream-lined" all of the work to private companies. To bring it back to my point, I don't think the money you will save from liquor stores will help the major flaws in education, highways and healthcare. I truly don't mind change, as long as it benefits the people who need it the |

most.

Also, I heard Minister McMorris say today on the news, that prices may not be that drastically impacted even though that was one of the biggest reasons of the elimination of liquor stores, because it was "better for the consumer". Also to say that SK liquor stores don't carry a large selection, I can recall many times being able to find products in SK that I was unable to get in BC and AB. I also would like to say that the workers at SK liquor stores are VERY knowledgeable and I truly don't think you get the same experience in a private liquor store.

I have lived in SK my entire life, and chose to stay in SK when going to university and choosing a job not because of it's prosperity, but because of its public services. I grew up very close to Alberta and if I wanted AB, I would have moved there and so would have many others. This government needs to stop trying to keep up with our money-hungry neighbors to the west when we have many benefits of the way our province is ran. Privatization doesn't always increase competition in turn lowering prices, and I think the government needs to rethink some of its strategies and remember what the "Saskatchewan way" looks like.

I purchase all of my alcohol at the Co-op liquor store since it opened. It would be great to be able to get beer and wine at the groceries stores as well. The government is going to continue receiving the tax dollars no matter where the alcohol is sold. I support more privatization of the liquor sales.

The government should focus on treatment and preventative programs to decrease rates of alcohol abuse. I believe that government-run stores are the best option to ensure that regulations are being met.

Alcohol is not a normal commodity. Increase sales = increase harms. Increase access has many negative consequences. Develop a comprehensive alcohol policy: this is no way to manage. It is not Lean, as it creates a "work around" for community safety, policing and health.

I strongly prefer private over public liquor stores!!

If the government liquor stores had a more vast selection, which more area of refrigeration I would shop there all the time! The only reason I go to the private liquor store is more variety, and refrigeration!

Private stores are a bad idea.

I would like to see an alberta style system. this expands the amount of products available. This has already been seen at the Coop Liquor store in Saskatoon. the current liquor board stores are limited selection and very little refrigerated

Saskatchewan already has more than enough off-sales and after-hours liquor stores- most of these with a very poor selection. The SaskLiquor stores and their staff here in Prince Albert are by far the most knowledgeable on the product selection offered.

I do believe we need more fine wine and beer stores.

This survey is poorly designed - it would not pass a basic research methods course as it makes numerous presumptions in the questions it asks and leads more readily to certain answers.

Bring in more craft beers. Bring the price of beer in line with other provinces, it is extremely overpriced here.

I think there is great access to liquor stores and their hours of operation are great. Staff are friendly. I also like that government owned liquor stores likely pay staff better and they likely have access to benefits. That benefits Saskatchewan more than minimum wage jobs at offsales and private liquor stores. .

Add domestic beer and wine to grocery stores.

I think that a higher tax to alcohol is insane. I strongly feel that its just a greedy way for the govt to tax the people even more. Commonly known as a "fun" tax. Private locations have a much better selection of alcohol, and are much more user friendly than a govt location.

I don't like the way Alberta has turned into after it privatized liquor stores. They should remain in government hands, paying a living wage. No private liquor stores!

get out of the business

I say no to privatization! I see no positives, loss of government jobs, prices aren't cheaper! No thanks

Saskatchewan should be able to get the same access to alcohol has that people in Alberta do. I know in a small city like Moose Jaw it is a real pain to have to drive all the way to an off sale when I have a Macs/Petro Gas station 2 blocks from my house to go there for some off sale would be great.

Would. Like to support mom and pop operations.

It's time for the government to get out of the liquor business!!

