

Report

WOULD CANADIANS PASS THE CITIZENSHIP TEST?



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METHODOLOGY



METHOD

A web survey was conducted among 1,512 Canadians 18 years of age or older. Respondents had the option of completing the survey in English or in French and were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.



WHEN?

The data was collected from June 23 to June 25, 2023.



MARGIN OF ERROR

Technically, a margin of error should not be associated with a non-probability sample (Web panel in this case). However, for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1,512 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.51\%$, 19 times out of 20.



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 and American population.



SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES

In this report, 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.

METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

METHODOLOGY

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2021 CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION



LEGER SURVEY

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

OFFICIAL RESULTS

2021 Canadian Federal Election*

*The official results were obtained from Elections Canada on September 24, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. EDT.

KEY FINDINGS

- While the citizenship test requires a score of 75% or higher to pass, the average score obtained by Canadians is 49%. Less than a quarter (23%) of Canadians answered seven out of ten questions or more correctly.



DETAILED RESULTS
WOULD CANADIANS PASS THE CITIZENSHIP TEST?

CITIZENSHIP TEST RESULTS – *ONLY 23% OF CANADIANS WOULD PASS*



75%

Average score
obtained by Canadians:

49%

| RESULTS | % of Canadians with this result |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6/10 right answers OR LESS | 77% |
| 7/10 right answers OR MORE | 23% |
| 7/10 right answers | 9% |
| 8/10 right answers | 7% |
| 9/10 right answers | 4% |
| 10/10 right answers | 3% |

METHODOLOGY

**We asked respondents 10 random questions from the Canadian citizenship test. The questions and detailed results can be found in the Appendix. To pass the Canadian citizenship test, candidates must give the right answer to at least 15 of the 20 questions asked (75%). See detailed results in the appendix.*

CITIZENSHIP TEST RESULTS – DETAILED RESULTS

| | TOTAL CANADA | ATL | QC | ON | MB/SK | AB | BC | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Male | Female |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Weighted n= | 1,512 | 104 | 355 | 596 | 88 | 171 | 198 | 384 | 495 | 633 | 725 | 787 |
| Unweighted n= | 1,512 | 100 | 408 | 600 | 126 | 126 | 152 | 353 | 535 | 624 | 733 | 779 |
| Average score | 49% | 44% | 48% | 49% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 45% | 46% | 53% | 50% | 47% |








| | TOTAL CANADA | LPC | CPC | NDP | BQ | GPC | PPC |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Weighted n= | 1,512 | 390 | 437 | 212 | 87 | 69 | 30 |
| Unweighted n= | 1,512 | 407 | 426 | 206 | 101 | 68 | 28* |
| Average score | 49% | 50% | 49% | 50% | 51% | 49% | 47% |

