

Bill-96 in Quebec

Some questions withheld for future releases.

Introduction: Attachment to Canada [All Respondents]

[Standalone Text Screen]

Today's survey looks at life in Canada today, including the ways we communicate. It should take about 8-10 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers – we're just interested in hearing your honest opinion. As always, your responses are completely confidential.

A1.

Base=All

Multiple Choice

Thinking of the various issues and challenges facing Canada today, which ones do you personally care about the most? (Select up to 3 from the list below or write in yours if it's not on our list.)

[Randomize]

The deficit / government spending
Jobs / unemployment
Environment / climate change
Income inequality / poverty
First Nations / Indigenous issues
Crime / public safety
Immigration / refugees
Housing affordability
National unity (Western Canada/Quebec)
International / global issues
Bilingualism
Preserving the French language **[QC only]**
Other (specify) **[Text Box] [Anchor]**

A2. [T ARI-CBC 2016]

Base=All

Single Choice

How proud are you to be Canadian?

Very proud

Proud
Somewhat proud
Not very proud
Not proud at all
No opinion/Don't know

A4. [Amalgamation of various Qs from ARI-CBC 2016]

Base=All

Single Choice Grid

Would you say that you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[Randomize]

I have a deep emotional attachment to Canada

I am proud that Canada is officially bilingual – with English and French as the two official languages

Quebec should stay as part of Canada

My province is respected by the national government

[New] It is important to me that I try and learn both official languages

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Languages [All Respondents]

[Text Box]

Now we'd like to ask you a few questions about languages.

B1.

Base=All

Multiple Choice

We'd like to know a little bit about your first languages. From the list below, please select the language or languages you learned and spoke **first**, as a child.

[Rotate order of English and French being at top depending on language of respondent; otherwise same order]

English

French

Arabic
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese, etc.)
Chiac
Cree
Creole
Dene
Farsi
German
Inuktitut
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Michif
Ojibway
Portuguese
Punjabi
Russian
Spanish
Swahili
Tagalog
Ukrainian
Urdu
Other [Textbox]

B3.

**Base=All except those who selected BOTH “English” AND “French” at B1
Single Choice for those who only chose either “English” OR “French” at B1
Single Choice Grid for all other responses at B1**

How proficient are you at communicating (i.e., speaking, writing, understanding) in _____?

Would you say you can:

If “English” at A1: French

If “French” at A1: English

If any other language at A1: English, French

Easily express yourself in detail on a wide range of subjects (e.g., literature, philosophy etc.)
Engage with complex ideas, but with some effort (e.g., technical discussions about your job, etc.)

Handle conversations about familiar topics (e.g., work, travel, etc.)

Get by doing simple tasks (e.g., shopping, ordering food, etc.)

Not applicable

B5.

Single Choice

Do you think that _____ language rights (e.g., access to schooling, government services) are adequately protected in your province?

French **[ROC]**

English **[QC]**

Yes

No

Don't know

B6.

Single Choice Grid

We're now going to show you a number of statements. Please let us know if you agree or disagree with them.

[Randomize]

I'm worried my children won't be able to speak **[pipe in language(s) from B1]**

My job prospects are limited by the languages I'm able to communicate in

I'm not always able to access public services in my preferred official language (French or English)

I feel like a minority because of the language I *prefer* to use

I'm concerned that it's getting more difficult to access services in English in Quebec

I've noticed that English is being used more and more in my neighbourhood **[QC only]**

I'm worried about the future of the French language in Quebec **[QC only]**

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Not applicable **[for question about children only]**

[ROC respondents skip to section C; QC respondents continue with section B]

Language, Language Use, and Bill 96 [QC Respondents]

[Text Box]

Earlier this year Quebec's government introduced Bill 96—a proposed reform of the existing *Charter of the French Language*. The main purpose of the bill is to re-emphasize the formal recognition of French as the only official language of Quebec and to promote the use of French across the province. Bill 96 has not yet become law.

C1.

Single Choice

How closely are you following the coverage around Bill 96 in Quebec? Would you say you are:

- Following it in the news and discussing it with friends and family
- Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it
- Just scanning the headlines
- Haven't heard anything about it until now

C2.