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| I would support Option 5, the Expanded Government Retail System. I think it's a great idea that conserves what is good about the present system, but allows us to move to more convenience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| There needs to be more options to bring liquor into Saskatchewan. The current framework seems to make it hard for craft breweries and distilleries to operate. We should be doing more to support Canadian business rather than supporting the big foreign owned breweries like Labatts and Molson-Coors. We need more Paddock Woods.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I understand that the general revenue fund receives a net benefit from the sale of liquor in the government owned stores. Therefore the questions suggesting that funds will be freed up to be reinvested in other programs is disingenuous and seems designed to generate answers that can be used to support a particular point of view. I believe that if the relative wage rates paid in government owned versus privately owned stores were presented to the public, the choice would be clear.<br><br>I do not see the need for greater access to a wider range of liquor brands. There is already much more selection than one person could sample in a reasonable adult lifetime.       |
| I don't want any government liquor stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I feel government stores are most likely to ld customers and keep liquor out if the hands of minors. This is why I fully support them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| This survey is awful.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Selection of craft beers NEEDS to increase, everywhere. Alcohol selection is better and cheaper in Alberta and BC. There are so many products I wish I could special order that I know are available from the producers, but not sold in Canada. I should have some form of special ordering from those places, outside of just SLGA. More private stores would allow me to do this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Most of my reasons are not included as options in the answers. I buy at the liquor store to support the system, not because of my own needs.<br><br>My main concern with the change is the potential to decrease wages for employees of liquor stores. Retail jobs don't pay enough to live, we need less of these jobs and more good paying jobs. I don't care if the store is public or private, as long as the employees keep getting paid well and wages do not decrease.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The second option seems to be a good mix - as government would save operating and capital costs on liquor stores, but would maintain a necessary tax base to support schools, hospitals, highways, infrastructure, etc. While a private system sounds appealing, there's no guarantees that prices will be lower or accessibility will increase, although there will then be a loss of revenue that will be difficult to manage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Keep the government stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The liquor store in our nearest community closed this summer. I miss the the government run store, specifically because of privacy. Also selection and knowledge of the staff. Do whatever necessary in the cities but leave rural Sask. alone. We lost 3 employees in our community and their wages. So the grocery store may do more business in liquor sales but he has lost a lot of grocery business. The Co-op is happy because now these employees are all driving to other communities to work and have to buy fuel. What a shame. The building is now for sale. For what???? Closing stores in rural does not change your bottom line but it does effect our community and families... |
| You and your corporate friends are thieves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Government should never have gotten into retailing in the first place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Keep it the way it is. We can't rely on potash and oil for much longer. Saskatchewan needs to continue with these operations for the betterment of the province!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I know the existing franchises are very important small businesses in communities across the province. Many of them have invested heavily in building relationships with commercial and personal customers. Careful consideration of the impact on them is critical as changes are considered.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Make this happen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Divest in government run liquor stores, maintain some level of governance over private liquor stores but also regain price competitiveness with our provincial neighbours. Event regulation (not part of this survey) needs to be addressed as well as SLGA rules are archaic and way too overprotective leading to sanctions and fines for business for infractions that have no realistic protection of a consumers safety (ie: all alcohol served must be opened upon serving, maximum drinks per purchase, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I can buy wine, beer, etc. at reasonable prices in grocery stores and other outlets in most of the US states - why can't we do the same here?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The entire liquor system in the province and in the country needs to be overhauled. Availability doesn't cause alcoholism or                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| impaired driving. People who want to get minced are going to do so regardless of whether the liquor they buy is from a private or crown store.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Daily liquor sales during business hours and I should be able to buy refrigerated beer at Town bars in the evenings. Example; Lintlaw Sk bar needs offsale after 8 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| More access for rural Saskatchewan would be an asset to the province over all.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| It makes no sense to me to privatise liquor sales in this province. Maintaining control over sales and distribution in slga storrs provides good paying jobs to employees giving them purchasing power and also ensures the government maintains a consistent revenue stream. I find the question asking if by divesting control of liquor sales it would lead to more dollars being invested into health and education to be quite misleading. It makes much more sense to me to continue to receive revenue from slga stores and to invest those dollars into education or health.<br><br>The purpose of this questionnaire was obvious. The government wants to privatise and designed the survey with leading questions to lead people to respond in favour of the suggestion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| If they are not profitable and in smaller towns it makes sense to privatize but I believe the local bars should get first crack at them as they have been struggling to stay alive for a number of years now and maybe a liquor store added to there existing business gives that little boost they need to make them viable again. Giving it to the Coop as an example, nothing against the Coop its just an example, as they recently got a became a private store in Saskatoon and I dont see as it really fair to the locals when they can open up down the street as basically competition and make the local bar owners business an even tougher struggle than it already is. The people that have struggled in the business and the down turns in it the last number of years deserve a bit of a reward. It's a tough business and the ones that are left have obviously done something right to stay around but I'm sure they are still struggling day to day. When is someone going to stick up for these guys. If they were in the oil,potash or grain business the government would be all over it and get involved and look at the viability issues of these places and make changes to make them viable. But because it's a liquor business no one wants to talk about it and if we ignore it long enough it will just go away. Come on People stand up for you local taverns, bars and nightclubs or they will soon be all gone. Facebook and social media is not the same as the local gathering hole and face to face discussion, is it? Quite honestly though this survey doesn't really get a true picture as I would think there is probably at least 3 different ways to see this issue and whether your from a small town, a small city or a big city your opinion will be different so you really need 3 different policies to meet the different situations. One policy to meet all is going to be flawed for sure. |