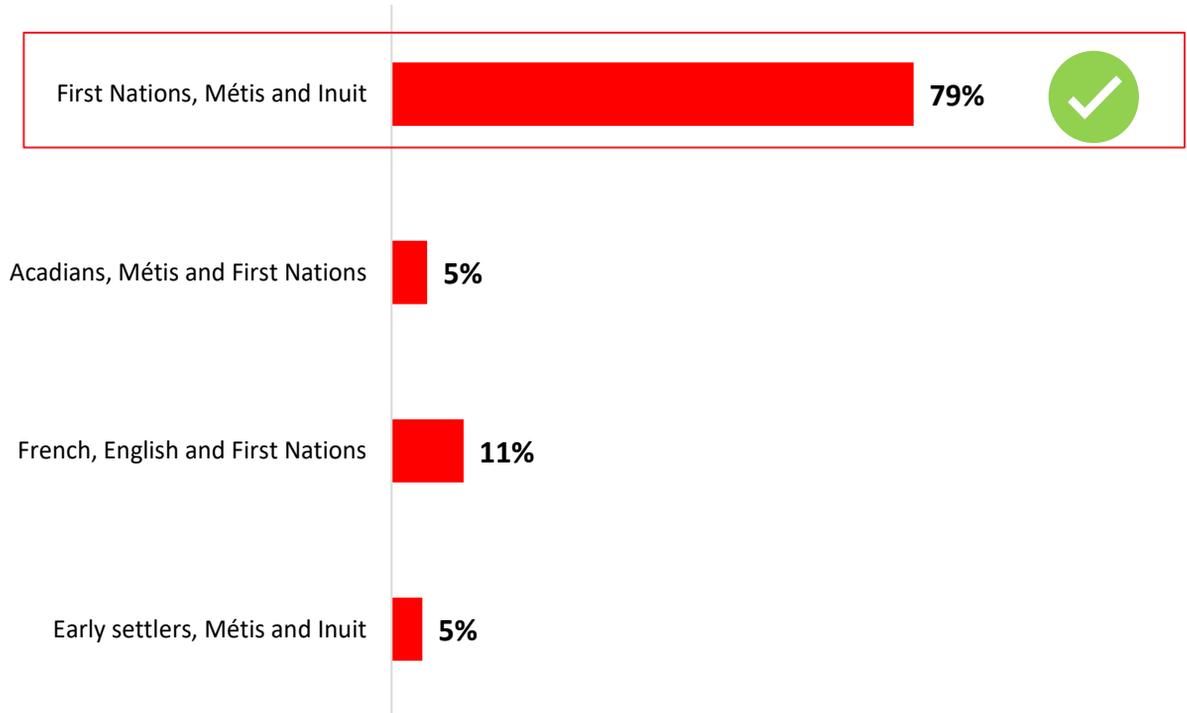
*Given the small number of respondents (n<30) data are presented for illustrative purposes only.

APPENDIX AND DETAILED METHODOLOGY

CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 1

Q6. What are the three main groups of Aboriginal peoples in Canada?

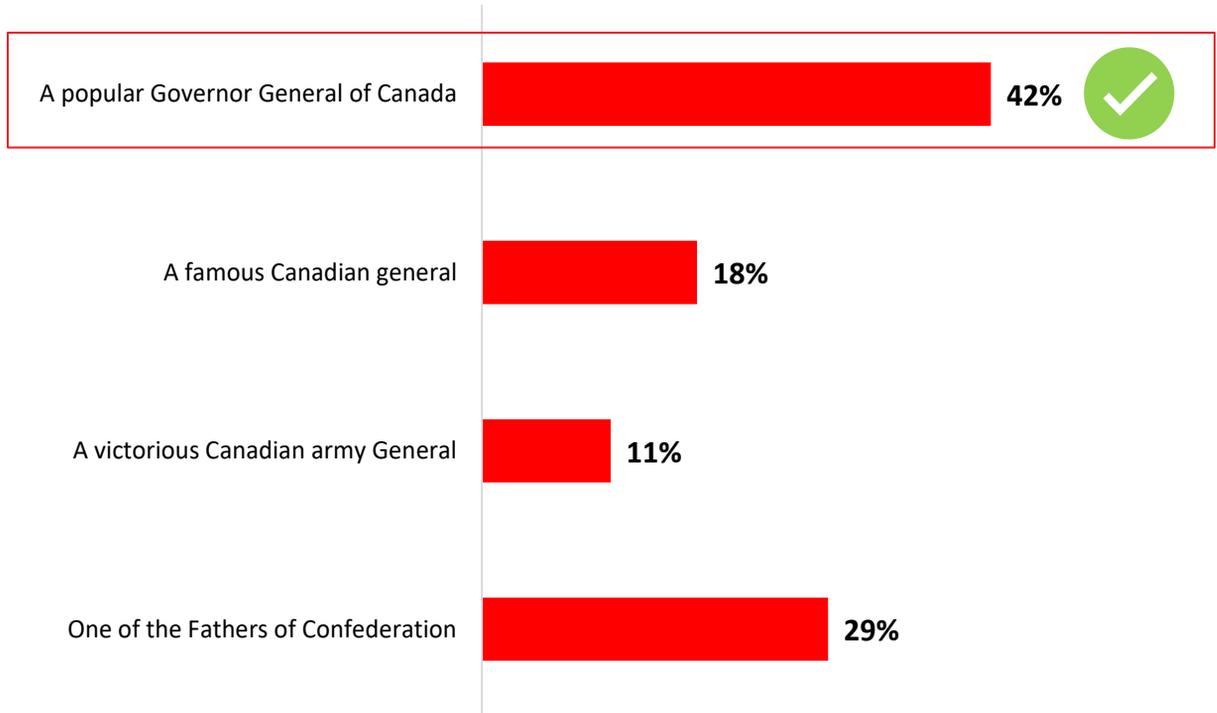
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 2

