

Rohingya
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Today's survey is about a variety of issues that have been in the news lately.

Q1. First, the military in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) has reportedly been killing, capturing, and displacing members of the minority Rohingya ethnic group. Rohingya people are predominantly Muslim, while most of Myanmar's population is Buddhist.

Since the end of August, more than 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have reportedly fled Myanmar – mostly to Bangladesh – to escape murder, rape, and the burning of entire villages, all of which the United Nations has described as attempted "ethnic cleansing."

How closely would you say you have been following this issue? Are you:

Seeing lots of media coverage and discussing it with friends and family

Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation

Just scanning the headlines

Not seeing or hearing anything about it

Q2. Aung San Suu Kyi is the leader of Myanmar. In the past, she was best known for her human rights advocacy. She spent more than a decade under house arrest for her opposition to the country's previous military dictatorship. As a result, she was awarded, among many honours, the Nobel Peace Prize and honorary Canadian citizenship.

Recently, however, Aung San Suu Kyi has faced harsh criticism for failing to stop or strongly condemn the violence the military is accused of committing against the Rohingya.

Some people have said that Canada should revoke Aung San Suu Kyi's honorary citizenship because of her stance on the Rohingya crisis. What are your views on this? Would you say:

[ROTATE]

Yes, Canada should revoke Aung San Suu Kyi's honorary citizenship

No, Canada should NOT revoke Aung San Suu Kyi's honorary citizenship

[ANCHORED] Don't know/Can't say

Q3. As of Oct. 16, the Canadian government had provided more than \$13 million in humanitarian aid to non-governmental organizations in Myanmar and Bangladesh helping people affected by the crisis. This represents a 0.2 per cent of the \$5.4 billion Canada spends on foreign aid each year.

Based on whatever you've seen or heard and your own personal opinions, would you say the amount of money Canada has spent on the Rohingya crisis so far is:

Not enough – Canada should spend more on aid to those affected

About right

Too much already – Canada should not spend any more on this issue

Q4. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

Canada should prioritize sponsoring Rohingya refugees over people from other conflict zones

Ultimately, the situation in Myanmar is not Canada's problem

[COLUMNS]

Disagree strongly

Disagree moderately

Agree moderately

Agree strongly

Not sure/Can't say