| Liquor should be available in grocery stores - particularly beer and wine. It seems bizarre that we need to go to two different stores for groceries and liquor, especially after spending time in Europe and the US where this is the norm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Completely private liquor stores in Saskatchewan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I do not think the question asked about should the government spend money building more liquor stores INSTEAD of repairing highways etc. This question skews the results. Government liquor stores are a source of revenue and keep prices competitive with private industry. We need both.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| General Comment: I have a split residence, Saskatoon, SK and Etobicoke, ON and typically work outside of the Canada 25% of the time. The new Saskatoon Co-op Liquor Store is one of the more pleasant experiences I've had in a Liquor Store. The selection is very reasonable (although I have seen better) and the staff have always been very responsive to my needs. If this is the direction Saskatchewan continues to move in, the government will get my fullest endorsement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I also support the Provincial Government selling marijuana in publicly owned liquor stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I have no problem purchasing from the Sask Liquor stores. My issue is in the selection. If more could be done to bring in more craft beers such as Alberta and Vancouver do, I would be more inclined to want to purchase from them (as long as the prices are reasonable).<br><br>The whole issue the younger generation in and around the 30 years old is that there is no selection for beer. We are no longer our parents generation where just coors light, kokanee and pilsner is good enough. We want selection and this will keep the younger individuals from just going to get drunk every weekend on the filler beer brands.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I think the Government is supporting our province by investing in liquor stores by creating good well paying jobs for our people which ultimately improves the province. As well I think keeping prices high is good for the province economy wise and the profit we make off liquor is important and should be maintained.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I would approve of the Alberta model to fully privatize the liquor retailing system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I think if done correctly we can follow the model of Alberta private liquor stores can be an advantage in SK.<br><br>In regards to worries of social harms I believe if people are going to get access to liquor and advise it they are going to do it regardless whether it's a public or private store                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Making liqor expensive is not a solution to reduce social harm! It is the same reason that drives kids to drink other illegal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| substances and get sick or worse! Responsibility is not a government concern and it should not be by driving prices higher!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I don't think we need more access to liquor at cheaper prices considering we have the highest rate of drinking and driving and underage drinking in the country. I think the public is being misled into believing we are going to have cheap liquor if the province decides to privatize, the gov't is still going to make the same amount of money off a bottle no matter who is retailing it. Liquor store employees contribute to the communities they work in. I think SLGA could be run more efficiently, as could any gov't entity including the Wall gov't! SLGA makes and contributes more money to the gov't than all the other crowns put together.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Retailing alcohol is simple, if a gas station or corner store can sell cigarettes then why can't they sell alcohol. Responsible business owners will follow the rules. Let's move into the modern world.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| The revenue from the Government Liquor stores can go to fixing roads, Hospitals, Schools ...etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The question related to not wasting money on lbs so you can invest in healthcare is unfair. This is a profitable crown corporation and why you would want to privatize is crazy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| If the issue is increasing the number of sku's in a retail outlet why can't the SLGA stores simply add those same additional sku's. The product travels through the SLGA System and could be allowed into the Government stores as well.<br><br>Also why couldn't the Government stores sell cold beer?<br><br>The disparity in pricing in Alberta from one place to another makes the purchase of alcohol a crap shoot, I like the same price in Regina and La Ronge I am not being gouged at any time. I suggest as a supporter of the Sask Party that we have other issues beyond the Private sale of booze. Get off it already and keep up the good work you have been doing. Focus on the important things and forget the SLGA                                                                                                   |
| We have enough drunk drivers in this province. Go to private liquor sales and we throw away more tax revenue. I'm getting tired of this government throwing away revenue to support business owners instead of taking care of the people who have lived and worked here for the past 50 years. What, we need more _____ to work in your crappy private liquor stores?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I hate when they state that if the liquor stores privatize that so much money will be lost not going to other programs and job losses, etc , but if they privatize they "will" be businesses that will be paying tax and will still need employees to run them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| stop privatizing everything.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I believe the existing structure works just fine. Privatization of all existing government liquor stores is a slippery slope and I am worried it would lead to continued privatization of other crown corporations and government assets. The money raised from government liquor stores can be used to bolster lagging social programs in the province. However, I do not see a problem with the continued granting of a few new private liquor franchises in the province.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Well I would just like to say that I am originally from Alberta and when they switched from government owned to privately owned liquor stores it had its good and bad about it. The thing I found coming to Saskatchewan was how expensive the liquor is here compared to Alberta. The whole Day and Night time pricing is ridiculous. Only bad thing is all the jobs people can lose but also the funding of the government should be more focused on infrastructure and other things as well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| If private options are pursued, they should not lead to a reduction in regulatory oversight. Minimum prices, restricted hours of sale, and maximum number of locations in an area are all important policy tools for minimizing social harm. Separate these tools from the ownership debate and it is easier for me to support privatization.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I would like to see the numbers from Alberta when they went private. I am guessing the gov't makes more money now but have not seen the figures. Make them public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I will support a non union vendor prior to any sgeu site. I would enjoy a wider selection of both wines and spirits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I struggle with the government setting minimum pricing standards in order to reduce alcohol-induced harm. Most adults regulate their consumption by their physiological response to alcohol. I believe having a minimum age of purchase of alcohol is a better control than price. Many residents of Saskatchewan bemoan the fact that alcohol can be purchased at a far cheaper price in Alberta. Also, alcohol can be easily brewed at home with readily available products from the marketplace, which raises a question of the efficacy of a minimum pricing strategy. I do believe it is important to protect people at high risk of harm, however. Are there examples of other effective government strategies that effectively reduce the risk of harm without penalizing the average consumer who uses alcohol appropriately? |
