



CAPTURING THE PULSE OF THE NATION

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INTRODUCTION

Over the years, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and the Association for Canadian Studies have generated a number of reports that aim at “Capturing the Pulse of the Nation” on issues of racism and discrimination. This timing for this year’s report coincides with the global spread of the Corona/Covid 19 virus with its widespread affects on so many facets of our lives including an unparalleled on the social climate. By consequence we’ve added questions.



METHODOLOGY

The survey was commissioned by the Association for Canadian Studies and the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and conducted by the firm Leger Marketing with a sample of 1479 Canadians nationally via web panel during the week of March 9th, 2020. It has a probabilistic margin of error of 2.5 percent 19 times out of 20.





CONTACT AND OPINION



CONTACT WITH ASIANS HIGHEST IN BC, WITH IMMIGRANTS IT'S HIGHEST IN ALBERTA, WITH MUSLIMS IT'S HIGHEST IN ONTARIO AND WITH ABORIGINALS IT'S HIGHEST IN MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN

Have contact with OFTEN/SOMETIMES							
	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Asian Canadians	65%	46%	38%	74%	75%	76%	81%
Immigrants	71%	55%	60%	78%	75%	82%	70%
Muslims	53%	33%	39%	65%	53%	63%	47%
Aboriginals	41%	46%	26%	42%	81%	57%	58%



CANADIAN ATTITUDES TO MUSLIMS AND JEWS IMPROVE SLIGHTLY OVER THE PERIOD 2013-2020

Net Positive Opinion Of Selected Groups 2013-2020		
Aboriginals	2013	60%
	2017 (March)	73%
	2018 (November)	64%
	2020 (March)	69%
Muslims	2013	50%
	2017 (March)	55%
	2018 (November)	61%
	2020 (March)	62%
Jews	2013	70%
	2017 (March)	74%
	2018 (November)	73%
	2020 (March)	75%
Immigrants	2013	75%
	2017 (March)	72%
	2018 (November)	73%
	2020 (March)	75%

NEGATIVE OPINION OF MUSLIMS HIGHEST IN QUEBEC

Muslims - Do you have a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative opinion of the following?							
	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL POSITIVE	62%	66%	49%	68%	57%	62%	72%
Very positive	24%	28%	15%	30%	16%	28%	17%
Somewhat positive	39%	38%	35%	37%	41%	34%	54%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	23%	25%	35%	19%	28%	17%	12%
Somewhat negative	14%	15%	21%	12%	21%	12%	7%
Very negative	9%	10%	14%	8%	7%	5%	5%
I don't know	10%	7%	12%	8%	10%	13%	13%
I prefer not to answer	4%	1%	4%	5%	5%	7%	3%

NEGATIVE VIEWS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLES HIGHEST IN MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN

Aboriginal Peoples - Do you have a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative opinion of the following?

	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL POSITIVE	69%	77%	63%	74%	56%	69%	67%
Very positive	29%	34%	20%	37%	20%	28%	28%
Somewhat positive	40%	43%	43%	38%	36%	41%	40%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	19%	15%	24%	13%	36%	18%	21%
Somewhat negative	15%	10%	19%	10%	28%	13%	19%
Very negative	4%	5%	5%	3%	8%	5%	3%
I don't know	8%	3%	11%	8%	5%	6%	8%
I prefer not to answer	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	8%	3%



STATE OF RELATIONS



RELATIONS BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS SEE IMPROVEMENT

Total Positive/Not worried	March 2013 (positive opinion)	March 2016 (positive opinion)	March 2020 (not worried)
The relations Between Muslims and non-Muslims	37%	32%	50%
The relations between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals	44%	39%	41%
The relations between Immigrants and non-Immigrants	65%	52%	56%

RESIDENTS OF MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL CANADIANS

The State of Relations between aboriginals and non-aboriginals –
Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about...

	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL WORRIED	51%	45%	52%	48%	63%	64%	45%
Very worried	13%	6%	16%	11%	22%	15%	10%
Somewhat worried	38%	39%	36%	37%	41%	49%	35%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	44%	52%	45%	46%	36%	30%	49%
Not very worried	31%	34%	31%	30%	26%	27%	34%
Not worried at all	14%	18%	14%	16%	11%	4%	15%
I prefer not to answer	5%	3%	3%	6%	1%	6%	6%

CONCERN ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS HIGHEST IN ALBERTA, QUEBEC AND MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN

The State of Relations between Muslims and non-Muslims – Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about...							
	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL WORRIED	45%	37%	51%	43%	50%	53%	38%
Very worried	12%	8%	15%	10%	14%	13%	11%
Somewhat worried	34%	29%	36%	33%	37%	40%	27%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	50%	60%	47%	52%	46%	42%	56%
Not very worried	36%	38%	32%	38%	35%	33%	36%
Not worried at all	15%	22%	15%	14%	11%	9%	20%
I prefer not to answer	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	5%	7%



