

A MAJORITY OF CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT ANTI VAX PROTESTS IN FRONT OF HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE ILLEGAL?

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INTRODUCTION:

A MAJORITY OF CANADIANS FAVOR LEGISLATION TO BAN ANTI-VACCINE PROTESTS IN FRONT OF HEALTH AND ED

Public protests against vaccine policies in front of hospitals and schools have been the object of much attention and concern. On Thursday September 23rd, the Quebec government unanimously adopted into law a bill to ban anti-vaccine protests near hospitals, schools, daycares as well as [COVID-19](#) immunization and testing clinics. The special law forbids all protests related to the pandemic within 50 meters of the above-listed establishments. In this regard a Leger poll for the Association for Canadian Studies (September 24-26, 2021) reveals that some two in three Quebecer and other Canadians believe support such legislation as they believe that anti Vax protests in front of health and educational institutions should be illegal.

Some 1537 Canadians were surveyed via web panel between September 24th to 26, 2021 and while no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1537 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20

Over two in three Canadians believe that anti vaxx protests in front of health and educational institutions should be illegal

Recently persons opposed to vaccination policies have been protesting in front of health and educational institutions.
Do you think that Governments should declare demonstrations in front of schools and hospitals illegal?

	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	69%	68%	74%	63%	68%	70%	77%
No	22%	25%	18%	25%	24%	26%	16%
I don't know	9%	7%	8%	12%	8%	4%	7%

Canadians under 35 are somewhat less likely than those over 35 to declare anti vax demonstrations illegal

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	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +
Yes	69%	49%	58%	69%	69%	77%	81%
No	22%	33%	32%	23%	21%	16%	14%
I don't know	9%	18%	10%	8%	11%	7%	5%

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