

VIEWS ON NATIONALISM IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

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TYPES OF NATIONALISM

- Since the emergence of the nation-state, nationalism has been the object of considerable debate. Some commentators regard nationalism as a positive force for unifying peoples by strengthening shared attachment to the nation or national entity. In this nationalism is generally equated with patriotism and/or love of country.
- Others however regard nationalism as inevitably polarizing and divisive by creating an us versus them paradigm that will exclude or stigmatize vulnerable segments of the population (i.e. immigrants and/or ethnic minorities).
- Nationalism may express itself as state based or as a non-state movement and has been described as civic, ethnic, cultural, religious and ideological. But such descriptions are not mutually exclusive and several nationalist movements combine them in multiple ways.
- Nationalist movements often compete with others and under such circumstances often describe their “nationalism” as ‘good’ and the ‘other’ as bad.

METHODOLOGY

- The firm Leger Marketing conducted a survey of Canadians for the Association for Canadian Studies that looked into issues of nationalism and identity. Conducted with some 1519 Canadians via web panel during the week of November 12, 2018. The survey reveals that the majority of Canadians have a positive view of nationalism in contrast with the United States where the population is more divided around nationalism. The American sample was collected via web panel by Leger Marketing USA during the week of November 19th, 2018 with some 1000 respondents.

60% OF CANADIANS VERSUS 45% OF AMERICANS HAVE A POSITIVE VIEW OF NATIONALISM; IN BOTH COUNTRIES NEARLY ONE IN SIX DON'T KNOW

| Nationalism | United States | Canada |
|------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Total positive | 44.7% | 60% |
| Very positive | 24.0% | 21.1% |
| Somewhat positive | 20.7% | 38.9% |
| Somewhat negative | 13.3% | 14.5% |
| Very negative | 20.3% | 6.1% |
| I don't know | 16.1% | 16.3% |
| I prefer not to answer | 5.6% | 3.1% |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% |

IS CANADA A “NATIONALIST”? WELL, SIX IN TEN CANADIANS HAVE A POSITIVE VIEW OF NATIONALISM

| Nationalism in Canada | What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand? | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------|-------|-------|
| | French | English | Other | Total |
| Total positive | 65.5% | 58.6% | 49.6% | 60% |
| Very positive | 16.6% | 21.8% | 16.3% | 21.1% |
| Somewhat positive | 48.9% | 36.8% | 33.3% | 38.9% |
| Somewhat negative | 15.0% | 14.3% | 16.3% | 14.5% |
| Very negative | 4.2% | 7.6% | 5.9% | 6.1% |
| I don't know | 12.5% | 16.4% | 22.2% | 16.3% |
| I prefer not to answer | 2.9% | 3.1% | 5.9% | 3.1% |

IN THE US NATIONALISM THE REACTION TO NATIONALISM BREAKS DOWN IN A VERY SIMILAR WAY ACROSS “RACIAL” LINES

| Nationalism in the United States | Black or African-American | White or Caucasian | Other | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Total positive | 43.1% | 44.7% | 43.5% | 44.7% |
| Very positive | 23.1% | 23.9% | 25.6% | 24.0% |
| Somewhat positive | 20.0% | 20.8% | 17.9% | 20.7% |
| Somewhat negative | 12.3% | 13.8% | 10.3% | 13.3% |
| Very negative | 14.6% | 21.6% | 28.2% | 20.3% |
| I don't know | 20.8% | 16.0% | 12.8% | 16.1% |
| I prefer not to answer | 9.2% | 4.0% | 5.1% | 5.6% |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

FRANCOPHONES THAT ARE THE LEAST POSITIVE ABOUT NATIONALISM ARE THE MOST ATTACHED TO CANADA WHILE ANGLOPHONES MOST POSITIVE ABOUT NATIONALISM ARE MOST ATTACHED TO CANADA

| | | Nationalism | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative |
| French | Very attached to Canada | 34.6% | 35.1% | 37.0% | 53.8% |
| | Somewhat attached to Canada | 30.8% | 48.7% | 50.0% | 23.1% |
| English | Very attached to Canada | 85.1% | 62.3% | 67.8% | 55.6% |
| | Somewhat attached to Canada | 11.6% | 30.8% | 26.3% | 25.4% |