| I am fine with government run liquor stores, provided they attempt to bring in new or smaller (craft) product lines. I am sick of walking into the store to see mostly generic/low end brands of beer and spirits. I realize that it isn't feasible to bring in lots of different items all the time. Perhaps having a rotating/seasonal craft product selection (larger than 5-6 items) would be a good start.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| They have help us out when we do fund raising for redtag day for aid's saskatoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Saskatchewan seems to fall way behind other provinces when it comes to our liquor sector management and operation. Our product selection is poor, our retail (gov, private, offsale) locations are lacklustre, our special order process is painfully tedious not to mention sluggish at best. Our pricing is OUTRAGEOUS. There are far too many restrictions and government hoops to jump through in regards to acquiring product from neighbouring provinces. It shouldn't be this difficult to commandeer fantastic product from other CANADIAN producers. Example being some of our excellent wines available in the Okanagan or Ontario. It's embarrassing. It's archaic. It's time to get with the times step up our processes. This is a time where independent microbrews, craft brews and vineyards are thriving and we have little to no access to any of these. Unless of course you beg and plead with the special order desk only to receive a couple cases of the product 6 months later. Step it up, Saskatchewan. Time for change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Would like to see it sold right in the grocery store as is done in the US.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I think it is a step backwards to eliminate good paying jobs from the economy, which is what happens with privatizing government services. The costs don't go down, it just mean the profits are flowing into fewer pockets, often pockets that are not even in the province.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Do not privatize!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| People are travelling to Alberta for a variety of reasons and most of them come back with some sort of liquor because it's cheaper. We'd be better off adopting the "Alberta way" as there would be far more liquor purchased in Saskatchewan if it was priced competitively.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| it should be like alberta all privately owned                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| government should use liquor sales to lower education costs PERIOD!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>I feel that allowing more privatized liquor stores to come into SK would certainly benefit the customers. It is nice to have the extra variety as well as a chance to experience something different. Many liquor stores, even in urban areas, look run down and haven't been updated in years. They should be run like any other business with money being put into the up keep of the retail location. I feel privatized and licensed liquor stores will do a better job of this because they are more familiar with the process. Regardless of what you are going to buy, the experience you have at a place is something you remember. If I go to a run down, dingy, dirty, floor peeling government owned liquor store, chances are I will choose a nicer location the next time.</p> <p>In regards to pricing, I don't feel like making alcohol cheaper would have a long-lasting effect. Initially people may buy more simply because it seems like a good deal, but if it becomes the regular price, I don't believe the population will feel obligated to purchase more because of the lower price. Those who want to drink, will, even if they can't afford it.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that someone does take the time to read these comments; by "these" I mean not only mine, but the comments of everyone who fills out a survey. Thanks!</p> |
| turn the liqure stores over to private stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| The prices need to be much lower.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I currently work at an Off-sale liquor store. I love my job, I love helping customers choose a product that they will enjoy. They love that I have product knowledge I get compliments all the time. I do how ever get lots of complaints on the price's. Fortunately enough it's not that they are angry at the establishment I work at because the prices at my place of work are relatively equal to the prices across Saskatchewan. I'm a young guy 22 years of age, I have lived in Newfoundland, Manitoba, Alberta, BC and now Sask for the past 3 years. What I enjoy the most out of all the provinces I've lived is taking weekend trips back to Alberta because that means I'm picking up a fresh stock of liquor for my home bar. Not only for myself but for my friends & family that give me credit to bring alcohol back for them. I've noticed that in Saskatchewan it's roughly \$2 more for a dozen beer in some stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I DO NOT support liquor retailing. Use the money that is earned to support other projects (ie, hospital, roads, etc) I would hate to see liquor being sold on every street as in Alberta. We do not need more stores, what we have now works very well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Start talking about increased revenue due to decreased costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| This survey and the wording of the questions is set up to get the answers the government is looking for. Thank you for the making it seem like we are actually making a difference in the decision even tho we aren't                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I THINK ITS TIME FOR THE PRIVATE TO TAKE OVER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As a previous employee of SLGA I am aware that 20 stores generate 80% of the revenue. No other business would keep over 50 more stores to earn that other 20%. Like the idea of both Government and private owned liquor stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I think that our current government run liquor stores are very competitive in pricing and have all the selection I need. It is far more important to me that the people who work there receive a real, living wage. They can support themselves and their children. They contribute to my community with their taxes. They have good health insurance and good pensions. When they                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| are ill or ready to retire or their children need medical care they are not a burden on social programs because they have a job that pays and cares for them respectfully. If these stores are closed in favour of private stores only the owners of these stores will benefit. The workers will make minimum wage or a tiny bit better. They will not be given good benefits. They will need subsidized housing, will need other social programs, will not have as good a quality of life. They also will contribute very little back to their community in taxes as they will be paid so little. I think the costs overall would be far greater. I wish that the government would value the needs of the workers above the wants of a very small group of people wealthy enough to own a store to have even more wealth. Saskatchewan has a proud history of a strong sense of public responsibility and of taking care of our people. I think privatizing liquor stores is a mistake and that it allows a few private businesses to benefit while the majority of people (workers) will pay the real price. Let's think ahead and think of the big picture! |