PERCEIVED PROBLEM OF RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION



WOMEN MORE LIKELY THAN MEN TO WORRY ABOUT RACISM IN THEIR PROVINCE

Problems of Racism and discrimination in your province - Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about...			
	Total	Man	Woman
TOTAL WORRIED	54%	47%	61%
Very worried	16%	13%	18%
Somewhat worried	38%	34%	43%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	44%	51%	37%
Not very worried	33%	36%	30%
Not worried at all	11%	15%	7%
I prefer not to answer	2%	2%	3%

YOUNGER CANADIANS ARE MOST WORRIED ABOUT RACISM IN THEIR PROVINCE

Problems of Racism and discrimination in your province – Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about...

	18-34	35-54	55+
TOTAL WORRIED	62%	51%	51%
Very worried	24%	15%	10%
Somewhat worried	38%	36%	41%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	35%	47%	47%
Not very worried	24%	36%	36%
Not worried at all	10%	11%	11%
I prefer not to answer	3%	2%	2%

ALBERTANS MOST WORRIED ABOUT RACISM IN THEIR PROVINCE

Problems of Racism and discrimination in your province - Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about...

	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL WORRIED	41%	57%	56%	51%	62%	44%
Very worried	6%	19%	16%	15%	22%	10%
Somewhat worried	35%	38%	40%	36%	40%	34%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	59%	42%	41%	48%	34%	52%
Not very worried	45%	30%	30%	38%	26%	40%
Not worried at all	14%	11%	10%	10%	8%	12%
I prefer not to answer	0%	1%	3%	1%	3%	4%



VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION



PERSONS FROM BRITISH COLOMBIA MOST LIKELY TO SAY THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION; QUEBECERS LEAST LIKELY

Have been a victim of discrimination - How often did the following statements happened to you?

	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL OFTEN/SOMETIMES	23%	16%	11%	27%	27%	26%	34%
Often	6%	2%	2%	5%	6%	11%	11%
Sometimes	18%	13%	9%	22%	21%	15%	24%
TOTAL RARELY/NEVER	75%	84%	88%	72%	71%	73%	62%
Rarely	28%	23%	20%	30%	31%	39%	27%
Never	47%	61%	68%	41%	40%	33%	35%
I prefer not to answer	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%

YOUNGER CANADIANS MORE LIKELY TO SAY THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION

Have been a victim of discrimination – How often did the following statements happened to you?				
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
TOTAL OFTEN/SOMETIMES	23%	29%	27%	17%
Often	6%	10%	5%	3%
Sometimes	18%	18%	21%	14%
TOTAL RARELY/NEVER	75%	69%	72%	83%
Rarely	28%	31%	30%	24%
Never	47%	37%	42%	59%
I prefer not to answer	2%	3%	2%	1%



RELATIONS AND OPINION OF ASIAN CANADIANS



EIGHT IN TEN CANADIANS HAVE A POSITIVE OPINION OF ASIANS

Net Positive OPINION OF Selected Groups March 2020	
Aboriginals	69%
Muslims	62%
Jews	75%
Immigrants	75%
Asians	80%

NEARLY 4 IN 10 QUEBECERS AND BRITISH COLUMBIANS ARE WORRIED ABOUT BEING IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE FROM ASIA AND IRAN

About being in contact with people from Asia or Iran –
Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about...

	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL WORRIED	32%	20%	39%	31%	32%	20%	39%
Very worried	10%	4%	15%	11%	11%	5%	9%
Somewhat worried	22%	16%	24%	21%	21%	16%	30%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	66%	76%	60%	66%	68%	78%	59%
Not very worried	39%	48%	35%	38%	45%	46%	34%
Not worried at all	27%	29%	25%	28%	23%	32%	25%
I prefer not to answer	2%	4%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%

ONE IN FOUR CANADIANS WORRIED ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN ASIANS AND NON-ASIANS WITH HIGHEST CONCERN IN BC

The state of Relations between Asians and non-Asian Canadians - Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about...

	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL WORRIED	26%	17%	22%	27%	24%	26%	32%
Very worried	5%	3%	4%	6%	4%	7%	4%
Somewhat worried	21%	15%	18%	21%	20%	19%	28%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	70%	81%	75%	68%	74%	70%	62%
Not very worried	47%	49%	51%	45%	53%	51%	40%
Not worried at all	23%	32%	24%	23%	21%	19%	22%
I prefer not to answer	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	4%	6%

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