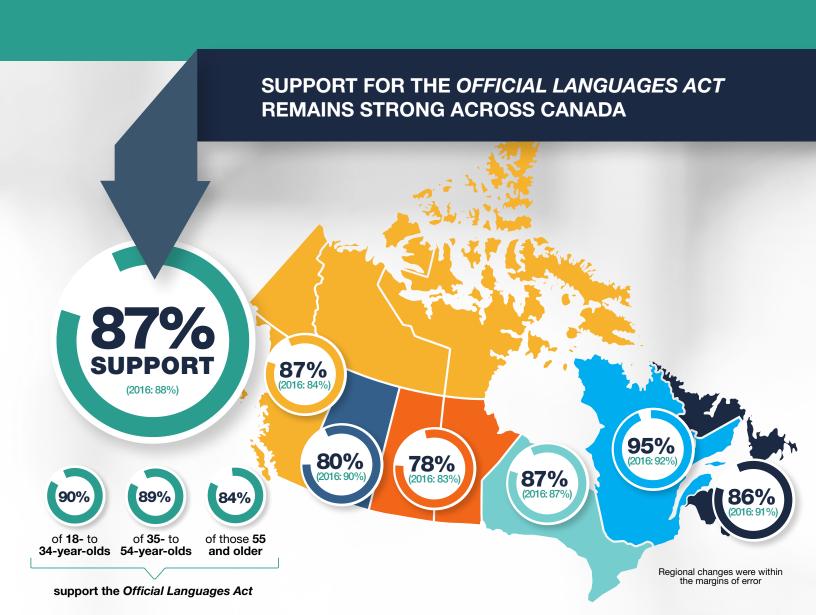


Commissariat aux langues officielles

WHAT CANADIANS THINK

about official bilingualism and the Official Languages Act



SUPPORT ACCORDING TO LANGUAGE OF RESPONDENTS

Strongly support

Somewhat support



BILINGUAL



UNILINGUAL



FRENCH



ENGLISH

IN ALL REGIONS:

The Act recognizes Canada's history, status and culture as a bilingual country.

MOST COMMONLY CITED

REASON FOR SUPPORT,



should be in English and French

FEDERAL

SERVICES

94%

MAJOR EVENTS IN CANADA

like the World Cup should take place in both official languages

75%

IN TIMES OF CRISIS,

political leaders should speak to Canadians in their preferred official language

77%

CANADIANS AGREE



THE PRIME **MINISTER** OF CANADA should be bilingual 82%

SUPREME COURT JUDGES should be bilingual

77%

ADVANTAGES OF BILINGUALISM

Percentage of respondents who agree	
Job opportunities	93%
Provide better service	93%
Meet Canadians who speak the other official language	89%
Travel abroad	88%
Become familiar with another culture	87%

Because English and French are part of our history, IT MAKES **SENSE THAT THEY HAVE EQUAL STATUS**

79%

HAVING TWO OFFICIAL **LANGUAGES**

is one of the things that really defines Canada

78%

