

ATTACHMENT TO QUEBEC AND RECENT HISTORIC MARKERS

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

Sunday marks the celebration of Quebec's Fete nationale and in the second part of the series on English and French-speaking Quebecers we examine the respective degrees of attachment to Quebec and how they influence perceptions about language issues and the contribution of anglophones to Quebec society. We go on to examine which issues Quebecers feel have been the most important to our evolution over the past fifty years. Survey findings in this part of the study present important insights into Quebec identity.

The survey was conducted by the firm Leger Marketing for the Association for Canadian Studies and the Quebec Community Groups Network with a national sample 1226 Quebecers 871 francophones 275 anglophones and 106 allophones and was conducted between May 14th and may 17th 2018 via web panel with a probabilistic margin of error of 3.5 points 19 times out of 20

Attachment to Quebec

FRANCOPHONE ATTACHMENT TO QUEBEC REMAINS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN NON-FRANCOPHONE

	What is the language you first learned	ood and that you still	
My province-Quebec 2018	French	English	Other
Very attached	54.8%	24.5%	24.4%
Somewhat attached	36.3%	38.0%	44.4%
Not very attached	6.5%	28.1%	20.0%
Not attached at all	2.4%	8.9%	11.1%
l prefer not to answer		.5%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Attachment to Quebec 2012- 2018 (Red indicates very attached)	French	English
2012	91 (61)	NS
2014	94 (63)	64 (33)
2016	89 (52)	64 (20)
2018	91 <mark>(55)</mark>	62 <mark>(25)</mark>

ATTACHMENT TO QUEBEC INCREASES WITH AGE FOR BOTH FRANCOPHONE AND ANGLOPHONE WITH BIGGEST SPIKE AMONGST BOOMERS

What is the langu	What is the language you first learned at home in your		Between 18	Between 25	Between 35	Between 45	Between 55	Between 65
childhood and tha	childhood and that you still understand?		and 24	and 34	and 44	and 54	and 64	and 74
French	My province-	Very attached	43.2%	42.3%	44.9%	45.5%	66.9%	71.1%
	Quebec	Somewhat attached	39.8%	44.2%	43.5%	42.3%	28.2%	27.5%
		Not very attached	10.2%	9.6%	10.9%	7.1%	4.3%	1.4%
		Not attached at all	6.8%	3.8%	.7%	5.1%	.6%	
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
English	My province-	Very attached	10.0%	16.7%	26.1%	18.8%	21.2%	38.9%
	Quebec	Somewhat attached	33.3%	33.3%	21.7%	40.6%	42.4%	50.0%
		Not very attached	30.0%	37.5%	39.1%	34.4%	30.3%	11.1%
		Not attached at all	23.3%	12.5%	1 3.0%	6.3%	6.1%	
		I prefer not to	3.3%					
		answer						
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

STRONGER ATTACHMENT TO QUEBEC AMONGST FRANCOPHONES=SLIGHTLY MORE NEGATIVE VIEW OF ANGLOPHONES AND OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FRENCH SPEAKING QUEBECERS

		My provin	ce-Quebec
French		Very attached	Somewhat attached
Anglophone	Positive	69.5%	81%
Quebecers	Negative	30.4%	19%
Total		100.0%	100.0%

		My province-Quebec		
French		Very attached	Somewhat attached	
The relationships	Positive	65%	75%	
between English- speaking	Negative	35%	25%	
Quebecers/French-				
speaking				
Quebecers Total		100.00/	100.0%	
Total		100.0%	100.0%	

ANGLOPHONES AND ALLOPHONES MORE ATTACHED TO QUEBEC ARE MORE LIKELY TO SEE FRANCOPHONES POSITIVELY AND TO SEE RELATIONSHIPS AS POSITIVE

			My province-Quebec			
						Not
			Very	Somewhat	Not very	attached at
			attached	attached	attached	all
English	Francophone	Very positive	46.8%	39.7%	22.2%	11.8%
	Quebecers	Somewhat positive	40.4%	50.7%	48.1%	17.6%
		Somewhat negative	8.5%	8.2%	24.1%	41.2%
		Very negative	4.3%	1.4%	5.6%	29.4%
	Total	•	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other	Francophone	Very positive	63.6%	15.0%	22.2%	20.0%
	Quebecers	Somewhat positive	18.2%	70.0%	33.3%	20.0%
		Somewhat negative	18.2%	15.0%	44.4%	20.0%
		Very negative				40.0%
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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ANGLOPHONES AND ALLOPHONES MORE ATTACHED TO QUEBEC ARE MORE LIKELY TO SEE RELATIONSHIPS AS POSITIVE

				My province	-Quebec	
						Not
What is the language	e you first learned at	home in your		Somewhat	Not very	attached at
childhood and that y	ou still understand?		Very attached	attached	attached	all
English	The relationships	Very positive	36.2%	21.9%	9.3%	5.9%
	between English-	Somewhat positive	42.6%	56.2%	53.7%	17.6%
	speaking	Somewhat negative	8.5%	20.5%	31.5%	58.8%
	Quebecers/French-	Very negative	12.8%	1.4%	5.6%	17.6%
	speaking Quebecers					
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other	The relationships	Very positive	27.3%	5.0%	33.3%	20.0%
	between English-	Somewhat positive	54.5%	60.0%		40.0%
	speaking	Somewhat negative	9.1%	35.0%	66.7%	20.0%
	Quebecers/French-	Very negative	9.1%			20.0%
	speaking Quebecers					
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

