

# A clear majority of Canadians agree with the removal of the pro-Palestinian encampments

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# Introduction and Methodology

On the morning of July 5<sup>th</sup> Montreal police in riot gear removed protesters out of a pro-Palestinian encampment in Victoria Square and on July 10<sup>th</sup> after 2½ months of courtroom pleadings, acts of vandalism, counter-protests and talk about divestment, on provincial police and security officials took down the pro-Palestinian encampment that had been on the Montreal downtown campus since April 27. According to a Leger survey for the Association for Canadian Studies the removal of the encampments at McGill and Victoria Square was approved by some 70% percent of Canadians with some 13% disapproving (and 17% didn't know or preferred not to answer). Some 1784 respondents were surveyed by Leger for the ACS and while a margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes, A probability sample of 1784 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20

**An important majority of Canadians agreed with the police and private security removing the encampments at McGill University; it is worth noting that amongst students across Canada amongst those expressing an opinion, some two to one favored the removal of the encampments**

At McGill University in Montreal, officials were correct to have the police and private security take down the encampments on their campuses. - To what extent do you agree with the following statements?	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Students
NET AGREE	69%	75%	64%	48%	65%	85%	<b>40%</b>
Strongly agree	44%	48%	40%	24%	37%	62%	<b>22%</b>
Somewhat agree	25%	26%	24%	24%	29%	24%	<b>18%</b>
NET DISAGREE	13%	15%	12%	24%	14%	6%	<b>18%</b>
Somewhat disagree	6%	6%	6%	12%	6%	3%	<b>8%</b>
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	6%	12%	8%	3%	<b>10%</b>
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	17%	10%	24%	27%	21%	8%	<b>42%</b>

# Quebecers and British Columbians were most likely to approve removal of encampments as McGill University

At McGill University in Montreal, officials were correct to have the police and private security take down the encampments on their campuses. - To what extent do you agree with the following statements?	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
NET AGREE	69%	68%	75%	67%	55%	65%	75%
Strongly agree	44%	37%	54%	42%	37%	40%	41%
Somewhat agree	25%	31%	22%	25%	18%	24%	34%
NET DISAGREE	13%	12%	11%	13%	16%	17%	15%
Somewhat disagree	6%	5%	5%	6%	11%	5%	9%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	6%	7%	4%	13%	6%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	17%	20%	13%	20%	29%	18%	9%

# An important majority of Canadians similarly agree with the removal of the encampments at Victoria Square in Montreal

At Place Victoria in Montreal, the police were correct to have the encampments removed.	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
NET AGREE	68%	73%	63%	47%	62%	85%	62%	74%	67%	57%	59%	73%
Strongly agree	44%	48%	41%	26%	36%	62%	33%	53%	43%	38%	45%	42%
Somewhat agree	23%	25%	22%	21%	25%	23%	29%	20%	24%	19%	14%	31%
NET DISAGREE	15%	16%	14%	26%	17%	6%	12%	12%	12%	14%	27%	17%
Somewhat disagree	8%	7%	8%	16%	8%	3%	6%	8%	6%	9%	11%	10%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	5%	10%	9%	3%	6%	4%	6%	5%	16%	7%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	18%	11%	24%	27%	21%	10%	26%	14%	20%	29%	14%	10%