Q7. Who was John Buchan?

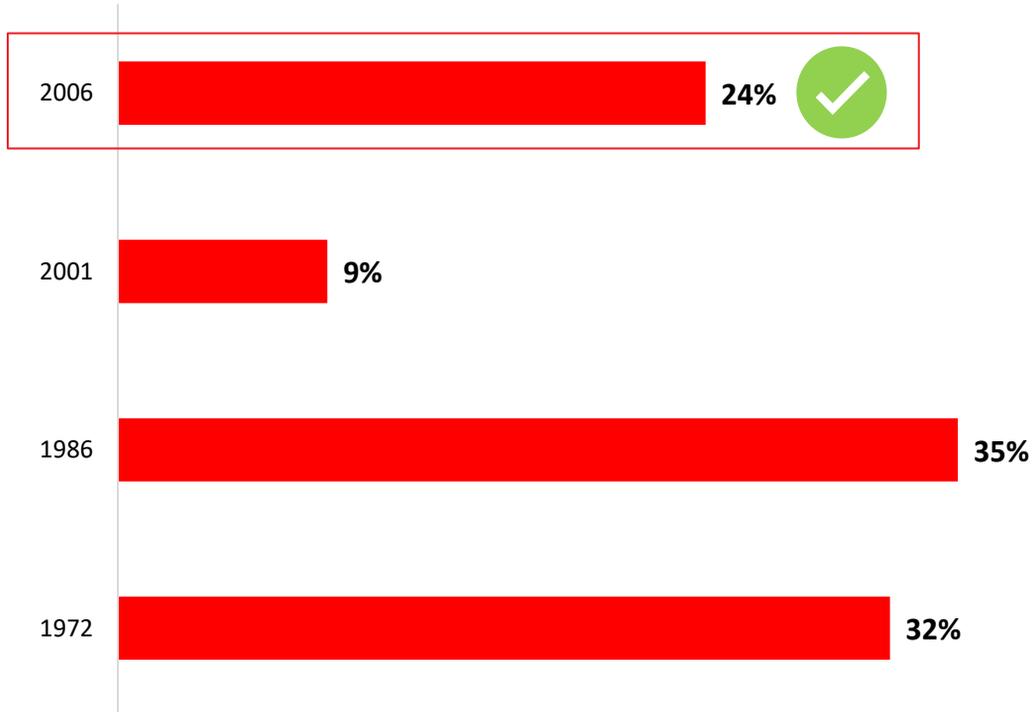
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 3

Q8. When did the House of Commons recognize that the Quebecois form a nation within a united Canada?

