

Survey of Canadian Teens on Diversity and Racism
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Some questions held for future release. Others have already been released.

Intro for Parents

[intro text]



We have a survey today for parents/guardians and their school-aged children. It touches on a variety of subjects but focuses on life and experiences at school.

A1a.

Base=All

Single choice

First, are there any children between the ages of 12 and 17 living in your household right now?

Yes

No **[thank and terminate]**

A1b.

Base=All

And to confirm, are you the parent or guardian of that child/those children?

Yes

No **[thank and terminate]**

[Display screen]

For the next part of the survey, we're going to be asking Canadian kids and teens some questions to learn about their experiences and feelings at school and in their community. We'd like your child to complete the rest of the survey.

None of the questions are very personal (and certainly there is no sexual content). As always, any survey answers are completely confidential. You can sit with them as they complete the survey if you wish or if they need some help, but please let them answer the questions.

A7.

Base=All Parents

Single choice

Would you be willing to let your child participate in this survey? Please select "Yes" below to confirm:

- You are the parent/guardian of the child,
- You are over the age of 18, and
- You give permission for your child to participate in this survey.

Yes

No **[thank and terminate]**

[display screen]

Okay, please get your child and have them complete the survey now if possible. If you have more than one child between the ages of 12 and 17, please try to have the one whose birthday is closest to today fill out the survey.

If your child is not available right now, please simply return to this email when they are and click on the survey. As always, you can re-open the survey link if your child has to leave it and return to complete it.

Kids-only survey

Base= All Kids

B1.

Base=all

Single choice

Hi there! Thanks for helping us out. We're excited to find out how young people like you are feeling about life these days.

First, how old are you?

12

13

14

15

16

17

Not between 12 and 17 [**thank and terminate**]

B2.

Base=all

Single choice

And what is your gender?

Male

Female

You identify differently

Prefer not to say

C1.

Base=all

Single choice

Thinking about the total number of kids at your school, not just in your class or your grade, is your school small or big? You don't have to know for sure, your best guess is fine.

Small (Less than 200 kids)

Medium (200 to 500 kids)

Big (501 to 1000 kids)

Really big (More than 1000 kids)

Not sure/don't know

C2.

Base=all

Grid



Sometimes kids at school all get along really well and are close to each other, but there can also be divisions between kids. This can happen for all kinds of reasons, and it's not always a bad thing. What about your school?

Tell us whether each of the following describes the situation at your school, or not:

[randomize]

Many kids speak languages that I don't

My school is very "cliquey" -- There's lots of groups that stick to themselves

Bullying is pretty common

Kids at my school hang out and get along whatever their racial or ethnic background

My school has a lot of school spirit

Kids at my school aren't very friendly if they don't know you

Totally describes my school

Sort of describes my school

Does not describe my school

Not sure

C3.

Base=all

Grid

Here are some things you might experience at school, and some kids are cool with it, and other don't like it as much. Thinking about your school – do you like it or not like it when:

Kids at your school are speaking different languages you don't understand

Kids at your school celebrate different holidays than you

Kids at your school eat different foods than you

Kids at your school wear ethnic or religious clothes (such as a turban, hijab etc.)

Like it

Doesn't matter to me

Don't really like it

Don't know/doesn't happen at my school

C4.

Base=all

Multi choice grid



Here's a list of topics. We want to know which ones you might have learned about at school (online school during COVID counts).

Tell us whether you've learned a lot or a little about these topics at school. Or maybe this hasn't been a topic in any of your classes at all. Don't worry, this is not a test!

[rows – randomize]

A head tax on Chinese immigrants to Canada
The Komagata Maru ship
Indigenous treaties, land claims and residential schools
Internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II
Slavery in Canada
The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms **[fixed]**
Canadian multiculturalism **[fixed]**
Racism in Canada throughout history **[fixed]**

Learned a lot about it (did a project, took a test etc.)
Learned a little bit
Never learned about this in school

C5.

Base=all

Single choice grid

For this survey, let's define racism as when people think one race or ethnic background is better than others and so they treat people of other races or ethnicity unfairly and unequally.

Do you ever talk about racism with:

[Rows]

Your parents or other family members
Your friends
Your coaches/activity leaders
Your teachers
On social media **[Anchor]**

[Responses]

Yes, a lot
Yes, a little
No, never do
Not sure/can't say

Experiences with racism

D1.

Base=all

Single choice grid

Let's focus on school again.

Does this happen to kids at your school or to you based on racial or ethnic background?

[ROWS – this order]

Name calling, making fun of, or insults based on someone's racial or ethnic background

Someone being excluded or made to feel unwelcome based on their racial or ethnic background

Someone being bullied based on their racial or ethnic background

[Responses]

Yes, it happens at my school AND it happened to me personally

Yes, it happens at my school, but not to me personally

No, these things don't happen at my school

D2.

Base=Yes it happened to me personally in D1

And when this kind of thing happens to you, how does that make you feel? Would you say:

It doesn't bother me, it's just something that happens

It bothers me, but I get over it

It bothers me, and it stays with me

It really bothers me

D3.

Base= Yes it happened to me personally in D1

Open-end

You said that some of these things happened to you personally. Do you mind telling us a bit more about it? It's okay if you don't want to.

[Open-ended answer]

Prefer not to answer

[Pull-quotes, not to be coded]

D5.

Base= Picked response 1 or 2 in D1

Single choice

How do the other kids around usually respond when other kids say or do these kinds of things (bullying, name calling, etc., based on someone's racial or ethnic background)?

Do they ...?

Encourage/like it

Discourage/dislike it

Don't care/pretend it's not happening

D6.

Base=Picked response 1 or 2 in D1

Single choice

How do teachers and principals at your school usually react when things like this happen (bullying, name calling, etc., based on someone's racial or ethnic background)?

Very seriously (punishment, suspension, detention)

Try to discourage/talk to the kids

They just ignore it/not a big deal for them

They're not even aware of it

Ethnic background/wrap-up

E1.

Base=all

Multi choice

We're almost at the end of the survey. You've answered a lot of questions about race and ethnic background. What is your own family's racial background?

Indigenous Canadian (First Nations, Inuit, Metis)

White (Your ancestors are European)

Black (Your ancestors are African/Caribbean)

South Asian (Your ancestors are from India/Pakistan/Sri Lanka)

Chinese

Filipino

Other Asian (Your ancestors are Japanese, Korean, Southeast Asian)

Middle Eastern/West Asian (Your ancestors are Arab, Iranian, Afghani)

Latin American (Your ancestors are Mexican/Central/South American)

Other (Specify):

Prefer not to say [Exclusive]

E2.

Base=all

Single choice grid

How about the people in your life? Are they mostly from the same or a different racial or ethnic background as you?

[Rows – this order]

The kids who go to your school

Your teachers

Your sports teams or other activities outside of school

Your own close friends

[Responses]

All different backgrounds than yours

Mostly different backgrounds

Mostly the same

All the same background as yours

Don't know