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Opinion on Bill C-367

Survey of Canadians

DATE 2024-02-20



Methodology



Method

Online survey among respondents 18 years of age or older.

(Canadian sample: n= 1,529).

Respondents had the option of completing the survey in English or in French and were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.



When

February 16 to
February 18, 2024



Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than $\pm 2.51\%$, (19 times out of 20) for the Canadian sample.



Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, mother tongue, region, education and presence of children in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the Canadian population.

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Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.



Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.



Questions

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A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.

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LEGER SURVEY

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OFFICIAL RESULTS

2021 Canadian Federal Election*

33%	32%	19%	7%	6%	2%
33.7%	32.6%	17.8%	7.7%	5.0%	2.3%

Key Highlights

From February 16 to 18, 2024, we surveyed Canadians to find out their opinion and perceptions on Bill C-367 and hate speech law.

Some of the key highlights of our survey about hate speech law in Canada include...

- Two thirds of Canadians (63%) are aware that the Canadian Criminal Code contains a section on hate speech, compared to a quarter (26%) who are not aware and 11% who do not know. Canadians aged 55 and over (72%) and Ontarians (67%) are more likely to be aware, while Quebecers are more likely not to be aware (34%).
- Two thirds of Canadians (66%) support Bill C-367, which would remove the privilege currently granted to religions or religious authorities concerning hate speech in Canada, compared to a third (34%) who do not support it. Quebecers (75%) are more likely to support Bill C-367.

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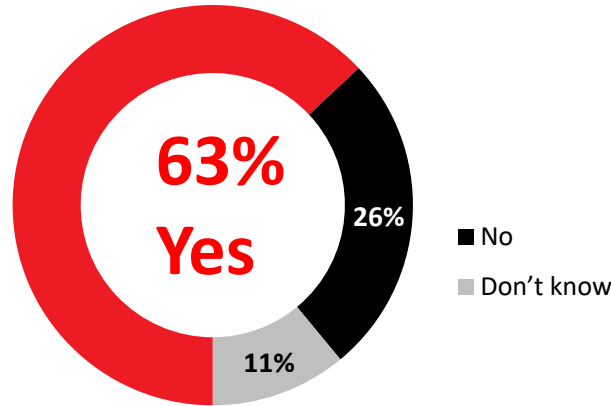
Detailed Results



Awareness of Hate Speech Legislation in Canada

Q7. Were you aware or not that in the Canadian Criminal Code there is a section regarding hate speech which makes it a criminal offence to willfully spread hateful or anti-semitic views or opinions?

