

COVID 19 FEARS AND VACCINATION: EXAMINING SELECTED ETHNIC GROUPS IN CANADA\

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There have been increasingly calls for desegregated data when it comes to better understanding the Covid 19 health, social and economic impacts on immigrants, persons of color and indigenous persons in Canada. Having such data is considered instrumental in identifying strategies to reach out to persons identifying as such with the vital information and resources required to deal with the contagion. Underlying the aforementioned categories are a wide range of sub-groups and/or communities that reflect internal or deeper diversity that needs to be considered when do a fuller analysis of Covid 19's varying affects on the basis of multiple and intersecting identities.

That which follows offers a descriptive data presentation for selected ethnic groups in Canada as to their anxieties arising from Covid 19 and their respective views on vaccination. The findings point to important differences across ethnoracial identifiers when it comes to selected social impacts of Covid 19. Ultimately the findings aim to support best practices in community outreach by highlighting gaps in community member responses.

The data was collected from

INTRODUCTION

DOES CULTURE CONDITION ANXIETIES AND RESPONSE TO THE CONTAGION?

METHODOLOGY

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

From March 3 to March 29, 2021

Canadians 18 years of age or older, randomly recruited from LEO's online 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 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20, while a probability sample of 1,012 would have a margin of error of $\pm 3.08\%$, 19 times out of 20.

The research results presented here are in full compliance with the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements.

Samples from Wave 2 in Canada, the United States and Mexico

	Canada
White	2418
Hispanic/Latin American	65
Chinese	156
Filipino	50
South Asian	107
Other	
Total	3068

Amongst selected ethnic groups in Canada it is Latin Americans that reported greater fear of catching COVID-19

I am very afraid of catching COVID-19

Latin American (Mexican, Chilean, Costa Rican, etc.)	39.0
Filipino	34.0
South Asian (Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	31.1
White	21.9
Chinese	33.1
Total Canada	28.8

On the basis of selected ethnic origins Latin Americans in Canada were most concerned about a family or friend getting COVID-19

Percentage that is Very Afraid that someone in your close family or friends catching COVID-19

Latin American (Mexican, Chilean, Costa Rican, etc.)	55.9%
White	32.1%
Filipino	44.0%
South Asian (Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	40.6%
Chinese	37.6%
Total Canada	39.8%

Canadians of Filipino and Latin American origins most likely to report that they have been tested for COVID-19

I have been tested for COVID-19

	Percentage
Filipino	42.0%
Latin American (Mexican, Chilean, Costa Rican, etc.)	34.8%
White	32%
Total	33%
South Asian (Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	29.2%
Chinese	24.8%

A majority of Canadians of Latin American origin say that they personally know someone (a friend) that has been diagnosed with COVID-19

I personally, someone (a friend) who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus/COVID-19?

Latin American (Mexican, Chilean, Costa Rican, etc.)	52.2%
Filipino	44.0%
South Asian (Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	30.8%
Chinese	24.2%
White	25.8%
Total Canada	33.8%

Amongst selected ethnic groups in Canada it is Latin Americans and Filipinos that reported lowest intention of getting vaccinated

Do you intend to get vaccinated?

	Yes
Chinese	77.2%
South Asian (Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	75.3%
White	72.2%
Total Canada	68.0%
Latin American (Mexican, Chilean, Costa Rican, etc.)	64.5%
Filipino	62.8%

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