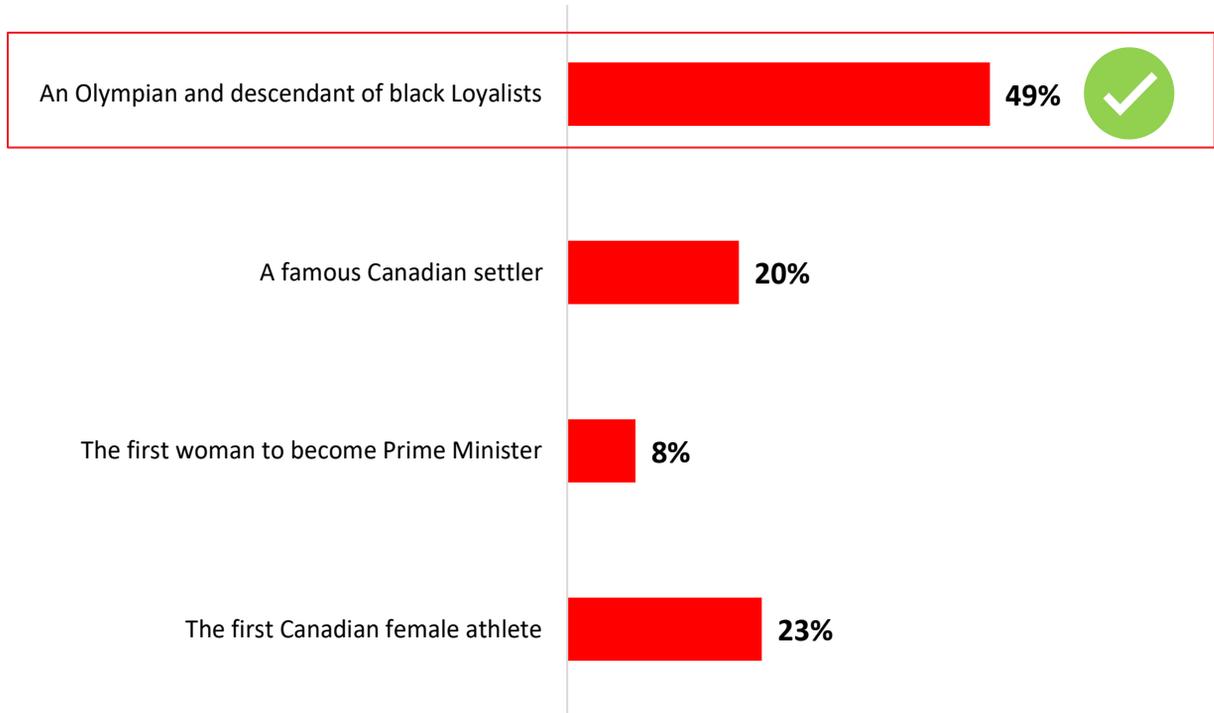
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CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 4

Q9. Who is Marjorie Turner-Bailey?

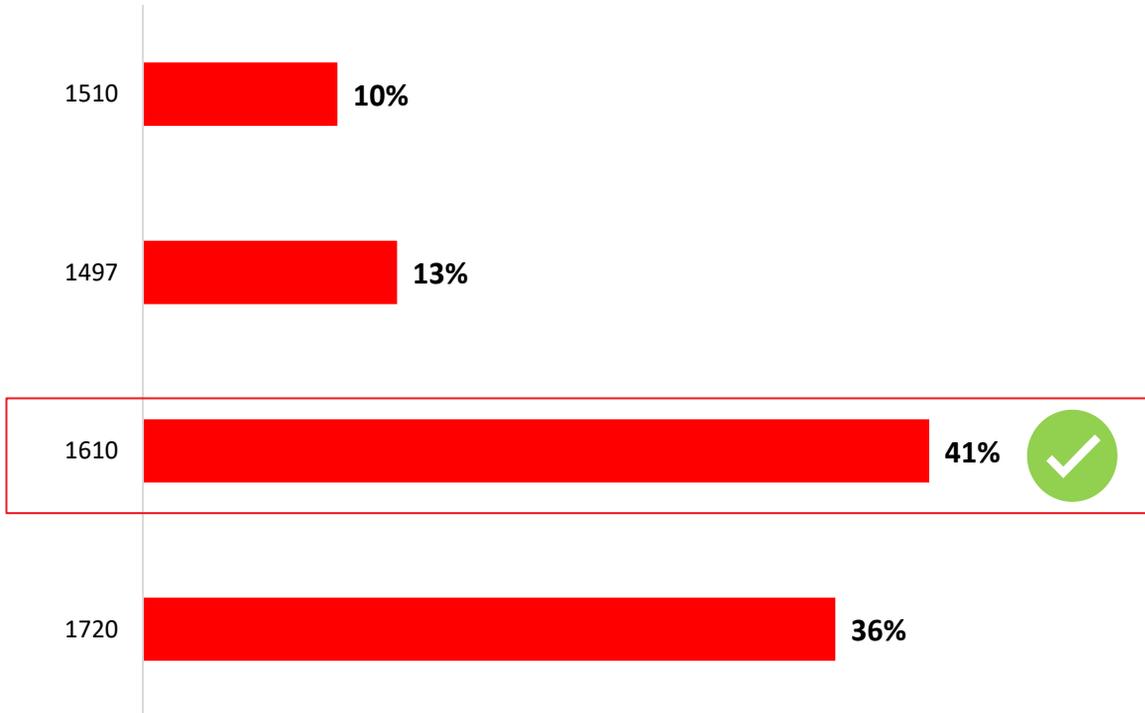
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 5