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

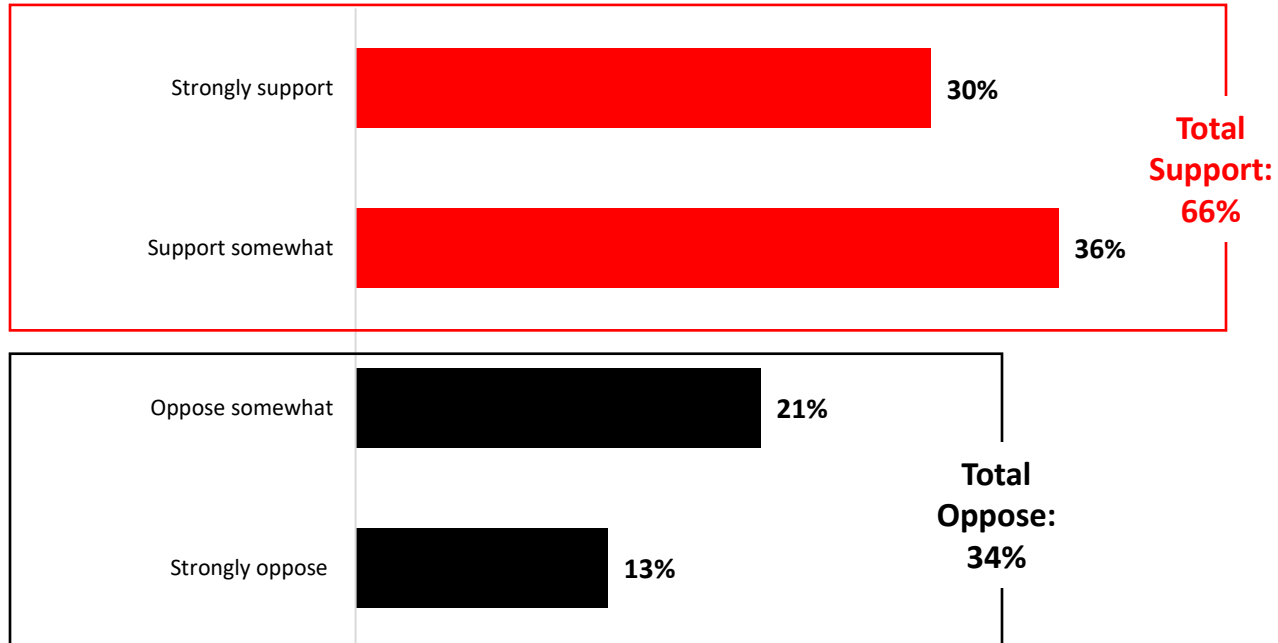


	Total Canada	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Urban	Sub-Urban	Rural
Weighted n=	1,529	103	353	593	97	170	213	745	784	406	493	630	586	595	320
Unweighted n=	1,529	102	416	600	131	129	151	778	751	372	576	581	625	579	305
Yes	63%	66%	54%	67%	65%	64%	62%	62%	64%	54%	59%	72%	63%	64%	61%
No	26%	22%	34%	21%	19%	30%	29%	29%	23%	33%	29%	19%	25%	27%	26%
Don't know/Refuse	11%	12%	12%	12%	16%	6%	9%	9%	13%	13%	12%	9%	12%	9%	13%

Opinion on Bill C-367 and Religious Exceptions to Hate Speech (1/2) **Leger**

Q8. There is right now a private members bill (Bill C-367) in front of Parliament in Ottawa, that seeks to remove this exception from the Criminal Code. Do you support or oppose this new bill that would remove the privilege currently granted to religions or religious authorities in matters of hateful speech in Canada?

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)



Opinion on Bill C-367 and Religious Exceptions to Hate Speech (2/2)

Q8. There is right now a private members bill (Bill C-367) in front of Parliament in Ottawa, that seeks to remove this exception from the Criminal Code. Do you support or oppose this new bill that would remove the privilege currently granted to religions or religious authorities in matters of hateful speech in Canada?

Base: All respondents

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Total Support	66%	58%	75%	66%	71%	57%	62%	65%	67%	65%	62%	69%	68%	66%	62%
Strongly support	30%	29%	40%	26%	28%	28%	26%	31%	29%	23%	28%	35%	31%	29%	31%
Support somewhat	36%	29%	35%	40%	42%	28%	36%	34%	38%	42%	34%	34%	37%	37%	31%
Total Oppose	34%	42%	25%	34%	29%	43%	38%	35%	33%	35%	38%	31%	32%	34%	38%
Oppose somewhat	21%	33%	16%	20%	16%	26%	23%	18%	24%	22%	21%	20%	19%	20%	26%
Strongly oppose	13%	9%	9%	14%	13%	17%	15%	17%	9%	12%	17%	11%	12%	14%	12%

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Detailed Methodology



Weighted and Unweighted Sample (1/2)

The table below presents the Canadian geographic distribution of respondents before weighting.

	Unweighted	Weighted
Province	1,529	1,529
British Columbia	151	213
Alberta	129	170
Manitoba/Saskatchewan	131	97
Ontario	600	593
Quebec	416	353
Atlantic	102	103

Weighted and Unweighted Sample (2/2)

The following tables present the demographic distribution of respondents according to gender, age and language (mother tongue) for Canada.

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	Unweighted	Weighted
Gender	1,529	1,529
Male	778	745
Female	751	784
Age	1,529	1,529
18 to 34	372	406
35 to 54	576	493
55+	581	630
Language (Mother tongue)	1,529	1,529
English	980	1,052
French	365	302
Other	183	174

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