| Free market is always best                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Private stores will not be cheaper in the long run. Alberta prices are comparable to ours now                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Leave liquor stores alone. We need more good paying jobs not more minimum wage jobs. We need to maintain control of sales by professional s not teenagers making minimum wage not caring if they sell booze to kids. Standards, quality and our economy are far more important than your obsession with privatize ing everything we own and breaking us. We don't want this.... you do!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Privatize all stores and open up the tenders market to whomever may want to open a store in Saskatchewan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I have been to the Sobeys and Costco liquor stores in Alberta and I don't see why Saskatchewan should be any different then them. Their prices are way better then here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Leave liquor purchasing the way it is now!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Please privatize and lead sask into the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| yes, I would like to see a Alberta style system in place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I have lived in 5 different provinces in the last decade. SLGA liquor store's lag far behind the quality I've experienced in any other province I've been to. It's not about public or private... I would like to just see our public liquor stores offer better selection, have better hours, a better website and WINE CHILLERS (stop selling me warm white wine! Honestly, it's embarrassing that I can't get a decent selection of chilled product at even the bigger SLGA stores in Regina)! I'm not someone who generally cares about the decor of the store I'm in... especially if it impacts the price of the goods. BUT you walk into an SLGA store and the whole look of the place just tells you "We are going to offer you an inferior buying experience."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I am happy to pay higher liquor prices to support the government. I don't want or need private liquor stores in this province... I just need our public liquor stores to seriously step up their game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| being born in Saskatoon, i respect my Saskatchewan Crown corporations, government controlling the alcohol sale and distribution in this province is not what I would like to see, competitive fairness in an open market system as I already do my civic duty to pay into Crown corporations via SaskTel,SaskPower, and Saskatchewan government insurance is fair enough.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Social harm won't be reduced by higher prices. That can only happen when you treat the existing issue of poverty and addiction. Social harm will occur regardless of price. Lower the prices and increase the selection. I shouldn't have to go to Alberta for a better selection of beer at better prices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| i'm ok the way it is, get on with more important things (health care ,roads ,real affordable housing ,easier access to services for seniour's and the disabled ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Increased product range, particularly small producer options, is greatly desired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| My only complaint with the Liquor distribution is that there is only one store in town, which is clear across town in a not at all convenient spot. If cigarettes can be sold in grocery stores, then why not liquor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The only reason anybody would want to privatize liquor stores is if they had the misunderstanding that it would somehow magically drop the prices of their favourite beverages. The almighty dollar is the bottom line. Some of these people crying to privatize are only told part of the story, and would be devastated to learn that they will not, in fact, magically get a 50% discount on beer. Tell the whole truth!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The gov't liquor stores give FULL time employment, and good wages, and benefits. ALL the money stays in Sask, where as a private owned will pay some tax to gov't but we need tax money for roads, hospitals etc. Big grocery stores, almost never have full time positions and many only pay min. wage. The service and knowledge at a gov't store is suburb....I am for free enterprise, but not for this..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| how is any monies lost by selling stores made up to support future budgets or is it spend once an god help the next guy?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| PLEASE leave things the way they are now!!! Think about the employees! Consider the other provinces that had gone private and now wish they wouldn't have...like Alberta plus some of the States as well!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Keep it government owned as it keeps alcohol out of the wrong hands .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As long as government revenues remain the same, the sale of alcohol should be privatized, but any SLGA stores that continue to turn a profit, should remain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The government should not be in the retail liquor business. Especially paying union wages and pensions. The regulation is a whole other issue. If you think cheap booze would cause more social problems then just have a look at "dry reserves" or Nunavut. You want to know how I really feel, pick up the phone. There is not enough room on the internet for me to keep going. Needless to say I would just like to be able to buy a bottle of wine while I buy the rest of the groceries in the store. How terrible would it be to buy a case of beer while I am gassing up the truck to go camping for the weekend. It is just ridiculous they way it is now!                    |
| Privatizing liquor stores will not lead to better prices for consumers, more revenue for government, nor growth. This seems to be an ideological decision rather than a rational one. If one looks at the per capita statistics for Alberta over the past 19 years since privatization, their consumption per person has dropped, and their revenue from liquor has increased at a rate of less than 1% per year, which seems to be extremely sluggish growth and not to be envied or emulated. If this government is going down the privatization road, contrary to what they have promised in elections, they had best run on a platform of privatization and let the voters decide. |
| Liquor causes a lot of harm to the public. Keep it public and reinvest the money to pay for all the trouble liquor causes. Otherwise that money goes into private pockets and everyone is left to pay to clean up the mess.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I feel that government run liquor stores should be phased out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| i personally go to Alberta about 2-3 times a year to stock up on cheaper booze. Why can't we get a Costco here to sell liquor. why do we always seem to have higher prices for the same stuff. We are a have province, but we have to go elsewhere to get cheaper prices, not only in booze, but retail clothing stores as well. I find this province frustrating in a lot of ways. When do we get tax breaks? I am off to Alberta this weekend again to stock up for Christmas. So it would be nice to get the same price break here in this province. thanks                                                                                                                         |
| leave it alone keep what has worked for a long time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Privatize like Alberta, You will still make revenue through taxation without the overhead of operating stores. You will find Sask people will buy in Province instead of going else where if privatization happens like in Alberta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| It's 2014, private liquor stores should buy direct, sell at the price the market dictates and the gov should tax accordingly to maintain it's revenue. SLGA is a relic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| The Govenment needs to realize that the profits from Liquor stores is part of their revenue which lately has become a dwindling commodity. We cannot afford sell off all our assets and wait for someone else to come to our rescue. We need to be fiscally responsible. What legacy are we leaving for future generations, change is good if it makes sense both practically and physically.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| No one cares who they are buying from (private or gov). The only complaint everyone has in Saskatchewan is liqueur prices are way to high, that's why sask residents are buying more alcohol in Alberta when they visit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| The profit made on liquor sales in the province should be returned to the people of SK through investment in healthcare, highways, and other services provided to all residents.<br><br>Liquor causes many social problems for many people. The province should not be working to make alcohol more accessible.