Q10. When did English settlement begin in Canada?

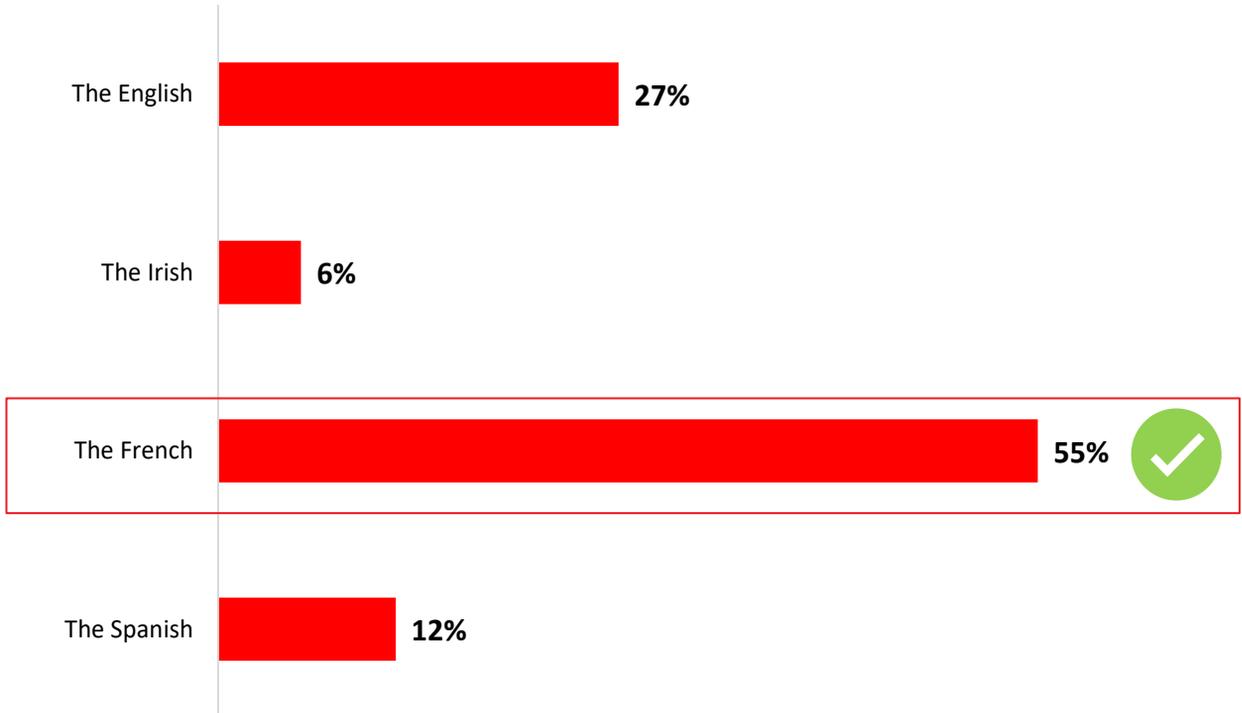
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 6

Q11. Who established the first European settlements?

