

QUEBECERS' VIEWS ON LANGUAGE ISSUES IN THE AFTERMATH OF BILL 96



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 1501 Quebecers, 18 years of age or older from May 14 to 19, 2021.

The survey included a sample of 573 Quebecers with languages other than French. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 1501 respondents would have a margin of error of ± 2.95 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

QUEBECERS DIVIDED OVER THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY CLOSELY FOLLOW LANGUAGE DEBATES

I follow language debates in Quebec closely - Please answer yes or no the following:	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total –Quebec	French	English	Other
Yes	48.5%	50.9%	42.9%	41.2%
No	51.5%	49.1%	57.1%	58.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

SEVEN IN TEN ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS AND EIGHT IN TEN ALLOPHONES FEEL ATTACHED TO QUEBEC

Please tell us whether you are very attached, somewhat attached to Quebec:	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
Total Attachment	88.7%	92.7%	70.2%	79.2%
Very attached	58.3%	65.8%	34.5%	34.4%
Somewhat attached	30.4%	26.9%	35.7%	44.8%
Not very attached	8.9%	6.4%	22.6%	13.5%
Not attached at all	2.5%	1.0%	7.1%	7.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

BILL 96 MAKES MAJORITIES OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING AND ALLOPHONE QUEBECERS FEEL LESS PROUD TO BE QUEBECERS; MAJORITIES OF FRENCH SPEAKERS DEGREE OF PRIDE GOES UNCHANGED

Does the reinforcement of the Charter of the French Language with Bill 96 make you feel...	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
More proud to be a Quebecer	24.8%	30.8%	1.2%	9.4%
Same degree of pride in being a Quebecer	50.0%	56.0%	19.0%	27.1%
Less proud to be a Quebecer	25.2%	13.1%	79.8%	63.5%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

MOST FRANCOPHONES THINK THE THREAT TO THE FRENCH LANGUAGE IS UNCHANGED WHILE A MAJORITY OF ENGLISH SPEAKERS THINK THE FRENCH LANGUAGE IS MORE SECURE THAN EVER

At this time, do you think that the French language in Quebec is more threatened than ever, same degree of threat as usual or more secure than it has ever been?	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
More threatened than ever	36.6%	44.4%	4.8%	17.7%
Same degree of threat	48.7%	49.0%	36.9%	44.8%
More secure than it has ever been	14.7%	6.6%	58.3%	37.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

OVER ONE IN THREE QUEBECERS THINK THAT BILL 96 WILL WORSEN RELATIONS BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FRENCH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS WITH MAJORITIES OF ENGLISH SPEAKERS AND ALLOPHONES FEELING RELATIONS WILL WORSEN

With the reinforcement of the Charter of the French language with Bill 96 do you feel that relations between English and French-speaking Quebecers will...	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
Improve	6.9%	8.1%	1.2%	3.1%
Stay the same	57.0%	64.8%	25.3%	33.3%
Worsen	36.2%	27.1%	73.5%	63.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

QUEBECERS DIVIDED ON THE NEED TO USE THE NOTWITHSTANDING CLAUSE TO PROTECT BILL 96 FROM COURT CHALLENGES WITH FRENCH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS AND OTHERS HOLDING DIVERGENT VIEWS ON THE ISSUE

The government of Quebec said it was necessary to use the notwithstanding so as to prevent court challenges to certain provisions of Bill 96. Do you agree that it was necessary to do so?	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
Yes	50.4%	61.1%	10.7%	17.7%
No	49.6%	38.9%	89.3%	82.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

SEVEN IN TEN ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBECERS BELIEVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTIONS ARE MORE THREATENED THAN EVER. A MAJORITY OF ALLOPHONES AGREE; FEW FRENCH SPEAKERS CONCUR

Do you think that English language institutions in Quebec are threatened?	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
More threatened than ever	23.0%	12.3%	70.2%	55.7%
Same degree of threat	47.6%	52.3%	25.0%	28.9%
More secure than it has ever been	29.3%	35.4%	4.8%	15.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

A MAJORITY OF QUEBECERS OPPOSE A QUOTA ON THE NUMBER OF QUEBECERS THAT COULD ENROLL IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CEGEPS WITH ENGLISH AND FRENCH SPEAKERS HOLDING DIVERGENT VIEWS ON THE MATTER

With its new language legislation (Bill 96) the government of Quebec sets a quota on the number of Quebecers that could enroll in English-language CEGEPs. Are you in favor of such a proposal?	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
Yes	49.0%	57.9%	11.9%	30.2%
No	51.0%	42.1%	88.1%	69.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

QUEBECERS DIVIDED WHEN ASKED WHO THEY THINK ARE MOST AFFECTED BY LIMITS TO ENROLLMENT ON ENGLISH CEGEPS

Of the following rank in order who you think will be most affected by Bill 96's limitations on enrollment in English language CEGEPs.	What is the language you first learned at home in your childhood and that you still understand?			
	Total	French	English	Other
Quebec French-speaking Quebecers	25.0%	25.0%	27.0%	25.0%
Quebecers whose first language is neither English nor French (allophones)	27.0%	30.0%	13.0%	20.0%
English-language education institutions	25.0%	25.0%	32.0%	25.0%
All Quebecers	23.0%	21.0%	27.0%	30.0%