

New Canadians and Religion
ARI – Cardus 2018 Program, Part 1
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Part A -- Intro/Core demo's/New Canadian Screen/Context

[WELCOME SCREEN]

Today's survey asks people for their views on a number of different topics -- including life today, social values, and personal beliefs and spirituality. It should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

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First, a few questions about you and your background.

QRegion. Which province do you live in?

British Columbia

Alberta

Saskatchewan

Manitoba

Ontario

Quebec

New Brunswick

Nova Scotia

Prince Edward Island

Newfoundland and Labrador

QSub-region. And what part of the province do you live in? Please select from the list below.

[List of sub-regions for each province to be provided by Ricardo/ARF]

QGender. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Other

QAge. Which of the following categories includes your age?

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

QA1. Which of the following best describes you? Are you:

First generation Canadian -- you were born in another country

Second generation -- you were born here, but one or both of your parents were born in another country

Third generation -- your parents were both born in Canada but one or more of your grandparents were born in another country

Your family has been in Canada longer than that

You are an Indigenous Canadian

Unsure/Prefer not to say

[Ask 1st generation/born in another country Q's A2 a and b. Others skip]

QA2a. Where were you born? (Please select the country or region from the list below.)

China/Hong Kong

India

Philippines

Elsewhere in East Asia (e.g. Japan, Korea, etc.)

Elsewhere in South Asia (e.g. Nepal, Sri Lanka, etc.)

Southeast Asia (e.g. Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, etc.)

All other Asia (e.g. Central Asia, etc.)

British Isles (UK/Ireland/Scotland)

France

Elsewhere in Western Europe

Eastern Europe

Africa

Middle East (e.g. Syria, Iran, KSA, etc.)

United States
Mexico
Central America/Caribbean
South America

Australia/New Zealand

Somewhere else (please specify)

QA2b. How many years have you lived in Canada?

Fewer than 5 years
5 to 10 years
10 to 20 years
20 to 30 years
30 years or more

[Ask all NOT 1st gen or Indigenous:]

QA3. We're all Canadians now but our ancestors came from all over the world. Where did your ancestors emigrate to Canada from? (Please select the one or two most recent ancestral countries/regions from this list.)

British Isles (e.g. England, Ireland, Scotland)
France
Other Europe (e.g. Germany, Russia, Italy, Norway)

Caribbean (e.g. Jamaica, Cuba, Trinidad)
Central or South America (e.g. Mexico, Argentina, Guatemala, Peru)

Africa (e.g. South Africa, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe)
Middle East/Central Asia (e.g. Lebanon, Iran, Turkey, Syria)

South Asia (e.g. India, Pakistan, etc.)
China/HK
Philippines
Other East and South East Asian (e.g. Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc)

Other (Please specify) _____

[All survey respondents now continue]

Now, we want to get people's views on some different issues.

QA4. Please indicate your own personal level of satisfaction with the following:

[Randomize]

Your own personal happiness and contentment with your life

The overall quality of life in the community where you live

The way things are going in Canada today

Very dissatisfied

Moderately dissatisfied

Moderately satisfied

Very satisfied

Part B -- Religion in the Public Square

Let's consider the role of religious and faith communities in Canada today. By “religious and faith communities” we are generally referring to a group of people who share a religious faith. This could be any religious tradition, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, or any other shared faith. And the group could be members of a formal religious order (nuns, for example) or simply involved lay people, or a combination of the two.

QB1. [T] How would you describe the overall contribution religious and faith communities are making to Canada and Canadian society today?

Very good

More good than bad

A mix of good and bad

More bad than good

Very bad

QB2. [T] What would you consider ideal when it comes to the overall participation and influence of religious and faith communities in Canadian public life today? In your view, should religious and faith communities have:

A major influence on Canadian public life
Some influence
Not much
No influence at all – religion doesn't belong in public life

[QB3a/b to be asked of Newer Canadians -- 1st OR 2nd gen at QA1. Others skip ahead to QB4:]

QB3a. [1st gen set-up wording:] You indicated that you are first generation Canadian --- that is, that you were born in another country and immigrated to Canada. Please think for a moment about your experience coming to Canada. (If you were a young child at the time, please answer based on what you recall or what you might have heard about the experience from your parents.)

QB3b. [2nd gen set-up wording:] You indicated that you are second generation Canadian – that is, that one or both of your parents immigrated to Canada. Please think for a moment about what you know and what you've heard about their experience. (If both your parents immigrated, please think about the one who came to Canada more recently.)

[Both 1st and 2nd gen:] To what extent, if at all, was any religious or faith community involved in the following aspects of settling into life here in Canada? Please note that this involvement does not have to be your own faith group; we are wanting to know about any religious/faith group involvement in people's settlement into Canada.

a) By providing material assistance such as help getting a job or a place to live or language training

b) By providing a community and social network

c) By providing a spiritual home during transition to life in Canada

No involvement at all
Somewhat involved
Yes, religious/faith group very involved

[Everyone is asked QB4]

QB4a. [Wording for 1st/2nd gen Canadians:] Now let's think for a moment about the country where [1st: you were] [2nd: that parent was] born. How do you think the situation here in Canada compares to that country when it comes to:

QB4b. [Wording for all others:] How do you think the situation here in Canada compares to other countries when it comes to:

- a) Freedom of religion
- b) Respect for religious minorities
- c) Harmony among different religious groups
- d) The role religion plays in politics and public life

Better in Canada
About the same
Worse in Canada
Don't know

QB5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
[T – items a through g]

- a) I think Pope Francis is having a positive impact on the world
- b) It's important for parents to teach their children religious beliefs
- c) I think that religion's overall impact on the world is positive
- d) Reducing the presence of religion in our public life is a sign of progress in our society
- e) Religious and faith communities strengthen Canadian values such as equality and human rights
- f) Having a religious or faith-focused upbringing helps shape good citizenship characteristics
- g) All of the great religions of the world are equally good and true
- h) Having so many different religions here in Canada just divides people

Disagree strongly
Disagree moderately
Agree moderately

Agree strongly

QB6. [T]Overall, do you feel Canadian society today tends to make room for or shuts out your own personal values and faith?