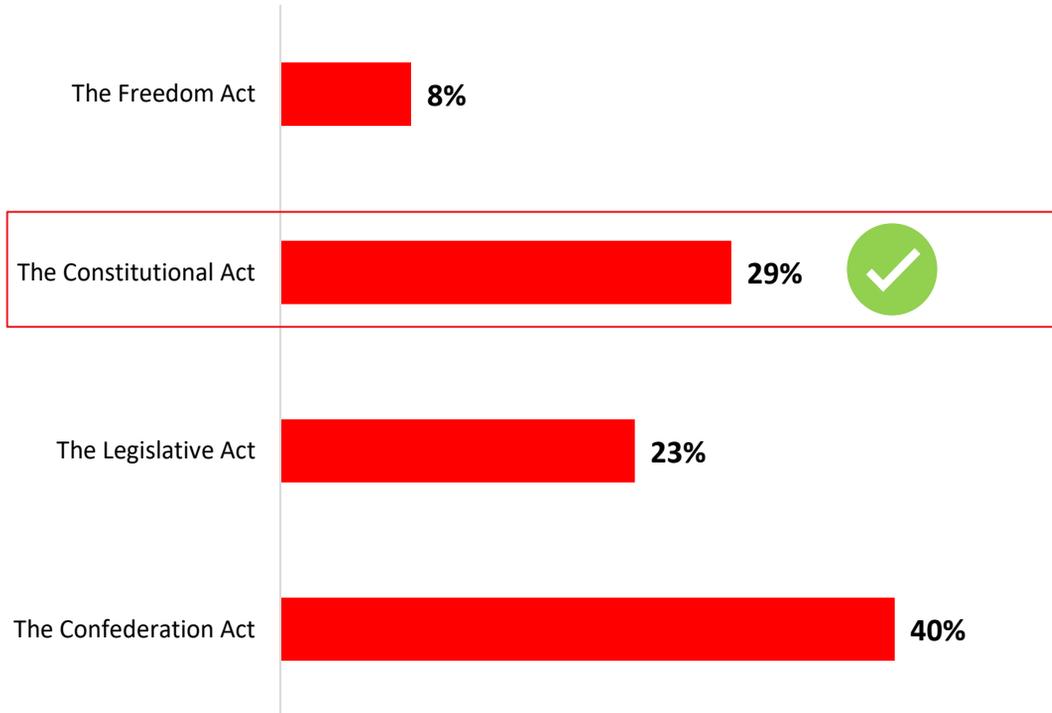
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 7

Q12. Which Act granted to the Canadians for the first time, legislative assemblies elected by the people?

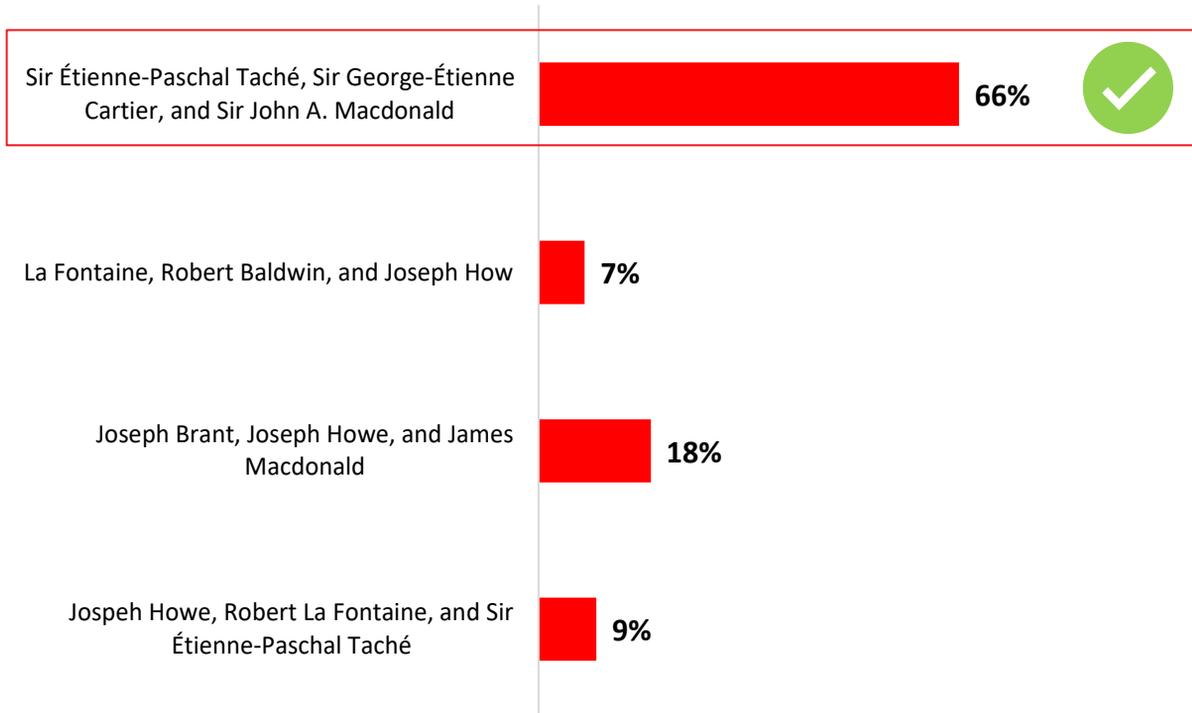
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 8

