NEW PUBLIC OPINION DATA
ON THE FRENCH LANGUAGE, BILINGUALISM AND MULTICULTURALISM

The Association for Canadian Studies commissioned this poll from Environics Research Group/Focus Canada. The survey of 2,012 Canadians 18 years of age and over looks at attitudes toward the French language, bilingualism and multiculturalism in Canada. The ACS-Environics survey was carried out by telephone from March 15-23, 2003. Results are accurate to within plus or minus 3,5%, 19 times out of 20. Comparison to 2000 data refers to Environics/Focus Canada data from its "Focus Canada Report 2000-1".

Do you think the future of the French language and culture **in Quebec** is very secure, somewhat secure, not very secure, or not at all secure? (by language spoken at home)

	Total Canada		English		French	
	2003	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*
Very Secure	33	32	39	38	15	9
Somewhat secure	41	40	42	41	38	38
Not very secure	18	20	12	13	37	42
Not at all secure	6	6	5	5	9	11
DK/NA	2	2	2	3	1	-

Do you think the future of the French language and culture **in Quebec** is very secure, somewhat secure, not very secure, or not at all secure? (by region)

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	2003	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*
Very Secure	50	40	17	14	40	40	33	35
Somewhat secure	34	39	38	39	41	40	45	42
Not very secure	12	13	35	38	12	14	15	13
Not at all secure	3	5	10	9	5	6	5	6
DK/NA	1	3	1	-	2	1	2	5

Do you think the future of the French language and culture in Canada **outside of Quebec** is very secure, somewhat secure, not very secure, or not at all secure? (by language spoken at home)

	Total Canada		English		French	
	2003	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*
Very Secure	7	8	8	9	3	4
Somewhat secure	31	31	36	36	18	12
Not very secure	39	38	37	36	43	47
Not at all secure	21	21	16	17	35	36
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	1	1

Do you think the future of the French language and culture in Canada **outside of Quebec** is very secure, somewhat secure, not very secure, or not at all secure? (by region)

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	2003	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*
Very Secure	13	17	3	4	8	10	7	7
Somewhat secure	45	46	16	14	36	36	34	35
Not very secure	35	25	44	47	38	35	38	37
Not at all secure	7	11	35	34	16	18	20	17
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	2	1	2	3

As you know, English and French are Canada's two official languages. Are you, personally, in favour of bilingualism for all of Canada? (by language spoken at home)

	Total Canada		English		French	
	2003	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*
Yes	56	57	46	46	88	91
No	42	39	52	48	9	8

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	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	2003	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*
Yes	54	60	89	89	45	47	44	42
No	44	37	8	8	52	49	55	51

Are you in favour of bilingualism for your province? (by region)

	Total Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	2003	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*	*2003*	*2000*
Yes	57	57	63	68	83	83	52	51	41	39
No	41	39	35	31	15	13	46	45	57	56

How important are each of the following to the Canadian identity...?
(by topic and language spoken at home)

	Bilingualism		Multiculturalism		Charter of Rights and Freedoms	
	English	*French*	*English*	*French*	*English*	*French*
Very important	31	58	47	44	72	66
Somewhat important	37	30	39	40	22	26
Not very important	18	8	8	11	3	3
Not at all important	13	3	6	5	3	4