

# Are English-Speaking Quebecers Part of the Quebec Nation?

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## Introduction

### ***Are English-speaking Quebecers part of the Quebec nation?***

A majority of Quebecers think so and that includes some three in four anglophones as revealed in a Leger survey conducted for the Association for Canadian Studies in September 2023. While most Quebecers agree that English-speaking Quebecers are part of the Quebec nation, they do not agree that they are one of its founding peoples - an issue nonetheless of disagreement between Francophone and Anglophone Quebecers. Anglophones are far more likely than Francophones to regard Indigenous peoples as one of Quebec's founders than they do French-speaking Canadians. That said, there is diverging opinion around the actual period in which Quebec was founded.

There also remains some confusion around national identities within the Quebec nation. While a large majority agree that the Quebec nation is part of the Canadian nation, they also agree that there is a Canadian nation within Quebec.

## Methodology

Leger Marketing surveyed 1,000 Quebecers for the Association for Canadian Studies on issues of historic colonization and its contemporary impact. The results reveal significant differences amongst Quebecers when it comes to the victims of colonization and the question of who founded Quebec.

The survey was conducted during the week of September 18, 2023 by web panel among 1,000 Quebecers (798 francophones, 130 anglophones and 72 allophones). A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1000 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

# Quebecers' Response

Three in four Francophone Quebecers believe that English-speaking Quebecers are part of the Quebec nation, while two-thirds of Anglophones believe that to be the case.

Quebec	English-speaking Quebecers are part of the Quebec nation?			
	French	English	Other	Total
Completely agree	38.3%	46.9%	58.7%	41.70%
Somewhat agree	35.5%	20.8%	32.6%	32.70%
Somewhat disagree	13.1%	7.3%	6.5%	12.00%
Completely disagree	6.6%	18.8%		7.00%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	6.6%	6.3%	2.2%	6.50%

## The Founding Peoples of Quebec

Quebecers are equally likely to believe that French and Indigenous peoples are founders of Quebec. Quebec Anglophones are far more likely to believe that Indigenous peoples are its founding people. Most Anglophones see themselves as founders of Quebec but most francophones do not.

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements (Quebec)	Francophone	Anglophone	Allophone	Total
French-speaking Canadians are a founding peoples of Quebec	75.4%	42.7%	59.6%	70.1%
English-speaking Canadians are a founding peoples of Quebec	27.6%	56.7%	45.7%	33.4%
Indigenous peoples are founding peoples of Quebec	67.4%	82.3%	60.9%	69.2%

# The Founding of Quebec

Quebecers are sharply divided on the date of Quebec's founding.

Please choose between the following statements	Francophone	Anglophone	Allophone	Total
The founding of Québec began with the arrival of Indigenous peoples on the territory	27.0%	33.0%	22.0%	27.0%
The founding of Quebec began with the arrival of the French peoples	36.0%	28.0%	28.0%	34.0%
Quebec was founded in 1867, when Lower Canada became the province of Quebec	20.0%	20.0%	31.0%	21.0%
I don't know	16.0%	19.0%	19.0%	17.0%

# Quebec as Part of the Canadian Nation

Three in four Quebecers agree that Quebec is part of the Canadian nation.

	The Quebec nation is part of the Canadian nation			
	French	English	Other	Total
Completely agree	38.3%	65.6%	80.4%	44.4%
Somewhat agree	36.7%	13.5%	8.7%	32.9%
Somewhat disagree	11.2%	7.3%	8.7%	10.0%
Completely disagree	6.9%	5.2%	0%	6.3%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	6.8%	8.3%	2.2%	6.5%

# Indigenous Peoples are Part of the Quebec Nation

Almost nine in ten Quebecers agree that Indigenous peoples are part of the Quebec nation.

	Members of Quebec's Indigenous peoples are part of the Quebec nation			
	French	English	Other	Total
Completely agree	53.9%	48.5%	54.3%	53.4%
Somewhat agree	32.8%	23.7%	32.6%	31.2%
Somewhat disagree	5.1%	7.2%	2.2%	5.5%
Completely disagree	2.3%	12.4%	4.3%	3.4%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	5.9%	8.2%	6.5%	6.5%



# Canada as a Nation within Quebec

A majority of Quebecers agree that there is a Canadian nation within Quebec.

	There is a Canadian nation within the Quebec nation			
	French	English	Other	Total
Completely agree	19.1%	40.6%	44.4%	24.3%
Somewhat agree	35.4%	14.6%	17.8%	30.9%
Somewhat disagree	17.4%	10.4%	6.7%	15.8%
Completely disagree	13.0%	15.6%	15.6%	13.5%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	15.1%	18.8%	15.6%	15.4%

# English-speaking Quebecers as part of the Canadian Nation

A majority of Quebecers agree that English-speaking Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation.

	English-speaking Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation		
	French	English	Other
Completely agree	52.3%	71.9%	71.7%
Somewhat agree	35.4%	14.6%	19.6%
Somewhat disagree	3.6%	6.3%	6.5%
Completely disagree	2.0%	0%	0%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	6.7%	7.3%	2.2%

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