THOSE MORE ATTACHED TO THE CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE ARE MORE ATTACHED TO QUEBEC

				My provi	nce-Quebec	
What is the language	you first learned at ho	ome in your childhood	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not attached at
and that you still understand?		attached	attached	attached	all	
French	The Charter of the	Very positive	53.3%	28.7%	Sample	Sample
	French Language (Bill				insufficient	insufficient
	101)					
		Somewhat positive	38.0%	59.6%		
		Somewhat negative	6.9%	9.4%		
		Very negative	1.7%	2.3%		
	Total		100.0%	100.0%		
English	The Charter of the	Very positive	21.3%	6.8%	7.4%	5.9%
	French Language (Bill 101)	Somewhat positive	31.9%	27.4%	20.4%	11.8%
		Somewhat negative	21.3%	38.4%	31.5%	35.3%
		Very negative	25.5%	27.4%	40.7%	47.1%
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

THOSE FRANCOPHONES THAT ARE MOST ATTACHED TO QUEBEC ARE MORE LIKELY TO FEEL THAT PROTECTION OF FRENCH IS INSUFFICIENT

			My province-Quebec		
What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			Very attached	Somewhat attached	Not very attached
French	Do you think the French language is well	Yes	31.3%	48.9%	Sample insufficient
	protected in Quebec?	No	65.0%	45.9%	
		l don't know	3.7%	5.2%	
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	
English	Do you think the French	Yes	91.5%	90.4%	83.3%
language is well protected in Quebec?		No	4.3%	4.1%	5.6%
	l don't know	4.3%	5.5%	11.1%	
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

THOSE FRANCOPHONES MOST ATTACHED TO QUEBEC ARE MORE LIKELY TO FEEL THAT THE CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE'S PROTECTION OF FRENCH IS INADEQUATE

			Му	province-Que	ebec
What is the language you first learned at home in your			Very	Somewhat	Not very
childhood and that	you still understand?		attached	attached	attached
French	Is the Charter of the	Yes	39.1%	54.4%	Sample
	French language				insufficient
	doing a good job of	No	53.8%	38.1%	
	protecting French in	l don't know	7.1%	7.5%	
	Quebec?				
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	
English	Is the Charter of the	Yes	74.5%	75.3%	59.3%
	French language	No	14.9%	11.0%	16.7%
doing a good job of	l don't know	10.6%	13.7%	24.1%	
	protecting French in				
	Quebec?				
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

THOSE FRANCOPHONES THAT ARE MORE ATTACHED TO QUEBEC ARE SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY TO VALUE THE CONTRIBUTION OF ANGLOPHONES

French	Very Attached to Quebec	Somewhat Attached to Quebec
English-speaking Quebecers have made an important contribution to Quebec's history	64	71
English-speaking Quebecers make an important contribution to Quebec culture	44	57
English-speaking Quebecers understand they are a minority in Quebec	48	53
English-speaking Quebecers are well integrated into Quebec society	54	69
English-speaking Quebecers are among the founding peoples of Quebec society	45	53

History Markers

QUIET REVOLUTION MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN LAST FIFTY YEARS OF QUEBEC HISTORY FOR FRANCOPHONES WITH BILL 101 A CLOSE SECOND; ANGLOPHONES PUT PQ ELECTION A CLOSE SECOND WHILE ALLOPHONES PUT 1995 REFERENDUM AS CLOSE SECOND

Rank in order of importance the following historic events of the past 50 years, from 1 being the one you think is the most important to 8 being the one you think is the least important.	French	English	Other
The Quiet Revolution of the 1960s	30%	20%	23%
The FLQ Crisis	5%	14%	5%
The election of the Parti Québécois in 1976	16%	17%	11%
The adoption of the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101)	26%	11%	18%
The Repatriation of the Constitution without Quebec's signature	6%	9%	9%
The Failure of the Meech Lake Accord	4%	5%	4%
The Oka Crisis and blocking of the Mercier Bridge	3%	10%	8%
The 1995 Referendum	10%	15%	21%

PQ ELECTION DOES BETTER WITH BOOMERS THAN WITH YOUNGER COHORT WHILE REFERENDUM DOES SLIGHTLY BETTER WITH YOUNGER COHORT

Rank in order of importance the following historic events of the past 50 years, from 1 being the one you think is the most important to 8 being the one you think is the least important.				
	Total	18 - 34	35 -54	55+
The Quiet Revolution of the 1960s	28%	31%	28%	27%
The adoption of the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101)	23%	23%	26%	21%
The election of the Parti Québécois in 1976	15%	10%	15%	19%
The 1995 Referendum	12%	15%	10%	12%
The Repatriation of the Constitution without Quebec's signature	7%	6%	9%	6%
The FLQ Crisis	6%	4%	3%	9%
The Failure of the Meech Lake Accord	4%	4%	4%	4%
The Oka Crisis and blocking of the Mercier Bridge	4%	7%	5%	2%