<br><br>The province should use some of the profits from liquor sales to address the problems caused by addiction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I believe in the free market system. Open the doors to privately owned stores, some competition in the pricing. Private stores would be able to change prices as their wages would be lower.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The biggest issue I have with the current system has to do with selection. The selection in BC, Alberta and Manitoba vastly exceeds that of Saskatchewan. It makes no difference to me whether the store I buy from is privately or publicly owned, but when the selection is as poor as it is today, I just don't bother at all.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Please, please, please get rid of the government controlled monopoly that is the SLGA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| There is no reason for government to be involved in the sale of alcohol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I think the government should allow the sale in grocery stores, having to have a separate building is not in any way going to affect sales, only burdens the company with more expenses. Having been a retailer of alcohol in the past who sold liquor withinmy establishment, I don't see any difference if a Superstore sells within the same building because in small towns there are businesses that sell within their ongoing business such add grocery stores, drug stores etc. If that has worked for small town why not in larger centres?                                                                                                                                    |
| I am also of the thought that there should be a paid board that oversees slga, people that understand the industry, understand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <p>future developments, needs of business, desires of the public etc and can guide slga to better create the right oversight/laws in the alcohol industry. I find SLGA to be very outdated and full of bureaucrats that hold up change and creates a business unfriendly atmosphere. A board could better bring in modernization of this government controlled business.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Social responsibility and massive revenue are two things we only stand to lose with privatization.</p> <p>The whole "better selection" argument is quite a sham, conveniently cloaking the actual advantage that most consumers are after. Cheaper booze.</p> <p>This survey was very biased in it's word usage.</p> <p>Also, I wish this comment meant anything at all with regards to the decision my government is about to make.</p>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>I feel that government and legal control of the sale of alcohol in Saskatchewan is a number one priority. By privatizing and offering alcohol at lower prices in more places is going to result in more problems with alcoholism and addiction. I believe that our opening government liquor board stores on Sundays and for longer hours already shows the effects of more crime and more excess consumption of alcohol. Let's keep Saskatchewan Saskatchewan owned</p>                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Being from Ab. private liquor stores are the way to go.</p> <p>Gov. sales are wrong!! Gov should be the referee not sales.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Leave the existing stores in place, I'm ok with not opening any further Public stores, but don't attack the current employees who spend good money to support our economy. The current Public Stores provide excellent service.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I believe that it is not the Governments responsibility to guard our youth for easier access to alcohol. If that's where the concern lyes, we are here to teach our youth and lead by example not by hindering the publics access to alcohol.</p> <p>Saskatchewan is behind the times and should take note of what some other rather progressive provinces in Canada have achieved.</p> <p>I do believe that the Governments efforts should be directed towards more important issues, for instance children's healthcare, elderly care and our city parks.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Regina Resident and Mother</p> |
| <p>There's no reason alcohol can't be cheaper like in the US</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>More private business is usually more efficient than government run business. So much better for government to focus on the things it does a better job of.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Liquor bussiness is alive and well in our province and I feel a public and private retail mix would give our province the best of both models .</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Quit selling off the crown corporations! Plain and simple!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>The government owned stores do very well, with knowledgeable, friendly staff.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Use Alberta as a model.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Have always enjoyed the selection in private stores in AB when out there to visit</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>The variety of beers available in SLGA is extremely poor. Not enough microbreweries and too many generic beer types.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>The mixed system of public stores in cities and private retailers in small towns provides reasonable coverage of liquor sales. I do not support this governments musings of further privatizing liquor sales. I have had experiences in many different forms of liquor retailing and find Saskatchewan to meet or exceed most other jurisdictions. I hope this government expands SLGA retail space, as well as selection and DOES NOT proceed with an expanded program of private liquor retailers outside of the existing practice in small communities.</p>                                                      |
| <p>Government run liquor stores have to pay their employees too much money due to unions. This increases the price.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>The govt should keep control of liquor sales. Alberta is not all that its cracked up to be. We used to live there and know this system is better</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Privatize it all, too many union government jobs, the tax payer can't afford to keep paying for these over paid union jobs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Keep liquor publicly run.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>It time we catch up to the rest of north america!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Keep Liquor Stores Public and keep re investing the profits in Saskatchewan!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I think that we have seen enough problems with private liquor sales in other jurisdictions to know that this doesn't work. Alberta gov't had to lower prices as they skyrocketed when privatized. Also, the loss of revenues would accelerate the need to privatize other areas and this is not acceptable. My ancestors built this province when corporations wouldn't have anything to do with us and giving our crowns away is an insult to them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Given th opportunity to keep well paid people in our LB stores, I think they should be kept. No benefit can come to a community that replaces good jobs with poor ones.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The gov't should totally get out of the selling liquor, just keep collecting the taxes same as gas tax, the gov't doesn't own gas stations and sell gas....so why own the liquor stores?..Also let the liquor companies set the prices if set cheaper they would sell more and the gov't tax cut would be the same or higher, we need to see sales just like all other products we purchase...That's why we have sale flyers every week, so people can save a buck or two. Come on its a no Brainer.... I also would like to see liquor sales in grocery stores...Also implement store fines and temporarily closures for selling to minors....if they were to lose revenue they would check ID's..                                                                |
