
THE CHALLENGES OF ADOPTING A NAFTA VACCINE PASSPORT: AN UNDERSTANDING AROUND THE ISSUE OF VACCINE CERTIFICATION MAY HOLD THE KEY TO BORDER IMPASSE

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VACCINE CERTIFICATION: AN ENTENTE BETWEEN CANADA AND THE US WILL BE CHALLENGING

Some officials believe vaccine certification/passports is critical to the addressing any impasse over reopening the land borders between Canada and the United States. But polling data points to ongoing challenges in reaching agreement on any such certification with Americans expressing far more ambiguity about how and where such certification might apply. While Canadians may have some misgivings over whether vaccine passports constitute a rights infringement, the majority believe that they're either still necessary and/or should be required. While Americans may be more reticent than Canadians when it comes vaccine passports for access to various activities they're less so when it comes to international travel where such movement still yields support from the majority of Americans though it is much softer than it is for Canadians. That said, there are sharp differences between vaccinated and non-vaccinated Americans and while such gaps are also apparent amongst Canadians those Canadians that are still unvaccinated are far more supportive of some certification than are non-vaccinated Americans. The coming weeks will be critical in determining how the border issues are resolved and whether an asymmetrical solution to border reopening is unavoidable. The analysis that follows is based on surveys conducted in the month of May 2021 by Leger in partnership with the Association for Canadian Studies in Canada and with Leger US for the United States with sample sizes and margins of error on the methodology page at the end.

A MAJORITY OF CANADIANS THINK THAT VACCINES ARE REQUIRED OR NECESSARY EVEN IF THEY IF SOME ARE PERSUADED IT MAY CONSTITUTE AN INFRINGEMENT ON PERSONAL RIGHTS OR PRIVACY

With which of the following statements below do you agree more?				
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
Vaccine passports infringe on personal rights and privacy and should not be required	21%	26%	28%	12%
Vaccine passports are necessary for public safety even though they infringe on personal rights or privacy	38%	42%	39%	35%
Vaccine passports do not infringe on personal rights or privacy and should be required	41%	32%	33%	53%

ONE IN FOUR CONSERVATIVES IN CANADA BELIEVE THAT VACCINE PASSPORTS INFRINGE PERSONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY

With which of the following statements below do you agree more?						
	Total	LPC	NDP	BQ	CPC	GPC
Vaccine passports infringe on personal rights and privacy and should not be required	21%	10%	18%	10%	26%	18%
Vaccine passports are necessary for public safety even though they infringe on personal rights or privacy	38%	46%	36%	42%	35%	34%
Vaccine passports do not infringe on personal rights or privacy and should be required	41%	44%	46%	48%	39%	49%

CANADIANS AND AMERICANS DIFFER ON VACCINE PASSPORTS FOR ACCESS TO EVENTS AND GATHERINGS WITH QUEBECERS MOST FAVORABLE IN NORTH AMERICA TO VACCINE PASSPORTS

Some countries have introduced a "vaccine passport" to allow persons that are vaccinated to attend public events/gatherings while preventing entry to events/gatherings to those people that are not vaccinated. Do you agree that your Government should do the same thing?

May 7-9, 2021	Total	NE	MW	South	West	Canada	Atl	Qc	Ont	MB/Sask	Alta	BC
Yes	41%	42%	34%	39%	48%	61%	54%	69%	62%	57%	51%	60%
No	38%	37%	42%	39%	34%	28%	30%	26%	26%	31%	42%	21%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	21%	21%	24%	22%	18%	11%	16%	5%	13%	12%	7%	19%

VACCINE PASSPORTS ARE THE OBJECT OF FAR GREATER DIVISION ACROSS SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS THAN IS THE CASE FOR CANADIANS

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YES	Total	Male	Female	With Children	No Children	HS or less	Coll. +	35K-50K	50K-100K	100K+
United States	41%	47%	35%	54%	36%	29%	48%	31%	48%	60%
Canada	61%	63%	60%	54%	64%	55%	62%	53%	64%	65%

MAJORITY AMERICANS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED ARE OPPOSED TO VACCINE PASSPORTS WHILE NON-VACCINATED CANADIANS ARE DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE

Some countries have introduced a "vaccine passport" to allow persons that are vaccinated to attend public events/gatherings while preventing entry to events/gatherings to those people that are not vaccinated. Do you agree that your Government should..	Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine shot?			
	United States		Canada	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Yes	59.4%	15.7%	76.5%	43.6%
No	21.5%	60.0%	13.1%	44.0%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	19.1%	24.4%	10.4%	12.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

BOTH CANADIANS AND AMERICANS ARE FAVORABLE TO VACCINE PASSPORTS FOR CROSS BORDER TRAVEL

That non-Americans/non-Canadians entering the United States /Canada (either via an airport or on land) need to provide valid proof of vaccination, which some call a Vaccine Passport, to be allowed into the United States/Canada - When thinking of the next few months, do you support or oppose the following COVID-19 safety measures:

	United States	Canadians
TOTAL SUPPORT	69%	82%
Strongly support	48%	65%
Support somewhat	21%	17%
TOTAL OPPOSE	19%	14%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%
Strongly oppose	13%	8%
I don't know	12%	4%

BOTH CANADIANS AND AMERICANS FAVOR VACCINE PASSPORTS FOR ACCESS TO AIR TRAVEL

That Canadians/Americans who wish to travel by airplane, either between provinces or outside Canada/United States need to provide valid proof of vaccination, or Vaccine Passport, to be granted access to air travel - When thinking of the next few months, do you support...

	United States	Canada
TOTAL SUPPORT	60%	79%
Strongly support	39%	58%
Support somewhat	21%	21%
TOTAL OPPOSE	28%	17%
Somewhat oppose	9%	6%
Strongly oppose	19%	11%
I don't know	12%	4%

MOST CANADIANS STILL UNCOMFORTABLE VACATIONING IN THE US

Taking a vacation to the US - On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is very uncomfortable and 5 is very comfortable, how comfortable do you think you will be with each of the following vacation statements once the Coronavirus pandemic has ended?

May 7 -9 2021	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
TOTAL COMFORTABLE (4+5)	32%	35%	31%	30%
1	30%	27%	30%	32%
2	19%	18%	19%	19%
3	20%	21%	20%	19%
4	16%	19%	15%	15%
5	16%	16%	16%	15%
Moyenne :	2,7	2,8	2,7	2,6
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METHODOLOGY

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

In Canada from May 21 to May 23, 2021 with 1623 Canadians and from May 7 to May 9, 2021 with 1529 Canadians and from May 7 to 9, 2021 with 1003 Americans surveyed via web 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 1623 and 1529 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20 and 1003 Americans would have a margin of error of $\pm 3.19\%$, 19 times out of 20

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