

Birthright Citizenship Questionnaire

QB1. How familiar are you with the term “birthright citizenship”? Would you say you ...

- Are quite familiar with it
- Know a little bit about it
- Have only heard the phrase
- Have never heard the phrase before now

QB2. “Birthright citizenship” is the policy that anyone born on Canadian soil, regardless of their parents’ citizenship or immigration status, is automatically a Canadian citizen.

Based on whatever you may have seen or heard about this policy, what are your views on it? Is it a ...

- Very good policy
- Good policy
- Neither good nor bad policy
- Bad policy
- Very bad policy

QB3. In recent years, there has been some discussion in Canada about changing the policy of birthright citizenship.

Supporters of doing this argue that it is necessary to discourage people from coming here as tourists specifically for the purposes of giving birth so that their children will be Canadian citizens (a practice known as “birth tourism”).

Opponents of changing birthright citizenship rules say doing so is unnecessary because “birth tourism” – while a notable issue in some cities – is not a big enough problem nationwide to justify changing Canada’s citizenship rules.

Which of these perspectives is closer to your own – even if neither is exactly how you feel?

- Changes to birthright citizenship are necessary
- Changes to birthright citizenship are NOT necessary

QB4. More specifically, in which of the following cases would you say a child born in a Canadian hospital should be given Canadian citizenship?

[COLUMNS]

- Child should be a Canadian citizen
- Child should NOT be a Canadian citizen
- Not sure

[ROWS – THIS ORDER]

- Only the mother is in Canada on a tourist visa

Both parents are in Canada on tourist visas
 Both parents are in Canada on student visas
 Both parents are in Canada on work visas
 One parent is a permanent resident of Canada (the other is not)
 Both parents are permanent residents
 One parent is a Canadian citizen (the other is not)
 Both parents are Canadian citizens

QB5. Let's take a step back now and think about the concept of "birth tourism" more generally. Again, "birth tourism" is the practice of pregnant women from other countries coming to Canada to give birth so that their children will be Canadian citizens.

Before starting this survey, how familiar were you with "birth tourism"? Would you say you ...

Were quite familiar with it before starting this survey
 Knew a little bit about it
 Had only heard the phrase
 Had never heard the phrase before starting this survey

QB6. And, based on whatever you may have seen, read, or heard about birth tourism, would you say it is ...

A very serious issue
 Quite serious
 Not that serious
 Not serious at all

QB7. Broadly speaking, there are three general types of responses Canada could take to dealing with this issue of birth tourism: It could change birthright citizenship rules; it could change other policies to discourage people from coming here to give birth, but leave current birthright citizenship rules in place; or it could keep the status quo and make no changes.

Which of these broad approaches to the issue of birth tourism would you prefer to see Canada take?

Change birthright citizenship rules
 Change other policies
 Keep the status quo and make no changes