| Please keep both public and private liquor stores. That way everyone is happy. We do not have to privatize all liquor stores like Ralph Klein did in Alberta.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I believe the status quo should be maintained as it is now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Ultimately I would like Saskatchewan to maintain age regulations for the purchase of alcohol but have it available for purchase at grocery stores and other retail establishments.<br>A one stop shopping experience if you will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Liquor sales in this province have been an issue for far longer than needed. The creation of some private stores has helped, but the pricing structure that those stores purchase their stock from do not allow for relief on the part of the consumer. The single biggest flaw with government run liquor stores is the lack of available cold beer. This has been an ongoing issue that is incredibly easy to fix, but the government run stores have seemed to be too incompetent to attempt this. I would support 100% privatization of liquor stores to help the consumer by free-market companies fulfilling needs as they arise, as well as the elimination of a conflict of interest by regulating liquor while also being the largest retailer of liquor. |
| don't want to see a liquor store on every corner like in Edmonton...more traffic, rowdiness etc...keep it contained...why do we want to encourage more people to drink and drive?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Would be great to see some better staff training at SLGA stores and make them more attractive with a wider selection, not just the brands by the biggest companies. A big part of the experience I get at the CO-OP in Saskatoon is staff that know the products & as a result more enthusiastic about helping customers.<br>I travel a lot around the country.<br>BC stores could do with some sprucing up.<br>Alberta stores are all over the place. I wouldn't step inside some of them. Others are fabulous.<br>I like the stores in Manitoba, the bigger ones seem to have staff that know the products.<br>ON is great in the larger centers but smaller towns have less selection. The Beer Store in ON really sucks!                                       |
| I believe the government should keep the private sector OUT of the liquor retail business; I understand the franchises in small communities but I disagree with off sale or later store hours; most that stop at an off sale have already been drinking and likely don't need any more; if they can't plan ahead they should go without! Our liquor store sales fund so many public services and it should stay that way; I don't need my taxes going up anymore or fees for the public services going up because millions of \$\$ have been taken from the province and given to some private business that likely won't even keep its money in our province. There is a time and place for private business but liquor stores is not one of them.                |
| The order of importance to me about Alcohol sales in Saskatchewan.<br>Government Revenue.<br>Price<br>Hours of Operation<br>Selection<br>Also having strip clubs that can serve alcohol i feel would be a great addition to the market.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I've lived in Alberta and traveled in the States and find the restrictions in Saskatchewan to prohibit my shopping of alcohol here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Status Quo! There is no reason to change something that isn't broken!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I think that you have created a false dichotomy and a very leading question by asking if we should continue with public liquor stores or invest in more important services like roads and healthcare. Are liquor stores overall not profitable? Is it exclusively and either or proposition? I believe your survey is flawed and biased in favour of the result you ( or your political masters) seek. Thanks for asking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| There are many more pressing issues and priorities facing Saskatchewan than liquor retailing options. This conversation is right up there with turning the clocks back and forward.<br><br>Our focus shouldn't even begin to centre on issues such as liquor retailing outlets. This is a diversion away from the core such as the issues facing our children, seniors, women, poverty, education etc. Get the drift!<br><br>Who cares about this, and no, if I wanted to live in an environment like Alberta, I would move there!                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Alberta's model makes sense to me. The wholesale of liquor can be met by the government, but there is no good reason for state-run stores full of unionized workers. Consumer should be presented with far higher choice of product, hours of operation and location than they are currently.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Nobody talks about additional revenue from private liquor stores such as cost of wages and benefits for employees, rent and utilities of the buildings, and general maintenance of rented properties The government will save a lot of money!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| presently, govt owned stores are limited for space, therefore, they can't carry some products that I have wanted and that they use to carry. The reason? Not enough space for all the SKU's. staff not as knowledgeable as the private stores I have been to. The private stores seem more interested in truly helping the customer find the right product. the private stores are far nicer inside.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Go to Alberta style of store system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I do not want the gov't to give away profits to private company's that will not benefit Sask.<br><br>Sounds incredibly stupid actually. Keep private liquor stores out of Saskatchewan.<br><br>Keep the profits here in our province.<br><br>Keep in mind the millionaires that will benefit, don't live here and therefore they aren't going to vote , now are they??<br><br>Privatizing the liquor stores is probably one of the stupidest idea's ever!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I like the idea of private liquor stores for the simple fact that you have more option for cold beverages and overall selection than government liquor stores. I have noticed that Sobey's seems more expensive than Co-op for liquor prices though.<br><br>I would also like to see a change in the laws with partial nudity and liquor selling places. As a female, I think we (and males) should have the choice to present ourselves how we like for entertainment. Not that I would ever consider doing this! I find the atmosphere of a dancing/nude club enjoyable. Both the dancers and public seem to enjoy what they're doing.                                                                                                       |
| Selection is poor, the amount of refrigerated product offered at government liquor locations is pathetic, and prices in saskatchewan are higher than anywhere else i have purchased liquor in my life in Canada and the United States.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I believe we should keep the stores public. The only reason people want private stores is for their lower prices, but the public does not realize the price is set by our gov. not SLGA. The Gov. should look at lowering their prices instead of demolishing a company.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| DON'T GO PRIVATE!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The problem I have us there is not enough choice in the market place. There is a very much larger selection of, Singe Malt Scotch for example, in Alberta stores, at a lesser price. There is also a very much larger selection of Micro Brewery Beers and imported beers in the Alberta market. There have been comments made, however, that indicate if Sask does decide to privatize then the costs of alcohol will rise exponentially. The cost of alcohol is getting to the point of prohibitive. There is also too much "control" by SLGA in the market place and, unfortunately, I do not see that changing in the near future, if ever.                                                                                                |
| The government should CONTINUE to invest money from the operation of PUBLIC liquor stores in health care, education, roads, etc... It should NOT be privatizing liquor sales so that revenue goes in to the hands of corporations. To say that the government is going to privatize liquor sales so it can re-direct those funds to health care, education, roads, etc... is misleading. It is an outright misinterpretation of the truth to get people on board, by thinking the money will be used to improve the lives of Saskatchewan residents. It won't. The profits will go in to making big business richer not improving our public services. This is blatant manipulation of the truth behind your privatization plan. Shame on you! |

