
VACCINE PASSPORTS: THE MAJORITY OF CANADIANS ARE FAVORABLE TO THE IDEA

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INTRODUCTION: A NARROW MAJORITY OF CANADIANS SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A VACCINE PASSPORT

From concerts to plays, cultural events are taking place again in Israel — at least for those who have been vaccinated. What is referred to as a "green passport," or a [digital vaccination certificate](#) that Israel has introduced has become the object of much debate in that country and elsewhere. For some, the idea the passport brings a longed-for return to normality. It also creates tremendous pressure for vaccination as those who do not do so are 'left behind'. Critics contend that the passport divides society, friends and families. The latest Leger survey with the Association for Canadian Studies reveals that a narrow majority of Canadians (52%) support the idea with 35% opposed and others unsure. Younger Canadians, Prairies residents and Conservatives are somewhat more divided over the idea. Canadians over the age of 55, Liberals and, perhaps most important, those Canadians that have been vaccinated like the idea. The Leger-ACS poll was conducted amongst 1532 Canadians 18 years of age and over between February 25 and 27, 2021 and while no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample, for comparative purposes the national sample of 1532 Canadians would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20.

OPPOSITION TO VACCINE PASSPORTS IS SOMEWHAT HIGHER ON THE PRAIRIES AND ALBERTA THAN ELSEWHERE IN CANADA

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	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	52%	46%	52%	56%	43%	48%	49%
No	35%	21%	38%	32%	41%	41%	33%
I don't know	14%	33%	10%	12%	16%	10%	18%

NARROW MAJORITY OF QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES AND NON-FRANCOPHONES SUPPORT VACCINE PASSPORTS

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Yes	52.3%	52.4%
No	37.9%	36.9%
I don't know	9.7%	10.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

A MAJORITY OF CANADIANS SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A VACCINE PASSPORT BUT A SIGNIFICANT MINORITY OF CANADIANS OPPOSES THE IDEA ESPECIALLY THOSE UNDER 35

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	Total	Man	Woman	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	52%	55%	49%	47%	50%	57%
No	35%	33%	36%	40%	35%	30%
I don't know	14%	12%	15%	12%	16%	13%

CONSERVATIVE SUPPORTERS ARE SOMEWHAT MORE OPPOSED TO VACCINE PASSPORTS THAN OTHERS

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	Total	LPC	NDP	BQ	CPC	GPC
Yes	52%	64%	51%	53%	50%	54%
No	35%	24%	32%	38%	42%	35%
I don't know	14%	12%	17%	9%	8%	11%

PERSONS THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED ARE MORE FAVORABLE TO VACCINE PASSPORTS THAN THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED

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	Have you, or someone in your immediate family, received a COVID-19 vaccine shot?	
	Yes, I have received a COVID-19 vaccine shot	No
Yes	64%	51%
No	26%	35%
I don't know	9%	14%

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