Q13. Name 3 fathers of Confederation:

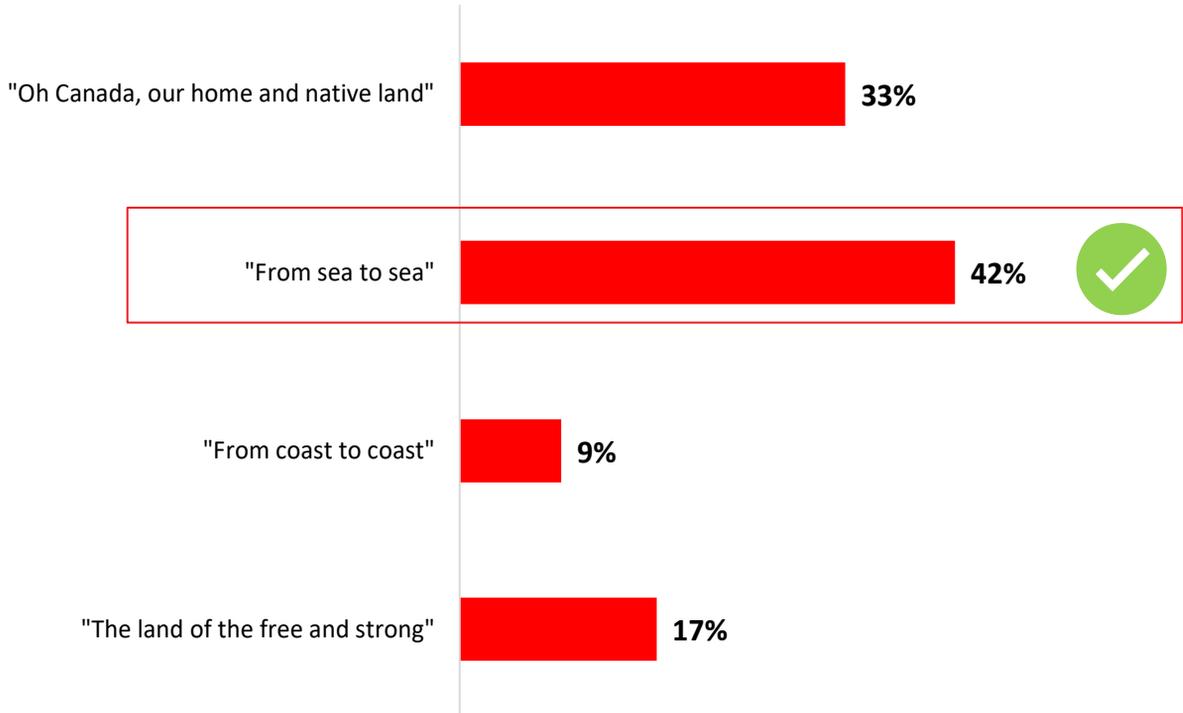
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 9

Q14. What is Canada's motto?

