

VIEWS ON VACCINATED, UNVACCINATED AND OTHERS AND INTERGROUP RELATIONS

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With some 80% percent of Canadians 12 and over now fully vaccinated it is to be fully expected that relations will be difficult between vaccinated and unvaccinated Canadians. An August ACS-Leger revealed that a vast majority of vaccinated Canadians believe that the unvaccinated are behaving irresponsibly, are being selfish and putting others at risk (observations strongly contested by the unvaccinated). Given such sentiment it is not surprising that a September 10-12 Leger survey for the Association for Canadian Studies which reveals that some 77% of Canadians have a negative opinion of the unvaccinated (85% of the vaccinated hold a negative view). Nearly one in four unvaccinated Canadians hold a negative view of vaccinated Canadians, a percentage that is roughly equal to their degree of negative feeling towards others that are unvaccinated. This suggests that not all those who are unvaccinated do not necessarily reasons of others for not getting vaccinated.

As street protests over vaccine passports continue across Canada, unvaccinated Canadians are now far more unpopular than language, cultural and religious groups that are generally the object of negative sentiment and there is far more concern with relations between vaccinated and unvaccinated Canadians than is the currently the case for selected intercultural and interfaith relationships

Some 1549 Canadians were surveyed via web panel between September 10 and 12, 2021 and while no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1549 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20

INTRODUCTION:

Concerns Are Highest Over Relations Between Vaccinated And Unvaccinated

- Over three in four Canadians have negative views of unvaccinated Canadians and nearly two in three view have a negative view of the relationship between vaccinated and unvaccinated
- Vaccinated Canadians are seen positively by almost all Canadians; Negative sentiment towards indigenous, religious groups and visible minorities is far lower
- While relations between vaccinated and unvaccinated are seen as most negative than other kinds of intergroup relations there remain important levels of concern over relations between indigenous and non-indigenous, English and French and Muslim and non-Muslim
- 85% of vaccinated Canadians hold negative views of the unvaccinated; 28% of unvaccinated hold negative views of vaccinated Canadians yet 25% of the unvaccinated hold negative views of others that are unvaccinated
- Non-Vaccinated Canadians are more likely to think that relations between Vaccinated and non-vaccinated are worse than do vaccinated Canadians
- Quebecers and other Canadians share same negative views towards the unvaccinated
- Quebecers and other Canadians Also share similar negative views of relations between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated

HIGHLIGHTS

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Negative View of the Following...

Unvaccinated	77%
Muslims	23%
Christians	20%
Jews	13%
Indigenous Persons	11%
Chinese	11%
Black	8%
Vaccinated Persons	4%

Negative View of Relations Between...

Vaccinated and Unvaccinated	63%
Indigenous and non-Indigenous	39%
Muslims and non-Muslims	38%
English and French	38%
Chinese and non-Chinese	27%
Black and not Black	25%
Jews and non-Jews	24%

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	Vaccinated Persons	Unvaccinated Persons	Indigenous	Christians	Muslims	Jews	Chinese	Black
TOTAL POSITIVE	96%	23%	89%	80%	77%	87%	89%	92%
Very positive	67%	6%	48%	36%	35%	40%	48%	50%
Somewhat positive	29%	17%	40%	44%	42%	47%	42%	42%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	4%	77%	11%	20%	23%	13%	11%	8%
Somewhat negative	3%	44%	9%	15%	17%	10%	8%	6%
Very negative	1%	33%	2%	4%	6%	3%	2%	2%

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	Vaccinated and unvaccinated	Indigenous and non-Indigenous in Canada	English and French in Canada	Muslim and non-Muslims in Canada	Jews and non-Jews in Canada	Chinese and non-Chinese in Canada	Black and non-Black in Canada
TOTAL POSITIVE	37%	61%	62%	62%	76%	73%	75%
Very positive	7%	14%	14%	14%	18%	18%	19%
Somewhat positive	31%	46%	48%	48%	58%	55%	56%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	63%	39%	38%	38%	24%	27%	25%
Somewhat negative	45%	31%	29%	30%	19%	22%	21%
Very negative	17%	8%	9%	8%	5%	5%	4%

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People that are UNVACCINATED

Do you have a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative view of the following?

	Are you fully vaccinated, i.e. have you received both doses of the vaccine?		Total
	Yes	No	
Very positive	2.4%	27.3%	6.1%
Somewhat positive	12.1%	48.1%	17.0%
Somewhat negative	47.7%	20.3%	43.8%
Very negative	37.8%	4.3%	33.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

People that are VACCINATED

Do you have a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative view of the following?

	Are you fully vaccinated, i.e. have you received both doses of the vaccine?		Total
	Yes	No	
Very positive	74.0%	24.7%	67.1%
Somewhat positive	25.7%	46.8%	28.6%
Somewhat negative	0.2%	23.7%	3.4%
Very negative	0.1%	4.8%	0.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Relations between vaccinated and unvaccinated

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	Yes	No	
Very positive	5.2%	13.4%	6.5%
Somewhat positive	30.7%	32.8%	31.0%
Somewhat negative	47.0%	36.0%	45.2%
Very negative	17.1%	17.7%	17.3%
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