



REST OF CANADA ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND PRIDE IN COUNTRY: 50 YEARS AFTER DE GAULLE

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DE GAULLE 50 YEARS LATER

- On 24 July 1967, during a state visit to Expo '67, General Charles de Gaulle, president of France proclaimed :“Vive le Québec libre.” from the balcony of Montréal's City Hall a sentence that had a profound impact on the future of Canada. By repeating the slogan of the Québec independence movement de Gaulle lent international credibility to the movement.
- He also provoked a diplomatic incident that resulted in the cancellation of his visit and was regarded as a singular important example of French interference in the domestic affairs of Canada.
- Some Fifty years later the independence movement appears at low point in terms of support. But the issue is not definitely resolved.
- Quebec’s Premier is in the process of selling a new constitutional proposal to get Quebecers signature on the 1982 Constitution.

THE STATE OF THE UNION: MEASURES AND METHODOLOGY

That which follows looks at the state of the Canadian Union a half century after De Gaulle's declaration. We look specifically at how Canada outside of Quebec sees the issues with a focus on:

- Whether the Rest of Canada believes that Quebecers can ever be satisfied with constitutional changes
- The extent to which they think the unique character of Quebec should be recognized in the Constitution
- Attachment and Pride in Canada
- Some 1700 persons surveyed via web panel in the Leger poll for the Association for Canadian Studies between June 16 and June 20, 2017 with a probabilistic margin of error for the nation sample of 3.9 percent 19 times out of 20.



CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND RECOGNITION



NEARLY SIX IN TEN CANADIANS INCLUDING QUEBECERS DON'T THINK THERE MAJORITY OF QUEBECERS WILL EVER BE SATISFIED WITH CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

	Agree
Alberta	57.2%
British Columbia	55.1%
Manitoba	61.3%
New Brunswick	48.8%
Newfoundland	65.5%
Nova Scotia	72.4%
Ontario	58.3%
Quebec	64.4%
Saskatchewan	67.3%
Total	60.2%

ONE IN THREE IN REST OF CANADA (ROCERS)

I agree that it is important to modify the Canadian Constitution in such a way that enables recognition of the unique characteristic of Quebec.	
Alberta	36%
British Columbia	35.2%
Manitoba	27.5%
New Brunswick	36.8%
Newfoundland	28.6%
Nova Scotia	27.7%
Ontario	37.6%
Quebec	59.2%
Saskatchewan	32.1%
Total	41.2%

MAJORITIES THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT IN 1982 QUEBEC DID NOT SIGN THE CONSTITUTION

ACS Leger June 2017	It is infortunate that in 1982 Quebec did not sign the Canadian Constitution		
	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Alberta	62.1%	11.9%	25.9%
British Columbia	65.2%	9.3%	25.4%
Manitoba	73.8%	4.9%	21.3%
New Brunswick	56.4%	5.1%	38.5%
Newfoundland	75.6%	10.3%	13.8%
Nova Scotia	59.6%	19.1%	21.3%
Ontario	66.9%	9.5%	23.7%
Quebec	52.0%	22.4%	25.6%
Saskatchewan	81.2%	3.8%	15.1%
Total	63.0%	12.6%	24.4%

CANADIANS DIVIDED OVER THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY AGREE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR QUEBECERS TO SIGN CONSTITUTION AS IMPORTANT SHARE DON'T KNOW

ACS Leger June 2017	It is personally important to me that Quebec signs the Canadian Constitution		
	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Alberta	35.5%	38.2%	26.3%
British Columbia	40.2%	29.0%	30.8%
Manitoba	50.0%	24.2%	25.8%
New Brunswick	43.6%	23.1%	33.3%
Newfoundland	41.3%	37.9%	20.7%
Nova Scotia	40.4%	34.0%	25.5%
Ontario	49.4%	26.2%	24.4%
Quebec	48.2%	26.3%	25.6%
Saskatchewan	42.3%	40.4%	17.3%
Total	45.6%	28.5%	25.8%

