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# ALL BY MYSELF: THE WAY WE WORK IN 2019

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# INTRODUCTION

- Team work that's what counts is an all too familiar adage that is often described as a formula for achieving success in many areas. But when it comes to work and study the majority of Canadians do so on their own as revealed in analysis of a detailed survey of Canadians conducted by the firm Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies. The report also explores the link between working and studying on one's own and dependence on the technologies which are increasingly affecting the way we work and study.

## METHODOLOGY

- The survey was commissioned from the firm Leger Marketing and conducted with a sample of 2344 Canadians nationally which included an oversample making for a total of 624 foreign-born Canadians surveyed all via web panel during the week of February 25th, 2019. It has a probabilistic margin of error of 2.9 percent 19 times out of 20.

NEARLY THREE IN FOUR CANADIANS OFTEN OR SOMETIMES WORK OR STUDY ON THEIR OWN WHILE NEARLY TWO OUT OF THREE SAY THEY NEVER OR RARELY WORK OR STUDY IN A GROUP

	How often do you do the following?	
	Work or study on my own	Work or study in a group
Often	40.9%	10.0%
Sometimes	31.3%	24.1%
Rarely	14.0%	28.4%
Never	12.1%	35.7%
I prefer not to answer	1.8%	1.8%
Total	100%	100%

# YOUNGER PEOPLE MORE LIKELY TO WORK AND STUDY ON THEIR OWN

Often	How often do you do the following?
	Work or study on my own
Between 18 and 24	61.7%
Between 25 and 34	49.8%
Between 35 and 44	37.0%
Between 45 and 54	43.5%
Between 55 and 64	37.3%
Between 65 and 74	29.0%

# MORE EDUCATED ARE MORE LIKELY TO WORK ON THEIR OWN

Often	Work or study on my own
High school, general or vocational (8 to 12 years)	34.1%
College (pre-university, technical training, certificate, etc)	38.4%
University certificates and diplomas	44.0%
University Bachelor (including classical studies)	49.3%
University Master's degree	44.3%
University Doctorate (PhD)	69.2%

# FRANCOPHONES MOST LIKELY TO WORK IN GROUPS

Often	Work or study on my own	Work or study in a group
French	37.0%	15.5%
English	39.8%	7.8%
Other	43.2%	9.5%

# PROFESSIONALS MOST LIKELY TO WORK ON THEIR OWN CLERICAL WORKERS LEAST LIKELY TO DO SO

Often	Work and Study on my own	Work and Study in a group
OFFICE WORKER (Cashier, office clerk, accounting clerk, secretary)	35.3%	12.4%
PERSONNEL SPECIALIZED IN SALES (Insurance agent, salesperson)	51.0%	16.0%
PERSONNEL SPECIALIZED IN SERVICES (Security agent, taxi driver)	35.3%	18.8%
MANUAL WORKERS (Farmer, packer, day labourer, miner, fisherman)	52.2%	17.0%
SKILLED, SEMI-SKILLED WORKERS (Bricklayer, truck driver, etc)	37.3%	4.5%
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIES WORKERS (Computer operator, program)	55.6%	18.5%
PROFESSIONALS (Archeologist, architect, artist, lawyer, bank)	56.2%	13.1%
MANAGERS/ADMINISTRATORS/OWNERS (Director, editor, entrepreneur)	48.6%	12.4%
STUDENT (Full-time or whose studies take up most of his/her time)	73.4%	20.0%



# PEOPLE THAT MOST OFTEN WORK ON THEIR OWN ARE MOST LIKELY TO FEEL HELPLESS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS

	I feel helpless when I do not have access to the Internet		
Work or study on my own	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Agree Total
Often	19.3%	35.5%	54.8%
Sometimes	11.7%	37.5%	49.2%
Rarely	11.4%	32.7%	44.15
Never	14.3%	30.8%	45.1%

# PEOPLE THAT MOST OFTEN WORK ON THEIR OWN FEEL MOST HELPLESS WHEN THEIR MOBILE PHONE HAS NO BATTERY

	I feel helpless when my mobile phone has no battery		
Work or study on my own	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Agree Total
Often	23.2%	27.6%	50.8%
Sometimes	15.9%	27.4%	43.3%
Rarely	14.2%	24.2%	38.4%
Never	17.0%	19.8%	36.8%

# PEOPLE THAT MOST OFTEN WORK ON THEIR OWN ARE MOST COMFORTABLE USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES

	I feel comfortable using new technologies		
Work or study on my own	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Agree Total
Often	39.2%	41.4%	80.6%
Sometimes	25.7%	52.8%	78.5%
Rarely	21.3%	48.8%	70.1%
Never	15.6%	52.8%	69.4%

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