

M-103 Islamophobia

Q1. In late January, six people were killed and 19 were wounded in a shooting at a mosque in Quebec City. The suspect was known for making anti-Muslim statements on social media and expressing white nationalist views.

Some say the Quebec City shooting is a sign of deeper problems with anti-Muslim attitudes in Canadian society today. Others say this was an isolated incident and not related to a larger cultural issue.

Which of these two overall viewpoints is closer to your own (even if neither is exactly how you feel)?

The shooting is a sign of deeper problems

The shooting is an isolated incident

Q2. Some people say Canada has a serious problem with anti-Muslim attitudes and discrimination. Others believe the issue of anti-Muslim sentiments in Canada has been overblown by politicians and the media. Which of these two views is closer to your own (even if neither is exactly how you feel)?

Canada has a serious problem with anti-Muslim attitudes and discrimination

The problem of anti-Muslim attitudes and discrimination has been overblown

Q3. Canadian Members of Parliament are currently debating a motion known as M-103, calling on the federal government to condemn Islamophobia (that is, “fear or dislike of all or most Muslims”) and all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination. A motion is not a bill or a law, but a proposal for government to act on.

[ROTATE THESE TWO STATEMENTS – 3A IS AS SHOWN, 3B IS THE ROTATED VERSION]

People opposed to M-103 say it infringes on free speech and singles out one religion over others. They point out Canada already has hate crime legislation, plus other laws that protect freedom of religion.

Those supporting M-103 say such motions have been passed previously (such as motions condemning anti-Semitism). They say it’s important for Parliament to condemn anti-Muslim attitudes and discrimination.

If you were a Member of Parliament, how would you vote on this motion? Would you:

Vote in favour of the motion

Vote against the motion

Not sure / Would abstain from voting

Q4. Which of the following statements is closest to your own opinion on this motion, M-103?

M-103 is worth passing – it will help reduce anti-Muslim attitudes and discrimination

M-103 is worth passing for symbolic reasons alone - but it won’t have any real impact

M-103 is not worth passing because it won't do anything and so it's a waste of time
M-103 should not be passed - it is a threat to Canadians' freedom of speech

Q5. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

Lots of people I know are distrustful of Canadian Muslims

It is not necessary for the Canadian government to condemn Islamophobia

Canadian Muslims face a lot of discrimination in their daily lives

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disagree

Moderately disagree

Moderately agree

Strongly agree