

Report

COVID-19 ANALYSIS OF WEEK 6 SURVEY RESULTS

POLICY SUPPORT

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METHODOLOGY



Web survey using computer-assisted Web interviewing (CAWI) technology.



From April 24th to April 26th, 2020



1,515 Canadians, 18 years or older, randomly recruited from LEO's online panel.



Using data from the 2016 Census, results were weighted according to gender, age, mother tongue, region, education level and presence of children in the household in order to ensure a representative sample of the population.



No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample (Web panel in this case). However for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1,504 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.51\%$, 19 times out of 20.

The research results presented here are in full compliance with the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements.

Support for Policy that Relaxes Social Distancing Restrictions for Under 65

In general, males are more supportive of a policy to relax current social distancing restrictions, but so are females age 25 to 34, visible minorities, French speakers and immigrants.

| Identity Markers | SUPPORT | | OPPOSE | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Age group | | | | |
| 18-24 | 68% | 49% | 21% | 43% |
| 25-34 | 52% | 60% | 37% | 31% |
| 35-44 | 53% | 48% | 33% | 41% |
| 45-54 | 49% | 44% | 41% | 49% |
| 55-64 | 46% | 36% | 47% | 55% |
| 65 and over | 40% | 27% | 56% | 63% |
| Ethnicity | | | | |
| Visible Minority | 56% | 54% | 34% | 40% |
| non-Visible Minority | 48% | 41% | 43% | 49% |
| Language | | | | |
| English | 45% | 36% | 45% | 55% |
| French | 61% | 56% | 33% | 34% |
| Other | 56% | 36% | 33% | 53% |
| Multiple | 57% | 56% | 33% | 41% |
| Immigrant Status | | | | |
| Canadian-born | 49% | 41% | 42% | 50% |
| Immigrant | 52% | 52% | 36% | 41% |
| TOTAL | 50% | 42% | 41% | 49% |

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Single males are more supportive of relaxing social distancing restrictions as are persons from both sexes in a common law relationship. Persons with children in the household also tend to support the policy, especially females with children from multiple age groups

| Family Demographics | SUPPORT | | OPPOSE | |
|---|------------|------------|--------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Marital Status | | | | |
| Single | 53% | 40% | 36% | 48% |
| Married | 47% | 45% | 47% | 47% |
| Common law | 51% | 53% | 39% | 38% |
| Divorced, Widowed or Separated | 53% | 28% | 37% | 62% |
| Children in Household | | | | |
| Yes, 12 year of age and older | 62% | 49% | 29% | 39% |
| Yes, 12 year of age and older AND younger than 12 years old | 49% | 64% | 40% | 25% |
| Yes, younger than 12 years old only | 55% | 59% | 33% | 32% |
| No children <18 years old in household | 48% | 37% | 44% | 54% |
| TOTAL | 50% | 42% | 41% | 49% |

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The majority of males with low-income and education support the policy whereas the opposite can be said for females. Highly educated persons are more supportive of the policy, regardless of gender.

| Socioeconomic Measures | SUPPORT | | OPPOSE | |
|--|------------|------------|--------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Income | | | | |
| \$19,999 or less | 59% | 35% | 34% | 56% |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999 | 42% | 38% | 45% | 53% |
| \$40,000 to \$59,999 | 45% | 42% | 48% | 43% |
| \$60,000 to \$79,999 | 56% | 44% | 36% | 50% |
| \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 44% | 57% | 47% | 38% |
| \$100,000 or more | 55% | 46% | 37% | 49% |
| I prefer not to answer | 40% | 30% | 40% | 51% |
| Education | | | | |
| High school, vocational or less | 51% | 38% | 38% | 53% |
| College (13-15 years) | 49% | 44% | 42% | 46% |
| University certificates, diplomas, bachelors | 50% | 45% | 43% | 46% |
| University Master's or Doctorate (PhD) | 52% | 51% | 40% | 47% |
| Labour Force Status | | | | |
| Worker | 55% | 49% | 38% | 42% |
| Non-worker | 43% | 36% | 45% | 54% |
| TOTAL | 50% | 42% | 41% | 49% |

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Males in Alberta and Quebecers (both sexes) are supportive of the policy as are persons living in urban and suburban areas.

| Geography | SUPPORT | | OPPOSE | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Province or Region | | | | |
| British Columbia | 39% | 33% | 46% | 58% |
| Alberta | 52% | 41% | 34% | 53% |
| Prairies | 33% | 47% | 53% | 43% |
| Ontario | 49% | 38% | 43% | 54% |
| Quebec | 64% | 57% | 31% | 32% |
| Maritimes | 38% | 28% | 54% | 52% |
| Urbanicity | | | | |
| Urban area | 54% | 44% | 35% | 44% |
| Suburban area | 50% | 42% | 43% | 42% |
| Rural area | 43% | 40% | 49% | 40% |
| TOTAL | 50% | 42% | 41% | 49% |

Support for Policy that Relaxes Social Distancing Restrictions for Under 65

Persons in excellent or very good physical health (self-perceived) are more likely to support the policy while those in poor health oppose it

| To what extent would you support a government policy that relaxes the social distancing restrictions for people <65, but maintains the current level of restrictions in place for people age 65+? | | | To what extent would you support a government policy that relaxes the social distancing restrictions for people <65, but maintains the current level of restrictions in place for people age 65+? | | |
|---|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|
| Self-Perceived Mental Health | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | Self-Perceived Physical Health | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| Excellent | 41% | 49% | Excellent | 52% | 39% |
| Very Good | 54% | 41% | Very Good | 52% | 42% |
| Good | 45% | 46% | Good | 44% | 45% |
| Bad | 38% | 49% | Bad | 40% | 51% |
| Very Bad | 46% | 41% | Very Bad | 43% | 54% |

The picture is less clear regarding self-perceived mental health and support for the relaxed restrictions. While those with very good mental health support the policy, those in excellent mental health are more likely to oppose it.