



# LEARNING ABOUT CANADA'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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# INTRODUCTION

- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. Knowledge of the history of First Nations, Inuit and Métis is essential to understanding the history of our country. To mark the occasion, the Association for Canadian Studies commissioned the firm Leger to look at the degree of contact that Canadians report with Canada's indigenous peoples, the extent to which they feel learning about indigenous peoples should be compulsory in schools, the extent to which Canadians want to learn more about historic injustices committed against indigenous peoples and the degree to which Canadians hear negative remarks towards indigenous peoples.

## METHODOLOGY

The data were collected via a Web survey conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies from June 7 to 11, 2019 among a representative sample of 1,560 English- or French-speaking Canadians, 18 years of age or older. An equivalent phone survey would have a margin of error of 3.5 points 19 times out of 20

Using data from Statistics Canada, the results were weighted according to gender, age, region, language spoken at home, education and whether or not children are present in the household to ensure a sample representative of the entire population under review.

# QUEBECERS LEAST LIKELY TO HAVE CONTACT WITH INDIGENOUS PERSONS WHILE MANITOBANS AND SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS MOST OFTEN REPORT CONTACT

	Had contact with an aboriginal/indigenous person?			
	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
ATLANTIC	21.5%	37.4%	26.2%	13.1%
QC	13.4%	24.8%	32.2%	28.9%
ON	23.2%	32.4%	30.6%	11.7%
MB/SK	46.5%	29.7%	13.9%	8.9%
AB	35.8%	42.0%	18.2%	3.4%
BC	34.4%	39.2%	16.0%	8.5%
Total	25.2%	32.8%	26.2%	14.3%

# LEARNING ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS/ABORIGINAL PEOPLES SHOULD BE COMPULSORY IN ALL SCHOOLS

Learning about the indigenous/aboriginal Peoples should be compulsory in all schools	Total
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>77%</b>
Strongly agree	36%
Somewhat agree	41%
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>18%</b>
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	6%
I prefer not to answer	5%

# MAJORITY OF CANADIANS SAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INJUSTICES COMMITTED AGAINST CANADA'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

I would like to learn more about the injustices committed against Canada's indigenous peoples	Total
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>61%</b>
Strongly agree	20%
Somewhat agree	41%
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>32%</b>
Somewhat disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	11%
I prefer not to answer	7%

# SIX IN TEN CANADIANS EXPRESS INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT INJUSTICES COMMITTED TOWARDS ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

	I would like to learn more about the injustices committed against Canada's indigenous peoples		
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	TOTAL AGREE
ATLANTIC	21.5%	45.8%	67.3%
QC	18.9%	46.4%	65.3%
ON	23.4%	41.5%	64.9%
MB/SK	14.7%	27.5%	42.2%
AB	16.7%	39.7%	56.3%
BC	16.5%	38.7%	55.2%
Total	19.9%	41.4%	61.4%

# MANITOBANS AND SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS MOST LIKELY TO REPORT HEARING NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

	My family and friends make negative comments about aboriginal/indigenous peoples		
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	TOTAL
ATLANTIC	1.9%	10.4%	12.3%
QC	3.6%	15.3%	18.9%
ON	3.2%	18.9%	22.1%
MB/SK	14.7%	34.3%	49.0%
AB	6.3%	29.0%	35.2%
BC	5.2%	23.1%	28.3%
Total	4.6%	20.2%	24.7%



# ONE IN FOUR CANADIANS REPORT HEARING NEGATIVE COMMENTS FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS REGARDING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

My family and friends make negative comments about aboriginal/indigenous peoples	Total
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>25%</b>
Strongly agree	5%
Somewhat agree	20%
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>70%</b>
Somewhat disagree	27%
Strongly disagree	43%
I prefer not to answer	5%

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