
VIEWS AND TRUST OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN QUEBEC AND THE REST OF CANADA

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

January 29th marked four years since the shooting at a mosque in Quebec City that left six people dead and dozens suffering from injuries both physical and psychological. That which follows will look at the evolution of views in Quebec towards religious communities and some of the underlying demographic and social considerations that influence attitudes.

The results of the poll were collected via a Web panel conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies between May 3 -May 7, 2019 among a representative sample of 2,215 Canadians , 18 years of age or older and with 1528 respondents from December 11 to 13, 2020

Using data from Statistics Canada, the results were weighted according to gender, age, region, language spoken at home, education and whether or not children are present in the household to ensure a sample representative of the entire population under review. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 2,215 respondents and 1528 respondents would have respective margins of error of $\pm 2.08\%$, 19 times out of 20 and of $\pm 3.01\%$, 19 times out of 20.

QUEBECERS AND OTHER CANADIANS LESS NEGATIVE TOWARDS MUSLIMS 2019 -2020 BUT QUEBECERS STILL FAR MORE NEGATIVE

Net Negative opinion of the following		CANADA	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Muslims	May 2019	37%	29%	51%	30%	33%	35%	39%
	December 2020	26%	19%	40%	21%	22%	22%	23%
Jews	May 2019	17%	15%	27%	12%	16%	10%	23%
	December 2020	11%	6%	26%	8%	4%	6%	8%

MUSLIMS STILL VIEWED LEAST FAVORABLY AMONGST RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Net Negative Opinion of the Following (Dec 11 to 13 2020)	CANADA	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Christians	14%	11%	15%	13%	17%	11%	21%
Muslims	26%	19%	40%	21%	22%	22%	23%
Jews	11%	6%	26%	8%	4%	6%	8%
Chinese	11%	5%	11%	11%	8%	12%	14%

FRANCOPHONES MORE LIKELY THAN NON-FRANCOPHONES TO HOLD A NEGATIVE VIEW OF MUSLIMS BUT NON-FRANCOPHONES VIEW MUSLIMS MORE NEGATIVELY THAN THEY DO JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

Quebecers Net Negative Opinion of the Following	Francophone	Non-Francophone
Muslims	43.7%	26.5%
Jews	31.8%	10%
Christians	15.9%	12.2%

YOUNGER QUEBECERS HOLD SIMILAR VIEWS RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES BUT DIFFERENCES ARE SIGNIFICANT FOR THOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 65 AND 74

Quebecers Net Negative Opinion of the Following	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74
Muslims	22.2%	38.2%	33.9%	37.1%	37.9%	53.1%
Jews	22.2%	31.5%	26.4%	22.6%	12.5%	42.9%
Christians	25%	16.4%	12.1%	11.3%	16.9%	9.5%

QUEBECERS VIEWS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ARE VERY AFFECTED BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY HAVE A FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF MULTICULTURALISM

Quebecers Net Negative Opinion of the Following	View of Multiculturalism		
	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Negative
Muslims	12.0%	34.7%	70.0%
Jews	11.2%	24.2%	52.4%
Christians	8.3%	15.5%	22.0%

MINORITY DISTRUST IS HIGHEST AMONGST QUEBECERS

To what extent do you trust each of the following?									
TOTAL percentage that DON'T TRUST the following groups	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	QC	ROC
Muslims	34%	25%	51%	29%	32%	31%	27%	51%	29%
Indigenous Peoples	24%	14%	25%	21%	37%	26%	25%	25%	23%
Jews	21%	13%	37%	18%	19%	12%	15%	37%	16%
Chinese People	35%	33%	60%	30%	27%	22%	23%	60%	28%
Index of Distrust	28	21	43	25	29	22	22	43	24

MINORITY DISTRUST HIGHER AMONG QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES THAN ANGLOPHONES

TOTAL DON'T TRUST	Quebec	
	Francophones	Non Francophones
Muslims	55	36
Indigenous Peoples	28	16
Jews	38	32
Chinese People	66	40
Index of distrust	47	31

IN 2018 RELATIONS BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS WERE SEEN AS MOST NEGATIVE IN QUEBEC AND THE ROC AND THAT HAS NOW BEEN ECLIPSED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND NON-INDIGENOUS, CHINESE AND NON CHINESE AND BLACK AND OTHER CANADIANS

Opinion of relations	NET NEGATIVE (January 2018)		Worsened (October 2020)	
	Canada	Quebec	Canada	Quebec
Jewish and non-Jewish in Canada	12%	24%	15%	22%
Muslims and non-Muslim in Canada	38%	53%	21%	21%
Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous in Canada	29%	28%	32%	41%

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