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| <p>We travel to AB regularly as one of our kids lives outside of Calgary. Calgary has some great shops, but outside of the larger AB centers they tend to be crap.</p> <p>My sister lives in Wpg &amp; the store closest to her home has a great selection with staff that seem to know their stuff.</p> <p>SLGA stores need some sprucing up &amp; STAFF TRAINING. When I see something newer particularly wines I would like to hear more than "It seems to be selling well or I like it".</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>As a wine drinker I especially would like to be able to access a wider selection of wines than are currently available at the public liquor stores in Saskatchewan. Private liquor stores in both our province and elsewhere have a larger and better selection than the public Saskatchewan stores do. We do not live in Regina or Saskatoon, but do frequent their private stores when we are there and enjoy their selections. We wish such stores and selection were available province wide.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Time to move forward. Government does not need to be in the retail liquor business, leave it to private businesses. It will provide better selection and for sure better service.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>In other provinces such as Manitoba and Alberta I have found that the private stores really aren't that much cheaper. I do remember a time when they were still corporate and people who lived close to either border would do a "booze run" because it was cheaper even then. Privatization lowers wages and typically there is no benefits. How does this help the economy or health of Canadian citizens? Without the income from a crown corporation where is the money coming from to help fund i.e. the health care system. Does our taxes go up? How do minimum wage earners or lower middle income earners tighten their belt some more? Saskatchewan is an awesome province to live in, I have lived here all my life. Don't wreck it! I believe we should keep all crown corporations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Liquor Consumption Tax is one of the stupidest taxes ever. Why should I be taxed for drinking a beer or having a shot of whisky once in a while?? You might as well add a lettuce consumption tax or a beef consumption tax too! Hell, just tax all groceries...</p> <p>There is a law of diminishing returns here. Higher prices through markup means less people are drinking as much so less money is being made. Cut the markup in half, add a couple of points to the PST to make up the difference and everybody will be happy. Saskatchewan pays the highest prices for beer in the country (next to Nunavut)!! Why?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>If prices were lowered it would shrink the import of alcohol from other provinces. Possibly the return would be close as more sales but less cost to the consumer would balance out.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Please keep revenues from alcohol sales, as there are innumerable health and social damages done as a result of alcohol consumption, and the government needs these revenues in order pay for health care and social programs such as addictions programs, food banks, shelters etc.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Status quo</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>I believe that liquor stores in Saskatchewan need to remain public. The revenues that are generated from the sales in public stores returns to the communities and that is vitally important. I do not believe that there is a place for private for profit liquor stores in this province and I personally would never shop in a private store. If the liquor store in my rural community was to close and a private one open in its place, I would be buying my liquor someplace else.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I like the idea of maintaining the current govt stores but any new ones that open should be strictly private. I also enjoy the idea of being able to get my beer at the same place where I buy my steaks aka the grocery store. I also appreciate going into a store where all the products that are suppose to be served cold are always refrigerated.</p> <p>Also, the idea that putting a minimum price on alcohol somehow deters underage drinking is an archaic mindset. It's the same mindset that thinks a gun registry will keep guns out of bad people's hands. It just doesn't make sense. The price of alcohol has very little to do with underage drinking.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Let the liquor stores be private! As new stores are required they should not be government operated. the existing stores should be sold off so they can be privately owned. Current employees should be given first opportunity to purchase stores they work in and should also be offered low interest loans in order to finance the purchase.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>I dislike the Alberta style liquor store setup - each store varies in price, prices are not cheap, selection is limited, and customer services lacks. Each store has only one objective and that is to sell and make a profit not caring for reputable recommendations on a product. Plus, I do not want to drive to a variety of privatized stores to buy an item at each location. I have visited Alberta stores on many occasions and have not found any that compare to the superb service I have received at the Sask run liquor stores. This is without a lie. Each time I have asked for help, I have found quality service in the government run stores and have had superior service and recommendation. This also occurs in the government run stores in Manitoba.</p> <p>I do not care to see liquor in a grocery store and do not think hours have to be increased or opened on statutory holidays. If people are too lazy to grab a case of beer day(s) in advance, then too bad - we should not have to babysit or accommodate grown adults that cannot prioritize their time. If this is the case, maybe they should be living at home with mom and dad.</p> <p>Overall the government run stores in my opinion are great. They may have some limited items that are not available in SK but other provinces have the same problems. If I had to choose any type of change, I would suggest specialty stores - i.e. wine,</p> |