

ARE ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS A FOUNDING PEOPLE OF QUEBEC? FRANCOPHONES AND NON-FRANCOPHONES SOMEWHAT DIFFER

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INTRODUCTION

- While previous surveys from the Association for Canadian Studies have revealed that the majority of Quebec francophones agree that English Canadians are a founding peoples of Canada they disagree that they are a founding peoples of Quebec. This finding emerges from a recent survey released this week by the Association for Canadian Studies. It's an issue that gets little attention in the Quebec History curriculum which hasn't been the object of debate in recent years.
- The survey was conducted for the ACS by the firm Leger Marketing via web panel between August 29 and September 4, 2019 with a sample of 1,937 Quebecers which included 1019 English-speaking Quebecers, 773 French speaking Quebecers and 144 persons whose first language is neither English nor French. The survey has a probabilistic margin of error of 2.5 19 times out of 20.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO QUEBEC HISTORY

	English-speaking Quebecers have made an important contribution to Quebec history			
	Total	French	English	Other
NET AGREE	63%	55%	90%	89%
Strongly agree	22%	11%	66%	52%
Somewhat agree	41%	43%	24%	37%
NET DISAGREE	29%	35%	7%	7%
Somewhat disagree	22%	26%	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	7%	9%	1%	1%
I prefer not to answer	9%	10%	3%	4%

NON-FRANCOPHONES AND FRANCOPHONES DISAGREE OVER WHETHER ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS ARE A FOUNDING PEOPLE OF QUEBEC

	English-speaking Quebecers are a founding people of Quebec			
	Total	French	English	Other
NET AGREE	45%	37%	77%	69%
Strongly agree	14%	8%	45%	30%
Somewhat agree	31%	29%	32%	39%
NET DISAGREE	45%	53%	17%	21%
Somewhat disagree	25%	29%	12%	14%
Strongly disagree	20%	24%	4%	7%
I prefer not to answer	10%	10%	7%	10%

THE EXTENT TO WHICH ONE BELIEVES THAT ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO QUEBEC HISTORY IS KEY TO AGREEMENT THAT ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS ARE A FOUNDING PEOPLES

English-speaking Quebecers are a founding people of Quebec	English-speaking Quebecers have made an important contribution to Quebec history			
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
TOTAL AGREE	82.1%	53.2%	15.5%	6.7%
Strongly agree	51.2%	5.3%	1.4%	
Somewhat agree	30.9%	47.9%	14.1%	6.7%
TOTAL DISAGREE	13.9%	39.4%	81.6%	85.1%
Somewhat disagree	9.7%	27.9%	45.8%	6.7%
Strongly disagree	4.2%	11.5%	35.8%	78.4%
I prefer not to answer	4.0%	7.4%	2.9%	8.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES AND ANGLOPHONES ASSESS SIMILAR KNOWLEDGE OF QUEBEC HISTORY

I have a good knowledge of Quebec History	Total	French	English	Other
NET AGREE	75%	77%	76%	65%
Strongly agree	20%	20%	27%	18%
Somewhat agree	55%	57%	48%	47%
NET DISAGREE	22%	21%	22%	31%
Somewhat disagree	19%	18%	17%	26%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	5%	5%
I prefer not to answer	2%	2%	2%	4%

QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES MOST LIKELY TO SAY THEY READ ABOUT QUEBEC HISTORY

Read about Quebec History	Total	French	English	Other
NET OFTEN/SOMETIMES	64%	68%	60%	57%
Often	23%	27%	19%	15%
Sometimes	41%	41%	42%	42%
NET RARELY/NEVER	33%	29%	38%	41%
Rarely	26%	23%	29%	28%
Never	8%	6%	8%	13%
I prefer not to answer	3%	3%	2%	2%

THOSE REPORTING HIGHER KNOWLEDGE OF QUEBEC HISTORY ARE SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO AGREE THAT ENGLISH-SPEAKERS ARE A FOUNDING PEOPLE OF QUEBEC

English-speaking Quebecers are a founding people of Quebec	I have a good knowledge of Quebec history			
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
TOTAL AGREE	50.7%	45%	42.6%	32.8%
Strongly agree	25.1%	11.3%	11.0%	13.4%
Somewhat agree	25.6%	33.7%	31.6%	19.4%
TOTAL DISAGREE	44.1%	37.2%	45.3%	32.9%
Somewhat disagree	20.3%	29.2%	24.7%	9.0%
Strongly disagree	23.8%	18.0%	20.6%	23.9%
I prefer not to answer	5.3%	7.9%	12.1%	34.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

HOWEVER THOSE REPORTING READING MOST ABOUT QUEBEC HISTORY ARE SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY TO AGREE THAT ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS ARE A FOUNDING PEOPLES OF QUEBEC

English-speaking Quebecers are a founding people of Quebec	...read about Quebec History			
	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
TOTAL AGREE	43.8%	45.5%	39.8%	38.8%
Strongly agree	12.9%	11.6%	11.5%	8.2%
Somewhat agree	30.9%	33.9%	28.3%	30.6%
TOTAL DISAGREE	53.4%	47.1%	45.4%	37%
Somewhat disagree	28.2%	28.9%	28.3%	9.4%
Strongly disagree	25.2%	18.2%	17.1%	27.6%
I prefer not to answer	2.8%	7.4%	14.9%	24.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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