COVID-19: Chinese Canadian Experience Questionnaire

[Intro screen]

Ethnicity/Chinese ID

First, a few questions to confirm this survey will be relevant for you.

Q15.
Base=All
Multi-choice, Max 2

We’re all Canadians now but our ancestors came from all over the world. What is your own ancestral or ethnic background?

(Please select one or two from this list)

Indigenous / First Nations / Inuit / Metis
English / Irish / Scottish
French
Other European (e.g. German, Russian, Italian, Norwegian, etc.)
Caribbean (e.g. Jamaica, Cuba, Trinidad)
Central or South American
African (e.g. South African, Ethiopian, Nigerian, etc.)
Middle Eastern / Central Asian (e.g. Lebanese, Iranian, Turkish, Syrian, etc.)
Southeast Asian (Filipino, Malaysian, Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese, etc.)
East Asian (Korean, Japanese, Chinese, etc.)
South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
Oceania (e.g., Australian, New Zealander, Fijian, etc.)
Other (Please specify)
Rather Not Say

Q16.
Base=all
Single choice

To confirm, does your own ethnic background include Chinese?

Yes
No

[All “Yes” at Q16 Continue as “Chinese” – continue]
[All “No” at Q16 Continue as Non-Chinese – DQ]
Q18.
Base=Chinese
Single choice
Were you born in Canada, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan or another country?

Canada
China
Hong Kong
Taiwan
Another country (Specify:________)

Q19.
Base = Not born in Canada (“Another country” in Q18 OR “Another country”/ “China” in Q17)
Single choice
How many years have you lived in Canada?

Fewer than 5 years
5 to 10 years
11 to 20 years
21 to 30 years
More than 30 years

Ethnic attitudes

[Display screen to all Chinese respondents]
We are all members of different social groups or social categories. We would like you to consider your Chinese and Canadian identity in responding to the following questions. There are no right or wrong answers to any of these statements; we are interested in your honest reactions and opinions.

[Rotate presentation of C1/2 and C3]

C1. (7 items)
Single Choice Grid
Please read each statement carefully, and respond by using the 6-point scale:

[rows][randomize]
Being Canadian is an important part of my identity

I love Canada and what it stands for

I feel like an outsider in Canada
I feel a strong sense of belonging to Canada

**[columns]**
1 - Strongly Disagree
2
3
4
5
6 – Strongly Agree

**C2. [T – ARI]**
*Single choice*

To what extent do you think others in this country see you as Canadian?

All the time
Mostly
Sometimes
Rarely
Never

**C3. (6 items)**
*Single Choice Grid*

Please read each statement carefully, and respond by using the 6-point scale:

**[rows] [randomize]**

My Chinese ethnicity is an important part of my identity

Asian kids in Canada will be bullied when they return to school post-COVID-19

**[columns]**
1 – Strongly Disagree
2
3
4
5
6 – Strongly Agree

**B10.**
*Single choice grid*

In your view, how has mainstream North American media coverage of COVID-19 affected Canadians’ view towards:
China
People of Chinese ethnicity in Canada

Very positive
Positive
No impact at all
Negative
Very negative

[Display screen for all respondents to this section]
As you may know, the first reports of the COVID-19 outbreak came from China, and therefore one aspect of the pandemic experience is relations between Canadians of Chinese ethnicity and other Canadians. This next section of the survey asks for your views and experiences in this regard.

C5.
Single choice grid

Please indicate whether you personally have experienced these instances of discrimination during COVID-19. Use the 6-point scale ranging from 1 (not at all/never) to 6 (always).

Because of my ethnicity, during COVID-19 I have …

[rows] [randomize]

Been treated with less respect than other people
Been made to feel like I pose a threat to the health and safety of others
Been called names or insulted
Been personally threatened or intimidated
Been exposed to anti-Chinese social media/graffiti/propaganda/jokes, etc.
Been physically attacked by strangers
Had friends and/or colleagues avoid contact with me (not related to social distancing)
Changed some of my routines because of concerns about racism or discrimination related to COVID-19

[columns]
1 – Not at all / never
2
3
4
5
6 – Always

C7.
Base= Exclude if 1 at “Been personally threatened or intimidated” AND "physically attacked" in C5
Open-end

Would you like to briefly describe the threats or harassment (or worse) you have experienced? (Just skip to the next question if you’d rather not.)
[Not to be coded – to glean qualitative insight]

C12.
Single choice

To what extent, if at all, do you think Canadians blame people of Chinese ethnicity for COVID-19?

1 = Not at all
2
3
4
5
6 = Absolutely