
RANKING THE PREFERRED COUNTRIES OF CANADIANS: POLAND AND AUSTRALIA ARE TIED FOR FIRST WHILE UNITED STATES LAGS WELL BEHIND

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

In the May 6-8, 2022 Leger survey for the Association for Canadian Studies I was personally astonished to observe that Poland, the birth place of my ancestors, was ranked first by Canadians when asked which countries were viewed positively. To be fair it was in a tie with Australia but nonetheless it is an outcome that would have been difficult to imagine at any other point in our history. The result is clearly associated with the positive view of Poland's admission of Ukrainians as is Canada's high positive ranking of Ukraine. The Leger-ACS survey offers some interesting insights for results broken down age, region and party preference. It also reveals that views of the United States have not improved over the past year and Americans are far more likely to hold a positive view of Canada than the inverse when the May 2022 Leger-ACS survey is contrasted with a Gallup poll conducted in February 2022

The Leger survey for the ACS was conducted between May 6 and 8, 2022 via web panel with 1534 Canadians. 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 1534 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20

POLAND AND AUSTRALIA VIEWED MOST POSITIVELY BY CANADIANS WHILE RUSSIA AND CHINA TAKE BOTTOM SPOT; AUSTRALIA TOPS WITH YOUNGEST COHORT WHILE POLAND IS NUMBER ONE WITH 55 PLUS

Net Positive	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
Poland	88%	84%	86%	93%
Australia	88%	89%	84%	91%
Ukraine	85%	84%	81%	90%
Britain	84%	79%	84%	87%
France	81%	77%	81%	83%
Japan	81%	85%	78%	82%
Mexico	62%	67%	63%	58%
United States	58%	51%	60%	61%
India	45%	52%	46%	39%
Iran	24%	36%	26%	15%
China	18%	27%	18%	12%
Russia	9%	12%	12%	4%

POLAND TOPS EVERYWHERE EXCEPT QUEBEC AND ONTARIO WHERE AUSTRALIA TAKES NUMBER ONE SPOT

Net Positive	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Poland	89%	89%	86%	84%	91%	91%
Australia	84%	93%	89%	81%	82%	88%
Ukraine	89%	87%	84%	78%	85%	89%
Britain	86%	87%	84%	76%	81%	82%
France	83%	86%	81%	71%	78%	76%
Japan	85%	83%	81%	75%	78%	85%
Mexico	54%	62%	60%	60%	66%	68%
United States	62%	65%	58%	51%	62%	44%
India	44%	50%	44%	40%	46%	41%
Iran	23%	20%	28%	21%	22%	25%
China	18%	16%	18%	18%	18%	22%
Russia	7%	8%	9%	9%	12%	7%

LIBERALS PICK AUSTRALIA FIRST, NDP CHOOSE UKRAINE, BLOQ OPTS FOR AUSTRALIA WITH FRANCE SECOND, CONSERVATIVES LIKE POLAND AND BRITAIN, GREENS GO FOR UKRAINE AND JAPAN AND THE 'PEOPLE' PARTY SELECT POLAND AND PUT JAPAN SECOND

Net Positive	LPC	NDP	BQ	CPC	GPC	PPC
Poland	90%	81%	91%	92%	82%	89%
Australia	94%	85%	96%	87%	85%	74%
Ukraine	88%	88%	89%	83%	91%	73%
Britain	90%	73%	89%	88%	72%	75%
France	89%	78%	92%	75%	80%	63%
Japan	82%	84%	82%	83%	87%	76%
Mexico	64%	63%	55%	62%	64%	74%
United States	61%	39%	57%	66%	46%	75%
India	47%	48%	43%	39%	41%	47%
Iran	29%	32%	8%	14%	28%	38%
China	21%	21%	12%	11%	14%	28%
Russia	8%	5%	1%	7%	8%	43%

NO SHIFT IN CANADIANS' OPINION OF THE UNITED STATES OVER THE PAST YEAR BUT THERE REMAINS AN IMPORTANT GAP WITH AMERICANS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO VIEW CANADA FAVORABLY THAN CANADIANS VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES; IN EFFECT THE GOOD FEELING ISN'T MUTUAL BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES

Canadian Opinion of the United States (Leger-ACS)	May 2022	June 2021
NET POSITIVE	58%	59%
Very positive	10%	12%
Somewhat positive	47%	47%
NET NEGATIVE	42%	41%
Somewhat negative	33%	32%
Very negative	9%	9%

	Canadian opinion of United States (May 2022)	American Opinion of Canada (February 2022)
NET POSITIVE/NET FAVORABLE	58%	87

AMERICANS VIEW OF CANADA DROPPED OVER THE YEARS 2021 TO 2022 BUT CANADA IS THE COUNTRY VIEWED MOST FAVORABLY BY OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH

Changes in Americans' Views of Foreign Countries			
% Very/Mostly Favorable			
Gallup Poll	February 2021	February 2022	Change
	%	%	Pct. pts.
Canada	92	87	-5
Great Britain	91	86	-5
France	87	86	-1
Japan	84	82	-2
Germany	84	78	-6
India	76	77	+1
Afghanistan	21	12	-9
China	20	20	-
Russia	22	15	-7
Iran	13	13	-

GALLUP POLL RELEASED MARCH 14, 2022
[HTTPS://NEWS.GALLUP.COM/POLL/390641/AMERICANS-RATE-CANADA-BRITAIN-FRANCE-JAPAN-FAVORABLY.ASPX](https://news.gallup.com/poll/390641/americans-rate-canada-britain-france-japan-favorably.aspx)

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