

# ON AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND RECOGNIZING THE QUEBEC NATION



# METHODOLOGY

The results of the poll were collected via a web panel conducted by Léger for the Quebec Community Groups Network and the Association for Canadian Studies among a sample of 1623 Canadians, 18 years of age or older from May 21 to May 23, 2021.

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 1623 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.95\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

## QUEBEC AND REST OF CANADA DIFFER PROFOUNDLY ON PROVINCE'S AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

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	<b>Total</b>	<b>Atl.</b>	<b>QC</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>MB/SK</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>BC</b>
TOTAL AGREE	27%	16%	62%	20%	20%	8%	12%
Strongly agree	9%	2%	30%	4%	4%	2%	2%
Somewhat agree	18%	15%	31%	17%	16%	7%	10%
TOTAL DISAGREE	56%	61%	27%	63%	58%	82%	60%
Somewhat disagree	17%	21%	10%	20%	18%	24%	15%
Strongly disagree	38%	40%	17%	43%	41%	58%	45%
I don't know	17%	23%	12%	17%	22%	10%	28%

## QUEBEC AND REST OF CANADA STRONGLY DISAGREE THAT A PROVINCE OF CANADA SHOULD BE ABLE TO AMEND THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

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TOTAL AGREE	62%	17%
Strongly agree	30%	3%
Somewhat agree	31%	14%
TOTAL DISAGREE	27%	64%
Somewhat disagree	10%	19%
Strongly disagree	17%	45%
I don't know	12%	19%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

## QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES AND NON-FRANCOPHONES DISAGREE SIGNIFICANTLY ON PROVINCE'S AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

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	Francophone	Non-Francophone	
Strongly agree	37.9%	3.5%	30.1%
Somewhat agree	35.5%	18.6%	31.7%
Somewhat disagree	9.2%	11.6%	9.8%
Strongly disagree	4.8%	57.0%	16.6%
I don't know	12.6%	9.3%	11.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

## QUEBEC AND THE REST OF CANADA DIFFER ON THE CONSTITUTION RECOGNIZING QUEBEC AS A NATION

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that the Constitution of Canada should recognize Quebec as a nation?							
	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL AGREE	27%	12%	67%	19%	7%	11%	11%
Strongly agree	12%	0%	41%	4%	0%	2%	2%
Somewhat agree	15%	12%	26%	15%	7%	9%	9%
TOTAL DISAGREE	59%	72%	25%	68%	76%	77%	65%
Somewhat disagree	15%	18%	8%	20%	19%	12%	13%
Strongly disagree	44%	54%	17%	48%	57%	65%	52%
I don't know	14%	16%	8%	13%	17%	12%	24%

## QUEBEC AND REST OF CANADA STRONGLY DISAGREE ON RECOGNIZING QUEBEC AS A NATION

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that the Constitution of Canada should recognize Quebec as a nation?	Quebec	Rest of Canada
TOTAL AGREE	67%	15%
Strongly agree	41%	3%
Somewhat agree	26%	12%
TOTAL DISAGREE	25%	70%
Somewhat disagree	8%	17%
Strongly disagree	17%	53%
I don't know	8%	16%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

## QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES AND NON-FRANCOPHONES STRONGLY DISAGREE ON RECOGNIZING QUEBEC AS A NATION

:	Quebec		Total
	Francophone	Non-Francophone	
<b>Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that the Constitution of Canada should recognize Quebec as a nation?</b>			
Strongly agree	51.4%	5.7%	40.9%
Somewhat agree	28.1%	19.5%	26.1%
Somewhat disagree	6.8%	11.5%	7.9%
Strongly disagree	4.5%	59.8%	17.2%
I don't know	9.2%	3.4%	7.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**BUT IN THE EVENT OF SUCH RECOGNITION, A MAJORITY OF CANADIANS FEEL THAT QUEBEC SHOULD SIGN THE CONSTITUTION**

<b>If the Constitution of Canada recognized Quebec as a nation and French as its official language, should Quebec sign the constitution?</b>							
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>QC</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>MB/SK</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>BC</b>
<b>YES</b>	57%	51%	72%	57%	51%	44%	45%
<b>NO</b>	43%	49%	28%	43%	49%	56%	55%

**IN THE EVENT THE CONSTITUTION RECOGNIZED QUEBEC AS A NATION AND FRENCH AS ITS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE A MAJORITY OF CANADIANS BELIEVE QUEBEC SHOULD SIGN THE CONSTITUTION**

<b>If the Constitution of Canada recognized Quebec as a nation and French as its official language, should Quebec sign the constitution?</b>	Quebec	Rest of Canada
Yes	77.9%	54.5%
No	22.1%	45.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

**IN THE EVENT THE CONSTITUTION RECOGNIZED QUEBEC AS A NATION AND FRENCH AS ITS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE A MAJORITY OF QUEBECERS ACROSS LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS BELIEVE QUEBEC SHOULD SIGN THE CONSTITUTION**

If the Constitution of Canada recognized Quebec as a nation and French as its official language, should Quebec sign the constitution?	Quebec		Total
	Francophone	Non-Francophone	
Yes	77.9%	54.5%	72.5%
No	22.1%	45.5%	27.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%