

Radicalization Survey

Recently, the actions of so-called radicalized Canadians driven by violent ideologies have been in the news. Some examples of homegrown terrorism include the hit-and-run death of a soldier in Quebec and the shooting in Ottawa. We are interested in your opinions on this issue.

1. In recent weeks, how closely have you been following the issue of homegrown terrorism?

Very closely

Closely

Not very closely

Not at all

2. Some people think there is a serious threat of homegrown terrorism in Canada. Others believe the threat has been overblown by politicians and the media. Which of these two views is the closest to your own?

There is a serious threat of homegrown terrorism in Canada

Politicians and the media have overblown the threat of homegrown terrorism in Canada

3.a. Do you feel there are radicalized Canadians living in your community right now?

Yes

No

Not sure

3.b – IF “no” or “not sure” ON 2A ASK

How likely do you think it is that people are becoming radicalized in your community, on a scale from 0 - 10 where 0 is definitely not and 10 is 100% sure there are

0 – Totally unlikely

10 – Totally likely

4. What do you think causes someone to become radicalized or turn into a homegrown terrorist? Pick up to two.

Religion/Culture

Economics/Financial problems

Old country beliefs
Feelings of marginalization
Mental Illness
Internet recruitment

5. Thinking about suspected homegrown terrorists who want to travel overseas, some people say their passports should be taken away. Others say they should be allowed to go. What statement best describes what we should be doing?

Take their passports, keep them in Canada and have the police watching them
Let them leave if they want to even if it means they might be committing acts of terror somewhere else

6. How confident are you in Canada's security services (CSIS, RCMP and local police) to prevent homegrown radicals from carrying out terrorist attacks in Canada?

Very confident
Confident
Not very confident
Not confident at all
Not sure

7. Do you support or oppose the following methods to address radicalization in Canada?

Indefinite imprisonment
Deportation
Special federal grants for every mosque that wants to spend money on preventing radicalization
Blocking access to any internet site that promotes ISIS or any other terrorist organization
A special federal program to specifically train mental health workers to identify signs of radicalization

Strongly support
Support
Oppose
Strongly oppose

8. Thinking about prevention, where is the best place to address the radicalization of Canadians?

Schools
Places of worship

Community centres
Family homes
Online/internet

9. Some people say that indefinitely jailing suspected homegrown terrorists is the best way to reduce violent crime, others say it motivates those people to commit crimes when they are released. Which best describes your view?

It prevents violent crime

It just motivates these people to commit violent crime when they are released

10. In the most recent cases of domestic terrorism there have been ties to Muslim extremism. Some people say the Muslim community is part of the problem, others say it is a valuable partner in the fight against radicalization. Which statement best reflects your opinion?

The Muslim community is part of the problem of radicalization in Canada.

The Muslim community is a partner in the fight against radicalization in Canada.

11. Thinking about the reaction of Muslim community leaders to acts of homegrown terrorism, what best describes your opinion?

Muslim community leaders are speaking out enough against homegrown terrorism

Muslim community leaders are not speaking out enough homegrown terrorism

12. On October 27 of this year, the federal government introduced a proposed law (Bill C-44) that would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) increased powers to watch Canadians, the authority to operate outside Canada, and to share information about Canadians with other countries. It also gives more protection to confidential sources.

What best describes your feelings about Bill C-44:

It goes too far and steps on our civil liberties

It does a good job of addressing the threats we're facing

It doesn't go far enough to protect us

13. Where should the federal government be putting **more** priority to address the radicalization of Canadians with violent ideologies?

Stern measures to punish radicalization.

More initiatives to prevent radicalization.

Neither.

14. Do you support or oppose people wearing each of the following religious symbols or clothing in public?

Turban
Hijab
Tenue de religieuse
Burka
Kippa
Kirpan
Étoile de David
Crucifix

Strongly Support
Support
Oppose
Strongly Oppose

15. Some people have called the shooting in Ottawa a terrorist attack. Others have called it an act by someone with a mental illness. Which statement best describes your opinion?

The shooting in Ottawa was a terrorist attack

The shooting in Ottawa was an act by a person with a mental illness

Not sure/can't say