

Bullying – Final Questionnaire

We'd like to ask people about the issue of bullying, specifically about bullying at school.

For the purposes of this survey, we'll define bullying at school as acts or comments by one or more students that are intended to intimidate, offend or humiliate another student. Bullying is often repeated or habitual. It usually involves an unequal power relationship between the bully(ies) and the one being bullied.

1. Thinking about the issue of bullying at school, how serious a problem do you think this is in our schools today?

Very serious, it should receive more attention than it does

Serious

Not very serious

Not serious at all, it's been overblown

2. Thinking back now to when you were in school (grades 1 through 12), were you, yourself bullied? And, if so, how often did this happen?

No, was not bullied

Yes, once or twice

Yes, a few times

Yes, fairly regularly

Yes, often

Yes, it was continuous/ongoing

Prefer not to answer

[If yes, bullied/anything but top box at Q2, continue. Others skip to Q4]

3a. Was your school aware of any of the bullying you experienced, or not? When we refer to "your school" here, we mean one or more adults in some responsible position at the school. (The school could be aware because it was reported by you or a parent or someone else, or maybe simply because the bullying would have been noticeable.)

Yes, school was aware, it was reported

Yes, school was aware, but it was not actually reported

No, I don't think the school was aware

[If yes, school was aware/top two boxes at Q3a, ask Q3b:]

3b. Please think back to how the school responded to your bullying. (If there was more than one bullying experience your school was aware of, please refer to the one that stands out to you most.) Based on what you can recall, did your school's overall response to this bullying:

- Resolve the situation for you
- Improve it, but didn't end it
- Make no real difference either way
- Make matters worse

[Ask all yes, bullied at Q2:]

3c. Some cases of bullying are more serious and troubling than others. Overall, thinking back to the bullying you yourself experienced at school, what was the impact on you?

- Not much, just a part of growing up
- It bothered me at the time
- It bothered me a lot, I still think about it sometimes
- It's had a serious and lasting impact on me

[Ask all respondents:]

4. Do you now, or did you ever, have children of your own in school?
(Please select all that might apply to you.)

- Yes, have kids currently in school between Kindergarten and Grade 12
- Have kids who finished school since the year 2000
- Have kids who finished school before the year 2000
- Kids still younger than school-age
- No, no kids in school [exclusive]

[If yes, have/had kids in school, top 3 responses at Q4, continue. Others skip to Q7]

5. As far as you know, are or were any of your kids bullied at school?

- Yes
- No

[If yes at Q5, continue with Q6 series. Others go to Q7:]

6a. Is or was your child's school aware of any of the bullying your child experienced, or not? When we refer to "the school" here, we mean one or more adults in some responsible position at the school. (The school could be aware because it was reported by you or your child or someone else, or maybe simply because the bullying would have been noticeable.)

Yes, school is/was aware, it was reported

Yes, school is/was aware, but it was not actually reported

No, I don't think the school is/was aware

[If yes, school was aware/top two boxes at Q6a, ask Q6b:]

6b. Please think about how the school responded to your child's experience with bullying. (If there was more than one bullying experience the school was aware of, please think of the one that stands out to you most.) Based on what you can recall, did your child's school's overall response to this bullying:

Resolve the situation

Improve it, but didn't end it

Make no real difference either way

Make matters worse

[Ask all respondents]

7. Do you agree or disagree, strongly or moderately, with each of the following statements.

[Rows – Randomize]

Schools in my province today respond effectively to bullying

Kids who bully others need to be dealt with much more severely

Bullying is never going to go away, no matter what new policies or approaches are tried

We shouldn't go too overboard dealing with bullying – it's part of growing up

The problem of school yard bullying was way worse when I was a kid at school than it is today

[Columns]

Strongly agree

Moderately agree

Moderately disagree

Strongly disagree