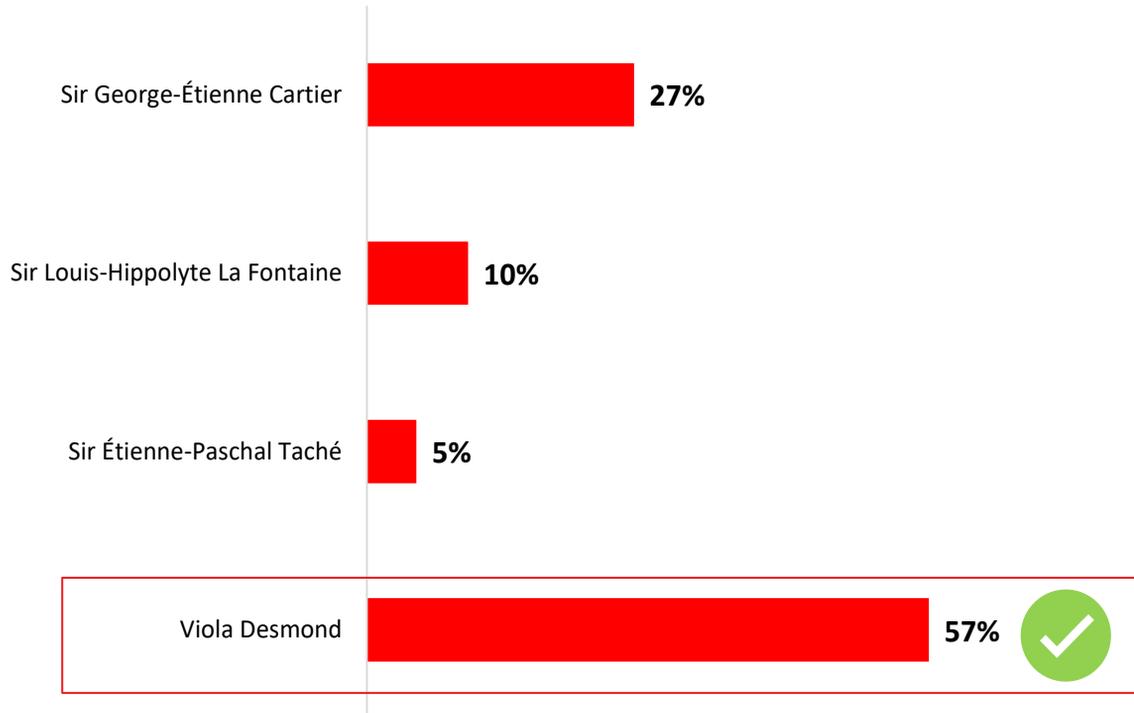
Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



CITIZENSHIP TEST – QUESTION 10

Q15. Whose portrait is on the Canadian \$10 bill?

Base: All respondents (n=1,512)



DETAILED METHODOLOGY

WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE

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

| Province | Unweighted | Weighted |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| British Columbia | 152 | 191 |
| Alberta | 126 | 171 |
| Manitoba/Saskatchewan | 126 | 88 |
| Ontario | 600 | 596 |
| Quebec | 408 | 355 |
| Atlantic | 100 | 104 |

DETAILED METHODOLOGY

WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE FOR CANADA

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

| GENDER | Unweighted | Weighted |
|--------|------------|----------|
| Male | 733 | 725 |
| Female | 779 | 787 |

| AGE | Unweighted | Weighted |
|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Between 18 and 34 | 353 | 384 |
| Between 35 and 54 | 535 | 495 |
| 55 or over | 624 | 633 |

| LANGUAGE (MOTHER TONGUE) | Unweighted | Weighted |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|
| English | 952 | 1,015 |
| French | 366 | 303 |
| Other | 193 | 192 |

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