

CANADIANS VIEWS ON HATE

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INTRODUCTION

- The terrorist attack that took fifty lives at two mosques in New Zealand has served as a stark reminder of the relationship between hatred and violence and the need to be increasingly vigilant in addressing the phenomenon. To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and the Association for Canadian Studies today release the detailed results of a survey conducted this past November on the state of opinion on hate groups and the dissemination of hatred.
- Leger Marketing consulted 1519 Canadians across the country for the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and the Association for Canadian Studies during the week of November 12, 2018 with a probabilistic margin of error of 3.5 points 19 times out of 20. The sample included some 403 Quebecers with 86 surveyed in English and 317 in French.

CANADIANS ONLY SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO THINK THAT HATE GROUPS ARE GETTING MORE ATTENTION THAN ACTUALLY BEING A MORE SERIOUS THREAT

	In recent years, do you think hate groups have become a more serious threat, or is there just more attention being paid to these groups than before?						
	Canada	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Man / Sask	Alberta	BC
More serious threat	41%	37%	43%	41%	40%	35%	43%
More attention being paid	45%	47%	48%	43%	45%	48%	41%
I don't know	13%	16%	8%	15%	13%	16%	15%
I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%

NEARLY THREE IN FOUR CANADIANS AGREE THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ENGAGING IN HATE SPEECH

	Government should prevent people from engaging in hate speech against certain groups in public						
	Canada	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Man / Sask	Alberta	BC
NET AGREE	73%	74%	74%	74%	63%	65%	80%
Strongly agree	41%	45%	43%	42%	37%	31%	40%
Somewhat agree	33%	29%	32%	32%	26%	34%	40%
NET DISAGREE	18%	11%	18%	18%	27%	23%	11%
Somewhat disagree	12%	6%	14%	11%	17%	18%	7%
Strongly disagree	6%	5%	5%	7%	10%	5%	4%
I don't know	7%	15%	5%	5%	7%	8%	7%
I prefer not to answer	2%	0%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%

SOME EIGHT IN TEN CANADIANS AGREE THAT HATE SPEECH IS A FORM OF VIOLENCE

	Hate speech is a form of violence						
	Canada	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Man / Sask	Alberta	BC
NET AGREE	81%	81%	85%	79%	75%	72%	87%
Strongly agree	51%	49%	55%	49%	53%	40%	59%
Somewhat agree	30%	32%	31%	30%	22%	32%	28%
NET DISAGREE	14%	11%	12%	16%	22%	19%	9%
Somewhat disagree	8%	7%	5%	10%	15%	10%	6%
Strongly disagree	6%	4%	7%	6%	6%	9%	2%
I don't know	4%	8%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%
I prefer not to answer	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%

MAJORITY OF CANADIANS AGREE WITH PUNITIVE MEASURES FOR RACIST STATEMENTS FROM PUBLIC SPEAKERS AND/OR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES

NET AGREE	Canada	English	French	Other
A business executive should be fired from their job if they've said to some friends that black people are genetically inferior to whites.	71%	73%	69%	74%
A speaker who says the Holocaust did not occur should not be allowed to publicly address university students.	67%	71%	66%	67%
A speaker who says Muslim immigrants should be banned from entering the country shouldn't be allowed to publicly address university students.	54%	55%	53%	58%

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