
CANADIAN OPINION ON THE CORONAVIRUS – N°25: DO YOU THINK YOU ALREADY HAD COVID-19? AT LEAST 20 MILLION AMERICANS BELIEVE THEY'VE HAD IT OR CURRENTLY HAVE IT AND NEVER GOT TESTED

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INTRODUCTION

- According to the ACS-Leger survey some 8% of the 18 and over population believe they have had or currently have Covid 19 which equals 20 million Americans and that is without counting those who say they don't know or prefer not to answer which could imply another 20 million that are unsure. It is amongst North East Americans and those under the age of 40 that the presumption of having the virus is highest

AT LEAST 20 MILLION AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD THE VIRUS BUT DID NOT GET TESTED; MOST ARE BETWEEN 35 TO 54 YEARS OF AGE

Do you believe you had or currently have the COVID-19 virus, but did not get tested?												
USA	Total	NE	MW	South	West	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Yes	8%	12%	6%	8%	7%	9%	8%	11%	13%	6%	9%	2%
No	83%	82%	83%	81%	87%	84%	83%	82%	79%	84%	82%	89%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	8%	6%	10%	10%	6%	7%	9%	7%	8%	10%	9%	9%

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU GOT THE VIRUS? MOST AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THEY GOT IT FROM GOING OUT IN PUBLIC

USA	
How do you think you got the virus?	
From a family member or a friend	29%
From going out in public (e.g., grocery store, work or public	45%
From traveling outside of my city prior to the contagion	15%
Other, please specify:	11%

OF THOSE AMERICANS THAT BELIEVE THEY HAD/HAVE THE VIRUS NEARLY TWO IN THREE THINK THAT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM COVID 19 IS BEING GREATLY EXAGGERATED

The number of deaths related to COVID-19 is exaggerated - Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	Do you believe you had or currently have the COVID-19 virus, but did not get tested?		
	Yes	No	Total
Strongly agree	35.3%	20.0%	21.1%
Somewhat agree	29.4%	16.6%	18.0%
Somewhat disagree	11.8%	14.2%	13.8%
Strongly disagree	23.5%	49.2%	47.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

OF THOSE AMERICANS THAT BELIEVE THEY HAD/HAVE THE VIRUS NEARLY HALF THINK IT IS LIKE A NORMAL FLU

COVID-19 is like a normal flu - Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	Do you believe you had or currently have the COVID-19 virus, but did not get tested?		Total
	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	23.8%	9.8%	10.9%
Somewhat agree	26.2%	16.6%	17.0%
Somewhat disagree	23.8%	18.4%	19.5%
Strongly disagree	26.2%	55.1%	52.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

OF THOSE AMERICANS THAT BELIEVE THEY HAD/HAVE THE VIRUS THINK THAT THERE IS A CURE THAT THEY ARE BEING PREVENTED FROM USING

There is a cure for COVID-19, but there are people who prevent it from being used - Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	: Do you believe you had or currently have the COVID-19 virus, but did not get tested?		Total
	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	24.7%	10.4%	11.8%
Somewhat agree	27.1%	15.3%	16.5%
Somewhat disagree	15.3%	20.7%	19.8%
Strongly disagree	32.9%	53.5%	51.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

METHODOLOGY

Web survey using computer-assisted Web interviewing (CAWI) technology.

From May 22th to May 24th, 2020

1,005 Americans, 18 years of age or older, randomly recruited from LEO's online panel.

Using data from the 2016 Census, results were weighted according to gender, age, mother tongue, region, education level and presence of children in the household in order to ensure a representative sample of the population.

No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample (Web panel in this case). However for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 2,009 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20, while a probability sample of 1,012 would have a margin of error of $\pm 3.08\%$, 19 times out of 20.

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