Makes room for

Shuts out

No real impact either way

Don't know/can't say

Part C -- Spectrum of Spirituality

[Q's C1-3 have run in several previous surveys, including the ARI – Cardus series. Those used to create the spirituality spectrum/index noted with **]

These next questions are about you and your own personal beliefs. As always there are no right or wrong answers – we just want to understand people better.

QC1. Do you believe:

**That God or a higher power exists

In life after death

That God is active in this world

Yes, I definitely do believe

Yes, I think so

No, I don't think so

No, I definitely do not believe

QC2. How often, if at all, do you:

**Pray to God or some higher power

**Attend religious services (other than weddings or funerals)

**Feel you experience God's presence

Read the Bible, Quran, or other sacred text

Never

Only rarely

A few times a year

Once or twice a month

Once a week or so
A few times a week
Everyday

[If bottom two box (Don't think/Definitely do not believe) God or a higher power exists at QC1, ask QC3. Others skip ahead.]

**QC3. You have indicated that you do not believe that God or a higher power exists -- or that you don't think so. Just to confirm, how would you describe yourself when it comes to the whole area of personal faith or spirituality? Would you say:

You do not have any feelings of faith or spirituality
Have some/at some times
You do have feelings of faith or spirituality in your life

Part D – Matters of Morality

Changing our focus a bit now....

QD1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[T – items a – d]

- a) What's right or wrong is a matter of personal opinion
- b) Generally speaking, I feel a bit uncomfortable around people who are religiously devout
- c) It's important to live in the here and now, because this is the only existence we will ever have
- d) My personal faith is a very central and fundamental part of who I am
- e) I often feel my religious faith isolates me

Disagree strongly
Disagree moderately
Agree moderately
Agree strongly

QD2. What is the best way to live life? Should we be MORE focused on:

Achieving our own dreams and happiness
OR
Being concerned about helping others

Part E – Personal Background

We're just wrapping up now with a few more questions about you and your background.

QE1. Which one of the following best describes your religion?

- Roman Catholic
- United Church
- Anglican
- Lutheran
- Presbyterian
- Baptist
- Pentecostal
- Other evangelical Christian
- Other Christian
- Muslim
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Sikh
- Buddhist
- No religious identity
- Other (please specify)

QE2. And what religion were your parents?

[Rows – this order]

- Roman Catholic
- United Church
- Anglican
- Lutheran
- Presbyterian
- Baptist
- Pentecostal
- Other evangelical Christian
- Other Christian
- Muslim
- Hindu
- Jewish

Sikh
Buddhist
No religious identity
Other
Don't know/Can't say

[columns]
Mother
Father

QE3. And thinking about your own overall spiritual faith and values -- whatever they may be, to what extent, if at all, would you say those are shared with your parents?

[rows]
Closely shared
Generally shared
Not really shared
Not shared at all
Don't know

[columns]
Mother
Father

QE4. What about your spouse -- what is their religion? (If you have no spouse, just indicate that.)

Roman Catholic
United Church
Anglican
Lutheran
Presbyterian
Baptist
Pentecostal
Other evangelical Christian
Other Christian
Muslim
Hindu

Jewish
Sikh
Buddhist
No religious identity
I do not have a spouse
Other (please specify)

[Exclude those who already said they don't have a spouse]

QE5. To what extent, does your spouse share your spiritual faith and values (whatever those may be)?

Closely share
Generally share
Don't really share
Don't share at all
Don't know

QE6. [T] Suppose you were about to become a new parent. How important would it be to you that that child of yours:

- a) Gets formally welcomed into a faith community or religion (for example, Christian baptism)
- b) Is educated about faith and/or religion
- c) Grows up believing in God or a higher power
- d) Grows up holding similar spiritual and/or religious beliefs to your own

Not important at all
Not that important
Quite important
Very important

QE7. Would you say you had a religious upbringing?

Yes, very religious
Quite religious
Only somewhat
No, not religious at all

QE8. Do you see yourself as:

Spiritual but not religious

Religious and spiritual

Religious but not spiritual

Neither religious nor spiritual

QE9. Some people say Canadians variously 1) embrace religion, 2) reject religion, or 3) are somewhere in between the two extremes. Where would you tend to locate yourself?

I am inclined to embrace religion

I am inclined to reject religion

I am somewhere in between

Socio-Demographic Info

Finally, some questions for our statistical calculations.

QHHIncome. Which of the following categories best describes your total annual household income before taxes?

Under \$25,000

\$25,000 to less than \$35,000

\$35,000 to less than \$50,000

\$50,000 to less than \$75,000

\$75,000 to less than \$100,000

\$100,000 to less than \$125,00

Over \$125,000

Don't Know/Rather Not Say

QEducation. What is the highest level of education that you yourself completed?

Grade school or some high school, did not graduate

High school graduate

College diploma or certified trade

Some university, did not complete

University degree(s)

QVote2015. Which party's candidate did you support in the 2015 federal election?

[randomize top 3 parties – top 4 in QC]

[anchor]I did not vote

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP)

Bloc Quebecois [QC only]

[anchor]Green Party

[anchor]Other Party

[anchor]Rather not say

QVizmin. Finally, do you consider yourself to be a member of a visible minority? (This could include belonging to any cultural or religious or racial minority that is outwardly "visible" here in Canada.)

Yes

No