
DO WE TRUST THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES?

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INTRODUCTION

- I am certain that several of your family members and/or friends have said that they will not take the Covid 19 vaccine. They will however need to count on a sufficient numbers of others to do so. At present (January 29-31, 2021) some 7 in 10 Canadians say they would take an approved vaccine. It is uncertain whether that percentage is sufficient to create the necessary degree of population immunity as this will depend on the share of persons that get the vaccine combined with its estimated effectiveness.
- Leger-ACS surveys revealed that the majority of Canadians want the vaccine to be voluntary and most oppose a mandatory vaccine. But a majority of Canadians do concede that employers have the right to require their employees to get vaccinated. And **80% of Canadians agree that if their employer requires that they get vaccinated they would do it. Employers may be our best hope for reaching population immunity.**
- There is an important caveat however. Of the 20% of employees that would refuse to do so, over 50% say they would file a complaint and 25% say they would look for another job and it is most likely that persons with low income would be most affected by employers making it mandatory to be vaccinated
- These findings arise from a survey conducted via web panel by Leger in partnership with the Association for Canadian Studies between January 29 and January 31, 2021 with 1559 Canadians and while no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample, for comparative purposes the national sample would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20.

SEVEN IN TEN CANADIANS SAY THEY INTEND TO GET VACCINATED

When a vaccine for COVID-19 that had been approved by Health Canada becomes available to the population and it is free, do you intend to get vaccinated?

	Total	Man	Woman	18-34	35-54	55+	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	70%	73%	66%	64%	62%	81%	77%	73%	69%	64%	63%	71%
No	15%	13%	18%	21%	21%	7%	15%	13%	14%	18%	21%	18%
I don't know	15%	14%	16%	15%	18%	13%	8%	14%	17%	18%	15%	11%

ONLY IN QUEBEC DO MOST FEEL THAT EMPLOYERS SHOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO GET VACCINATED

Do you think that employers have the right to require their employees to get vaccinated?

	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	51%	61%	43%	57%	49%	50%	49%
No	37%	28%	48%	31%	38%	44%	36%
I don't know	11%	11%	9%	13%	12%	6%	15%

CANADIANS AGE 35-54 ARE DIVIDED OVER WHETHER EMPLOYERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO GET VACCINATED

Do you think that employers have the right to require their employees to get vaccinated?

	Total	Man	Woman	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	51%	55%	48%	47%	44%	61%
No	37%	33%	41%	40%	44%	30%
I don't know	11%	12%	11%	13%	12%	10%

EIGHT IN TEN AGREE THAT THEY WOULD GET VACCINATED IF THEIR EMPLOYER REQUIRED THEM TO DO SO

If your employer requires that you get vaccinated will you...									
	Total	Man	Woman	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Get Vaccinated	80%	83%	77%	83%	78%	82%	75%	76%	80%
Refuse to Get Vaccinated	20%	17%	23%	17%	22%	18%	25%	24%	20%

AMONGST THOSE SAYING THEY WOULD NOT COMPLY A MAJORITY SAY THEY WOULD FILE A COMPLAINT IF THEIR JOB WAS IN QUESTION; ONE IN FOUR SAID THEY WOULD LOOK FOR ANOTHER JOB

If you refuse to get vaccinated will you...												
	Total	Man	Woman	French	English	Others	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
File a complaint	54%	58%	51%	51%	49%	67%	66%	57%	55%	52%	40%	55%
Look for another job	26%	28%	25%	27%	28%	21%	22%	25%	24%	31%	43%	15%
Other, please specify:	20%	14%	24%	22%	23%	13%	12%	18%	21%	17%	17%	30%

MANUEL WORKERS WOULD BE LEAST LIKELY TO COMPLY IF REQUIRED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS TO GET VACCINATED

What is your current main occupation	If your employer requires that you get vaccinated will you...		Total
	Get Vaccinated	Refuse to Get Vaccinated	
OFFICE WORKER (Cashier, office clerk, accounting clerk, secretary, etc.)	76.4%	23.6%	100.0%
PERSONNEL SPECIALIZED IN SALES (Insurance agent, salesperson, sales clerk, real estate agent, real estate broker, sales)	76.8%	23.2%	100.0%
PERSONNEL SPECIALIZED IN SERVICES (Security agent, taxi driver, hairdresser, cook, clergy member, military force member,)	80.5%	19.5%	100.0%
MANUAL WORKERS (Farmer, packer, day labourer, miner, fisherman, forest worker, etc.)	59.3%	40.7%	100.0%
SKILLED, SEMI-SKILLED WORKERS (Bricklayer, truck driver, electrician, machine operator, mechanic, painter, plumber, etc.)	70.8%	29.2%	100.0%
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIES WORKERS (Computer operator, programmer-analyst, technician, audio-technician, lab technician,)	82.9%	17.1%	100.0%
PROFESSIONALS (Archeologist, architect, artist, lawyer, banker, biologist, chemist, accountant, consultant, foreman, den)	85.5%	14.5%	100.0%
MANAGERS / ADMINISTRATORS / OWNERS (Director, editor, entrepreneur, executive, manager, businessperson, politician.)	81.1%	18.9%	100.0%

LOWEST INCOME LEAST LIKELY TO COMPLY IF THEIR EMPLOYER REQUIRED THEM TO GET VACCINATED

Among the following categories, which one best reflects the total INCOME, before taxes, of all the members of your household in 2020?	If your employer requires that you get vaccinated will you...		Total
	Get Vaccinated	Refuse to Get Vaccinated	
\$19,999 or less	66.2%	33.8%	100.0%
Between \$20,000 and \$39,999	80.6%	19.4%	100.0%
Between \$40,000 and \$59,999	81.3%	18.7%	100.0%
Between \$60,000 and \$79,999	80.2%	19.8%	100.0%
Between \$80,000 and \$99,999	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%
Between \$100,000 and \$124,999	83.1%	16.9%	100.0%
Between \$125,000 and \$149,999	85.2%	14.8%	100.0%
\$150,000 or more	81.7%	18.3%	100.0%
I prefer not to answer	76.0%	24.0%	100.0%
Total	79.9%	20.1%	100.0%

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