

The State of Relations Between Canada and the United States / **Relations entre le Canada et les Etats-Unis**

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The Association for Canadian Studies commissioned the firm Leger Marketing to ask Canadians how they see the future of the relations between their country and the United States. Are they optimistic or pessimistic around the prospects for this relationship? The survey was conducted amongst 1 500 persons between June 12th and June 17th. For the most part the results below reflect a high degree of optimism, with older, male, English speakers, and those living in the Maritimes and also those who have up to a high school diploma expressing the most optimistic. French speakers, especially in Quebec and also Albertans, along with women and those below age of 35 were most pessimistic of the relationship between Canada and the United States.

When the survey sample was broken down by language it is observed that about a quarter of the English respondents (23%) are very optimistic, as opposed to only 13% of French respondents.

	Total	French	English	Other
QM1G				
G)... Canada and the United States?				
Total pondéré	1500	330	885	274
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Total absolu :	1500	432	883	178
TOTAL OPTIMISTIC	72%	68%	73%	73%
... Very optimistic	21%	13%	23%	25%
... Somewhat optimistic	51%	56%	50%	48%
TOTAL PESSIMISTIC	25%	29%	24%	23%
... Somewhat pessimistic	19%	22%	19%	15%
... Very pessimistic	6%	7%	5%	7%

Don't know / Refusal 4% 3% 3% 4%

The provincial breakdown of the data shows us that the Maritimes are the most optimistic about relations with the United States (77%) and that Albertans and Quebecers are the least optimistic (69%). Further, only 12% of Quebecers are very optimistic about relations with the US and over a quarter of both Quebecers and Albertans (28%) are pessimistic on the whole.

Total Maritimes Quebec Ontario Prairies Alberta B-C

QM1G

G)... Canada and the United States?

Total pondéré :	1500	113	351	580	106	151	199
Total absolu :	1500	100	400	600	125	125	150
TOTAL OPTIMISTIC	72%	77%	69%	74%	72%	69%	70%
... Very optimistic	21%	27%	12%	24%	24%	23%	21%
... Somewhat optimistic	51%	50%	57%	49%	48%	46%	49%
TOTAL PESSIMISTIC	25%	20%	28%	23%	22%	26%	26%
... Somewhat pessimistic	19%	18%	22%	17%	16%	22%	17%
... Very pessimistic	6%	2%	6%	5%	6%	4%	9%
Don't know / Refusal	4%	3%	2%	4%	6%	5%	4%

On the basis of gender the data reveals that men are on average more optimistic about US-Canada relations (76% vs. 68%) and less than 20% of women are very optimistic (18%). Accordingly, more than a quarter (28%) of women are pessimistic about this relationship, as compared to 20% of men.

Total Male Female

QM1G

G)... Canada and the United States?

Total pondéré	1500	727	773
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Total absolu :	1500	605	895
TOTAL OPTIMISTIC	72%	76%	68%
... Very optimistic	21%	25%	18%
... Somewhat optimistic	51%	51%	51%
TOTAL PESSIMISTIC	25%	20%	28%
... Somewhat pessimistic	19%	15%	22%
... Very pessimistic	6%	5%	6%
Don't know / Refusal	4%	4%	4%

Age of respondents also reveals some interesting trends, especially in the younger cohorts. Those between the ages of 25 and 34 were the least optimistic (68%) and 45 – 54 year olds were the most optimistic (74%). Seniors were the least pessimistic about US – Canada relations (21%).

	18-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65
Total	24	34	44	54	64	+

QM1G

G)... Canada and the United States?

Total pondéré :	1500	185	271	325	284	189	246
Total absolu :	1500	119	236	292	337	274	242
TOTAL OPTIMISTIC	72%	70%	68%	73%	74%	73%	72%
... Very optimistic	21%	17%	13%	21%	24%	20%	30%
... Somewhat optimistic	51%	54%	55%	52%	50%	53%	41%
TOTAL PESSIMISTIC	25%	26%	29%	24%	23%	24%	21%

PESSIMISTIC

... Somewhat pessimistic	19%	17%	23%	20%	16%	20%	16%
... Very pessimistic	6%	9%	6%	3%	7%	4%	5%
Don't know / Refusal	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	7%

Based on level of education it is observed that people with High School diplomas were the most optimistic (74%) and those with University degrees were the least optimistic (69%).

EDUCATION

High

Total Elementary School College University Refusal

QM1G

G)... Canada and the United States?

Total pondéré :	1500	47	473	425	534	21
Total absolu :	1500	52	481	432	517	18
TOTAL OPTIMISTIC	72%	71%	74%	73%	69%	69%
... Very optimistic	21%	32%	26%	18%	17%	29%
... Somewhat optimistic	51%	38%	47%	55%	52%	39%
TOTAL PESSIMISTIC	25%	17%	22%	24%	28%	19%
... Somewhat pessimistic	19%	14%	15%	17%	24%	19%
... Very pessimistic	6%	3%	6%	7%	4%	0%
Don't know / Refusal	4%	12%	5%	3%	2%	12%

Methodology/ Méthodologie

This study by Leger Marketing for the Association for Canadian Studies was carried out through phone interviews with a sample of 1,500 Canadians aged 18 and over speaking English or French.

Interviews were completed between June 12 and June 17, 2007. Results were weighted with Statistics Canada according to regions, age, gender and mother tongue to ensure representation of the adult population in Canada. The maximum error margin obtained is 2,6%, 19 times out of 20.

La présente étude effectuée par Léger Marketing pour l'Association d'études canadiennes a été réalisée au moyen d'entrevues téléphoniques, auprès d'un échantillon de 1 500 Canadiennes et Canadiens âgés(e)s de 18 ans ou plus et pouvant s'exprimer en français ou en anglais.

Les entrevues ont été réalisées du 12 au 17 juin 2007. À l'aide des données de Statistique Canada, les résultats ont été pondérés selon les régions, l'âge, le sexe et la langue maternelle afin de rendre l'échantillon représentatif de l'ensemble de la population adulte du Canada. Finalement, nous obtenons, avec les 1 500 personnes sondées, une marge d'erreur maximale de $\pm 2,6\%$, et ce, 19 fois sur 20.

Questionnaire

On July 1st Canada will mark its 140th anniversary. Are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic or very pessimistic about relations between...

Le 1er juillet marquera le 140^{ième} anniversaire du Canada. Êtes-vous TRÈS OPTIMISTE, PLUTÔT OPTIMISTE, PLUTÔT PESSIMISTE ou TRÈS PESSIMISTE en ce qui concerne les relations entre ...

A)... Relations Between Canada and the United States of America / Relations entre le Canada et les Etats-Unis ?

... Very optimistic / Très optimiste..... 1..

... Somewhat optimistic / Plutôt optimiste..... 2..

... Somewhat pessimistic / Plutôt pessimiste..... 3..

... Very pessimistic / Très pessimiste..... 4..

Don't know / Ne sait pas / Refus..... 9..