

COVID 19 SOCIAL IMPACTS: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM VISIBLE MINORITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

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DESCRIPTIVE RESULTS WAVE 1 (N=7543)



Canada

n = 2759 (36.6%)



United States

n = 3277 (43.4%)



Mexico

n = 1507 (20.0%)

n = 500 participants yet to be recruited

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT

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Mixed methods:

Phase 1- Over 12 months between 6 and 8 Surveys (each with approximately N=7500)

Phase 2 – Qualitative interviews with 150-500 “hard to access” groups varying across the 3 countries (e.g. First Nations on reserve, refugees)

STUDY OBJECTIVES

- How have COVID-19 related government-imposed regulations differentially influenced the mental health and well-being of Indigenous peoples, racialized persons and immigrants?
- To what extent have socioeconomic inequalities faced by Indigenous peoples, racialized persons and immigrants influenced their experience of COVID-19 and its related social and economic restrictions?
- Are there differences between groups in Mexico, US and Canada on these health measures? Are there similarities? What can we learn from these?

Sample sizes by group in Canada, the United States and Mexico

Sample Size	Canada	United States	Mexico
White	1026	1382	197
Hispanic/Latin American	143	445	1218
Black (African American)	301	448	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	227	595	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/ First Nations	615	287	NS
South Asian	152	NS	NS
Total	2759	3277	1507

Fear of getting COVID is highest in Mexico and amongst Hispanic and Asian Americans and Asian and South Asian Canadians

Percentage that are afraid of Catching COVID yourself

	Canada	United States	Mexico
White	61%	66%	79%
Hispanic/Latin American	69%	74%	78%
Black (African American)	61%	70%	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	75%	74%	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/ First Nations	62%	64%	NS
South Asian	72%	NS	NS
Total	65%	66%	78%

Asians in Canada and the United States are most worried about a family member or friend getting COVID-19

Are you afraid that someone in your close family or friends catching COVID-19/Coronavirus

	Canada	United States	Mexico
White	73%	69%	80%
Hispanic/Latin American	80%	76%	87%
Black (African American)	71%	73%	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	83%	77%	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/ First Nations	73%	74%	NS
South Asian	81%	NS	NS
Total	76%	70%	84%

Feelings of depression are highest amongst South Asian and Indigenous in Canada, Hispanics in the United states and Mexico

**Feeling down depressed or hopeless –
Over the last two weeks (More than half the days)**

	Canada	United States	Mexico
White	15%	20%	23%
Hispanic/Latin American	17%	28%	25%
Black (African American)	15%	25%	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	15%	18%	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/ First Nations	23%	19%	NS
South Asian	24%	NS	NS
Total	18%	19.5%	21%

Trust a lot and somewhat combined of ...

	Canada Trust of Canadians	United States Trust of Americans	Mexico Trust of Mexicans
White	65%	58%	58%
Hispanic/Latin American	69%	57%	53%
Black (African American)	63%	54%	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	66%	50%	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/First Nations	64%	60%	NS
South Asian	84%	NS	NS
Total	66%	53%	54%

Canadians most trusting of country nationals while Asian Americans least trusting of country nationals



Mexicans and Canadians both feel it is unsafe to cross into neighboring border as do Americans but to a lesser degree

Trust in the Central Government....

	Canada	United States	Mexico
White	72%	47%	57%
Hispanic/Latin American	83%	49%	55%
Black (African American)	74%	50%	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	78%	47%	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/First Nations	63%	51%	NS
South Asian	83%	NS	NS
Total	72%	46%	55%

Vaccine hesitation is highest amongst the black population in Canada and the United States

When it becomes available to the population, do you intend to get vaccinated against COVID-19/Coronavirus

	Canada	United States	Mexico
White	57%	37%	74%
Hispanic/Latin American	50%	53%	72%
Black (African American)	34%	35%	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	60%	56%	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/First Nations	50%	41%	NS
South Asian	64%	NS	NS
Total	53%	44%	72%

Americans more likely than Canadians and Mexicans to think that the threat and the need for health protection measures is exaggerated

Yes, the threat and the need for health protection measures is exaggerated

	Canada	United States	Mexico
White	22%	33%	29%
Hispanic/Latin American	20%	40%	16%
Black (African American)	22%	35%	NS
Asian or Asian American/Chinese	15%	24%	NS
Indigenous/Aboriginal/First Nations	23%	38%	NS
South Asian	32%	NS	NS
Total	19%	32%	19%



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