

CANADIAN OPINION ON THE CORONA VIRUS – N°2: MAJORITY OF CANADIANS ARE FOR BORDER CLOSINGS AND MANY WORRY ABOUT CONTACT WITH ASIANS AND IRANIANS

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INTRODUCTION

- On Friday and Monday in response to the Corona Virus/Covid 19 several exceptional measures were introduced by the government of Canada, amongst them restrictions on international travel and expanded border closings. Other measures that promote various types of distancing as the situation evolves. The spectrum/range of concerns and anxiety on the part of Canadians is likely to rise. There are serious preoccupations about interaction with selected identity groups and fears about people either coming to the country or returning to it from abroad. Some troubling trends may emerge from the distancing as the results of the Leger poll for the Association for Canadian Studies reveal in that which follows.

METHODOLOGY

- The survey was commissioned by the Association for Canadian Studies and conducted by the firm Leger Marketing with a sample of 1479 Canadians nationally via web panel during the week of March 10-13,2020. It has a probabilistic margin of error of 2.5 percent 19 times out of 20.

CANADIANS DIVIDED ON CLOSING BORDER WITH OURS NEIGHBORS

Because of the Coronavirus/Covid 19, we should close off our borders with our neighbors			
	Total	Man	Woman
TOTAL AGREE	49%	46%	52%
Strongly agree	20%	18%	22%
Somewhat agree	29%	29%	30%
TOTAL DISAGREE	47%	51%	44%
Somewhat disagree	27%	27%	27%
Strongly disagree	20%	24%	16%
I prefer not to answer	3%	2%	4%

EASTERN AND CENTRAL CANADA MORE FAVORABLE TO BORDER CLOSING

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	ATLANTIC	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL AGREE	62%	54%	48%	54%	40%	45%
Strongly agree	33%	19%	20%	19%	19%	16%
Somewhat agree	29%	35%	27%	35%	21%	29%
TOTAL DISAGREE	32%	44%	48%	46%	55%	53%
Somewhat disagree	17%	30%	28%	24%	28%	25%
Strongly disagree	15%	14%	20%	21%	27%	28%
I prefer not to answer	6%	2%	4%	0%	5%	2%



BEING IN CONTACT WITH ASIANS AND IRANIANS



ONE IN THREE CANADIANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BEING IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE FROM ASIA AND IRAN

About being in contact with people from Asia or Iran -						
	Total	Man	Woman	18-34	35-54	55+
TOTAL WORRIED	32%	33%	31%	27%	33%	34%
Very worried	10%	10%	11%	10%	10%	10%
Somewhat worried	22%	23%	20%	17%	23%	24%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	66%	65%	67%	71%	64%	64%
Not very worried	39%	36%	41%	37%	38%	41%
Not worried at all	27%	29%	26%	35%	26%	23%
I prefer not to answer	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%

QUEBECERS AND BRITISH COLUMBIANS ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH BEING IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE FROM ASIA AND IRAN

About being in contact with people from Asia or Iran -						
	ATLANTIC	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL WORRIED	20%	39%	31%	32%	20%	39%
Very worried	4%	15%	11%	11%	5%	9%
Somewhat worried	16%	24%	21%	21%	16%	30%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	76%	60%	66%	68%	78%	59%
Not very worried	48%	35%	38%	45%	46%	34%
Not worried at all	29%	25%	28%	23%	32%	25%
I prefer not to answer	4%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%

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