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# THE STATE OF INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS IN QUEBEC AND THE REST OF CANADA SINCE THE PANDEMIC

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# INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

Over the course of the pandemic the issue of race relations has been the object of considerable attention. Indeed there have been several incidents that have called into question our societal commitment to identify prejudice and racism and to call it out when it arises. That which follows looks at the areas where intercultural relations are seen as especially challenging by Canadians. For much of the period prior to the pandemic the predominant concern around intercultural relations was faith based with Muslim and non-Muslim relations being the main source of concern. In the survey results that follow we observe that relations between Chinese and non-Chinese Canadians are now the dominant concern followed by Indigenous and non-Indigenous and Black and other Canadians. Language (English and French) and faith based relations are a cause of lesser concern at present. And while Muslim and non-Muslim relations are currently a somewhat lesser source of preoccupation, recent events in France may end up seeing a repositioning of concerns in that regard

The survey was conducted via web panel by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies between October 16-18, 2020 with 1512 Canadians and while no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample for comparative purposes it would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20

**HIGHEST CONCERN IS IN REGARDS TO RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINESE AND NON-CHINESE CANADIANS;  
OVERALL QUEBECERS EXPRESS HIGHEST CONCERN OVER STATE OF INTERGROUP RELATIONS AND  
MOST LIKELY TO FEEL INDIGENOUS AND NON INDIGENOUS RELATIONS HAVE WORSENERD**

Since the beginning of the Pandemic would you say that relationships worsened between							
Worsened	Canada	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
<b>Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians</b>	32%	36%	<b>41%</b>	<b>28%</b>	34%	25%	30%
<b>French and English-speaking Canadians</b>	17%	14%	<b>22%</b>	<b>14%</b>	20%	23%	14%
<b>Chinese and other Canadians</b>	50%	<b>38%</b>	49%	53%	44%	52%	54%
<b>Black and other Canadians</b>	31%	29%	<b>26%</b>	<b>34%</b>	29%	37%	28%
<b>Muslim and non-Muslim Canadians</b>	21%	<b>12%</b>	21%	22%	23%	24%	19%
<b>Jewish and non-Jewish Canadians</b>	15%	12%	<b>22%</b>	14%	10%	14%	<b>7%</b>
Index of Intercultural Relations based on the average of the six bilateral relations	<b>26%</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>26.6%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>25.3%</b>

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-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%
Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals in Canada	29%	28%	32%	41%

**SHARE SIMILAR PERCEPTIONS OF WHERE RELATIONS HAVE WORSENERD BUT DIVERGE IN REGARDS TO RELATIONS WITH BLACK-NON BLACK CANADIANS AND CHINESE AND NON CHINESE CANADIANS**

<b>Since the beginning of the Pandemic would you say that relationships worsened between</b>		
<b>Worse</b>	<b>Visible Minorities</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>French and English-speaking Canadians</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Chinese and other Canadians</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Black and other Canadians</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Muslim and non-Muslim Canadians</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Jewish and non-Jewish Canadians</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>

# ON ISSUES OF RELATIONS ACROSS LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS CANADIANS MOST MORE THAN THREE IN FOUR CANADIANS DO NOT FEEL THAT MUCH HAS CHANGED

Since the beginning of the Pandemic would you say that relationships stayed the same between							
Stay the Same	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians	63%	62%	55%	66%	59%	72%	66%
French and English-speaking Canadians	77%	80%	73%	80%	76%	73%	80%
Chinese and other Canadians	47%	61%	49%	44%	51%	45%	44%
Black and other Canadians	61%	66%	64%	57%	62%	60%	68%
Muslim and non-Muslim Canadians	76%	83%	76%	74%	74%	74%	76%
Jewish and non-Jewish Canadians	82%	85%	76%	81%	83%	86%	87%

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