MOST POSITIVE ABOUT NATIONALISM EXPRESS THE MOST PRIDE IN THE HISTORY OF CANADA

| | | Nationalism | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative |
| I am proud of Canadian history | | | | | |
| French | Strongly agree | 35.3% | 27.0% | 28.3% | 30.8% |
| | Somewhat agree | 41.2% | 52.0% | 41.3% | 23.1% |
| English | Strongly agree | 61.9% | 35.5% | 33.9% | 23.8% |
| | Somewhat agree | 30.4% | 51.1% | 46.6% | 42.9% |



NATIONALISM, MIGRATION AND DIVERSITY:

THERE IS SOME AMBIGUITY AMONGST THE MOST POSITIVE ABOUT NATIONALISM IN CANADA WHEN IT COMES TO DIVERSITY BUT IN GENERAL CANADIANS POSITIVELY DISPOSED TOWARDS NATIONALISM VALUE DIVERSITY IN CONTRAST TO EUROPEAN EXPRESSIONS OF NATIONALISM.

THOSE WHO VIEW NATIONALISM MORE POSITIVELY IN CANADA ARE SOMEWHAT MORE WORRIED ABOUT IMMIGRANTS THAN THOSE VIEWING IT NEGATIVELY

| Worried about... The numbers of immigrants in Canada | Nationalism | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative |
| Total - Worried | 40.5% | 47.6% | 45.5% | 27.2% |
| Very worried | 14.0% | 14.7% | 14.0% | 19.6% |
| Somewhat worried | 26.5% | 32.9% | 31.5% | 7.6% |
| Not very worried | 34.3% | 35.6% | 31.1% | 29.3% |
| Not worried at all | 24.9% | 15.5% | 22.5% | 43.5% |
| I prefer not to answer | .3% | 1.2% | .9% | |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

SOFTER NATIONALISTS (SOMEWHAT POSITIVE AND SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE) ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT ETHNIC DIVERSITY

| Worried about... The degree of ethnic and religious diversity in your province | Nationalism | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative |
| Total - Worried | 27.0% | 34.9% | 34.5% | 27.7% |
| Very worried | 8.8% | 8.3% | 6.8% | 14.9% |
| Somewhat worried | 19.5% | 26.6% | 27.7% | 12.8% |
| Not very worried | 40.9% | 42.0% | 38.2% | 28.7% |
| Not worried at all | 29.2% | 22.7% | 26.4% | 43.6% |
| I prefer not to answer | 1.6% | .5% | .9% | |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

MOST POSITIVE ABOUT NATIONALISM ARE THE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THREATS AT THE BORDER BETWEEN CANADA AND THE US

| Worried about... Security threats at the border(s) between Canada and the United States | Nationalism | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative |
| Total - Worried | 62.3% | 56.7% | 55.5% | 48.9% |
| Very worried | 24.6% | 17.4% | 21.4% | 27.2% |
| Somewhat worried | 37.7% | 39.3% | 34.1% | 21.7% |
| Not very worried | 24.9% | 33.2% | 30.5% | 19.6% |
| Not worried at all | 11.8% | 9.6% | 14.1% | 31.5% |
| I prefer not to answer | .9% | .5% | | |

MOST POSITIVE AROUND NATIONALISM MOST LIKELY TO VIEW CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL POLICY FAVORABLY

| Canadian multicultural policy | Nationalism | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative |
| Total positive | 78.9% | 75.6% | 47% | 64.1% |
| Very Positive | 46.9% | 16.4% | 14.0% | 29.3% |
| Somewhat positive | 32.0% | 59.2% | 33.0% | 34.8% |
| Somewhat negative | 8.7% | 14.5% | 38.0% | 9.8% |
| Very negative | 7.5% | 4.0% | 10.9% | 16.3% |
| I don't know | 5.0% | 5.1% | 4.1% | 9.8% |
| I prefer not to answer | | 0.8% | | |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

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