THOSE MOST LIKELY TO AGREE THAT NO CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE THAT WILL EVER SATISFY MOST QUEBECERS ARE MOST LIKELY TO OPPOSE RECOGNITION OF QUEBEC UNIQUENESS

	There are no constitutional changes that can ever satisfy the majority of Quebecers.			
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I agree that it is important to modify the Canadian Constitution in such a way that enables recognition of the unique characteristic of Quebec.	29.4%	49.7%	59.8%	50%



PRIDE AND ATTACHMENT TO CANADA



NEARLY EIGHT IN TEN THINK CANADA IS THE BEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

Agree that Canada is the best country in the world	
Alberta	81.7%
British Columbia	81.2%
Manitoba	79.0%
New Brunswick	82.0%
Newfoundland	93.1%
Nova Scotia	73.9%
Ontario	85.6%
Quebec	70.9%
Saskatchewan	90.6%
Total	80.7%

Agree that Canada is the best country in the world	
Between 18 and 24	69.0%
Between 25 and 34	73.2%
Between 35 and 44	80.8%
Between 45 and 54	82.4%
Between 55 and 64	87.9%
Between 65 and 74	87.7%
75 or older	84.8%
Total	80.8%

ATTACHMENT TO CANADA INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY WITH AGE

	Canada	
	Very attached	Somewhat attached
Alberta	72.0%	19.4%
British Columbia	63.6%	27.6%
Manitoba	63.9%	27.9%
New Brunswick	53.8%	23.1%
Newfoundland	69.0%	31.0%
Nova Scotia	78.7%	14.9%
Ontario	70.5%	21.7%
Quebec	31.2%	42.6%
Saskatchewan	71.2%	25.0%
Canada	60.0%	27.6%

	Canada	
	Very attached	Somewhat attached
Between 18 and 24	47.7%	35.5%
Between 25 and 34	52.5%	27.0%
Between 35 and 44	56.4%	31.4%
Between 45 and 54	58.9%	30.5%
Between 55 and 64	65.1%	24.9%
Between 65 and 74	73.4%	18.6%
75 or older	74.7%	19.0%
Total	59.9%	27.5%

FLAG DISPLAY SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY THAN NATIONAL ANTHEM TO INSTILL PRIDE BUT BOTH HAVE IMPACT

	I am proud when I see the display of the Canadian flag in public	Singing the national anthem gives me a sense of pride in Canada
Alberta	89.2%	82.2%
British Columbia	87.1%	79.5%
Manitoba	81.9%	82.0%
New Brunswick	69.2%	63.1%
Newfoundland	96.5%	93.1%
Nova Scotia	82.6%	82.9%
Ontario	90.8%	85.5%
Quebec	64.1%	56.2%
Saskatchewan	92.4%	83.1%
Total	83.2%	76.8%

FLAG AND ANTHEM PRIDE RISE CONSIDERABLY WITH AGE

	I am proud when I see the display of the Canadian flag in public	
	Strongly	Somewhat
Between 18 and 24	42.9%	36.2%
Between 25 and 34	44.2%	35.5%
Between 35 and 44	53.0%	28.2%
Between 45 and 54	54.1%	28.8%
Between 55 and 64	56.2%	30.6%
Between 65 and 74	63.7%	23.2%
75 or older	72.5%	18.8%
Total	53.6%	29.7%

	Singing the national anthem gives me a sense of pride in Canada	
	Strongly	Somewhat
Between 18 and 24	28.4%	37.6%
Between 25 and 34	34.2%	40.6%
Between 35 and 44	43.8%	30.9%
Between 45 and 54	41.5%	34.5%
Between 55 and 64	43.1%	35.6%
Between 65 and 74	56.5%	28.3%
75 or older	65.0%	20.0%
Total	42.6%	33.9%

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