Single Choice

Bill 96 states that "Quebec is a nation and that its official language is French."

Would you say that you agree or disagree with this statement?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure

C3.

Single Choice

Listed below are some of the measures proposed by Bill 96. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each one.

[Randomize]

Capping the number of spots in English Cégeps at %17.5 and giving preference to Anglophones
Reducing access to English-language programs in French Cégeps
Employers must demonstrate that a job *requires* knowledge of a language other than French if they include it in the job description
Forcing companies with 25 or more employees to abide by stricter French language requirements (previously limited to those with 50 or more employees)
Shifting all government communication with immigrants to French after 6 months
The creation of a ministry of the French language and French language commissioner to protect the language in Quebec
Providing French language classes free of charge

[Responses]

Strongly support
Support
Oppose
Strongly oppose

C4.

Single Choice Grid

If Bill 96 becomes law, do you think it will have a positive or negative impact on the following:

[Randomize]

Quebec's ability to attract immigrants
Quebec's international reputation
Quebec's reputation in the rest of Canada
Quebec as a tourist destination
The competitiveness of businesses headquartered in Quebec
Willingness of Canadian/international companies to establish operations in Quebec
The future economic wellbeing of my family
The ability of children in Quebec to access a world class education

[Responses]

Very positive
Positive
Negative
Very negative
No impact

C5.

Single Choice

When thinking about the proposed Bill 96, which of the following two statements best reflects your point of view? Even if you don't completely agree with an option, please choose the one *closest* to your view.

[Randomize presentation of pairs and statements within pairs; do not display issue labels]

Perceived Intent

Bill 96 is about punishing those who do not speak French

OR

Bill 96 is about protecting those who do speak French

Minorities

I feel that I am respected by the rest of society in Quebec

OR

I do not feel that I am respected by the rest of society in Quebec

Effectiveness

The measures proposed by Bill 96 are an effective way to protect the French language in Quebec

OR

There are better ways to protect the French language in Quebec

Future of Quebec

I am hopeful when I think about the future of Quebec

OR

I am not hopeful when I think about the future of Quebec

C6.

Single Choice

Overall, based on what you've seen, read, or heard about this issue, including in this survey, do you support or oppose Quebec's proposed Bill-96?

Strongly support

Support

Oppose

Strongly oppose

[QC respondents skip to section D]

The view from the ROC [ROC Respondents]

[Text Box]

In the past Quebec has introduced rules surrounding the use of language in the province. Earlier this year the government of Quebec introduced a proposed change to these language laws: Bill 96. The main purpose of this bill is to re-emphasize that French is the only official language of Quebec and to promote the use of French across the province.

D2.

Single Choice

How closely are you following the coverage around Bill 96 in Quebec? Would you say you are:

- Following it in the news and discussing it with friends and family
- Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it
- Just scanning the headlines
- Haven't heard anything about it until now

D3.

Single Choice

Listed below are some of the measures proposed by Bill 96. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each one.

[Randomize]

Capping the number of spots in English Cégeps (publicly funded colleges unique to Quebec) at %17.5 and giving preference to Anglophones

Reducing access to English-language programs in French Cégeps (publicly funded colleges unique to Quebec)

Employers must demonstrate that a job *requires* knowledge of a language other than French if they include it in the job description

Forcing companies with 25 or more employees to abide by stricter French language requirements (previously limited to those with 50 or more employees)

Shifting all government communication with immigrants to French after 6 months

The creation of a ministry of the French language and French language commissioner to protect the language in Quebec

[Responses]

Strongly support
Support
Oppose
Strongly oppose

D5.
Single Choice

Overall, based on what you've seen, read, or heard about this issue, including in this survey, do you support or oppose Quebec's proposed Bill-96?

Strongly support
Support
Oppose
Strongly oppose

National Implications [All Respondents]

E1.
Single Choice

The Parliament of Canada passed a motion noting that it's within Quebec's rights to carry out the measures proposed in Bill 96. Would you say you support or oppose their decision?

Strongly support
Support
Oppose
Strongly oppose
Don't know