

# Perceptions of prejudice towards selected groups, intergroup relations and concerns over hate expression

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# Introduction

That which follows will examine views on the part of Canadians and Americans with respect to rising concerns over anti-Semitism and racism, concerns with hate expression and looks at the cross-cultural relationships that Canadians feel are most in need of attention/repair.

The results around prejudice towards groups are based on a survey of 1784 respondents by Leger for the ACS conducted between July 12 and 15, 2024. 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  $\pm 2.1\%$ , 19 times out of 20

The mid to late May 2024 surveys in the two countries partly offer an update to surveys conducted by Leger-ACS in February 2023. but they go beyond by adding questions relative to online hate as well as intergroup relations. It also offers comparisons on such issues with opinion in the United States. The results to the new question around hate on line suggest a major challenge for the new Federal legislation around on line harms.

The surveys on hate expression and intergroup relations were conducted in Canada between May 17 and 20, 2024 with 1519 Canadians (and in the United States) between May 24 and 27 with 1000 Americans. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1519 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20

# Canadians regard prejudice towards indigenous persons and towards Jews on top of list as 'very serious problem' boomers most likely to put prejudice towards Jews as very serious problem

July 12-15 2024	To What Extent do you think the following is a very serious problem in Canada					
Very Serious Problem	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Prejudice against Indigenous persons	26%	23%	30%	34%	25%	23%
Anti-Semitism/Prejudice towards Jews	25%	23%	27%	<b>23%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>31%</b>
Islamophobia/Prejudice towards Muslims	21%	16%	25%	25%	18%	20%
Prejudice against LGBTQ+ persons	20%	18%	22%	24%	18%	19%
Prejudice against Black persons	19%	16%	22%	25%	17%	17%

# There are significant regional variations in the extent to which various group prejudices are seen as a very serious problem

July 12-15 2024		To what extent do you think the following is a very serious problem in Canada					
Very Serious Problem	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	
Prejudice against Indigenous persons	25%	23%	27%	27%	22%	28%	
Anti-Semitism/Prejudice towards Jews	21%	21%	22%	21%	24%	14%	
Islamophobia/Prejudice towards Muslims	25%	19%	20%	17%	16%	15%	
Prejudice against LGBTQ+ persons	25%	25%	26%	30%	31%	24%	
Prejudice against Black persons	25%	18%	21%	19%	19%	18%	

**Torontonians and Ottawa respondents put anti-Semitism atop the list of group prejudices seen as a very serious problem; Vancouverites are far more likely to put prejudice towards indigenous persons atop the list**

	To What Extent do you think the following is a very serious problem in Canada			
July 12-15 2024	Toronto (n=306)	Montreal (n=208)	Vancouver (n=122)	Ottawa (n=62)
Anti Semitism/Prejudice towards Jews	29	25	17	30
Islamophobia/Prejudice towards Muslims	20	21	17	23
Prejudice against Black persons	22	19	22	19
Prejudice against Indigenous persons	29	26	33	21
Prejudice against LGBTQ+ persons	19	17	26	19

**Selected ethnoracial minorities see prejudice towards Jews and Muslims as very serious problems at similar degrees but indigenous persons put seriousness of prejudice towards Jews as higher than prejudice towards indigenous persons**

To What Extent do you think the following is a very serious problem in Canada	Not White (n=376)	White (n=1408)	Black (n=57)	South Asian (n=78)	Chinese (n=88)	Indigenous (n= 56)
Anti Semitism/Prejudice towards Jews	25	25	40	27	23	32
Islamophobia/Prejudice towards Muslims	25	20	40	26	23	26
Prejudice against Black persons	23	18	42	19	18	18
Prejudice against Indigenous persons	30	25	39	29	28	29
Prejudice against LGBTQ+ persons	22	19	29	19	18	20

# Women are more likely than men to view prejudice towards groups as a serious problem; persons over the age of 55 are more likely to regard anti-Semitism as a serious problem than persons under 55

	To What Extent do you think the following is a serious problem in Canada (very and somewhat serious combined)					
July 12-15 2024	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Anti Semitism/Prejudice towards Jews	61%	57%	65%	53%	55%	70%
Islamophobia/Prejudice towards Muslims	60%	50%	70%	62%	56%	62%
Prejudice against Black persons	56%	48%	64%	63%	52%	56%
Prejudice against Indigenous persons	63%	56%	69%	65%	57%	66%
Prejudice against LGBTQ+ persons	55%	45%	63%	55%	50%	58%

# Americans view of anti-Semitism as a very serious problem has skyrocketed from 2003 to June 2024

## Growing Concern in the U.S. About Antisemitism

Do you think that antisemitism, or prejudice against Jewish people, is currently -- a very serious problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem or not a problem at all -- in the United States?

■ % Very serious problem   ■ % Somewhat of a problem   ■ % Not much of a problem  
■ % Not a problem at all

2024



2003



The percentage without an opinion is not shown.

# Perceptions of Hate on line and incidents of hate crimes



# A growing percentage of Canadians believe that hate is on the rise in Canada and this is especially the case amongst Canadians between the age of 18 and 24

Hate is on the rise in my country- Canada	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
February 23-26, 2024	66%	66%	66%	53%	64%	60%	65%	68%	76%
May 17-20, 2024	74%	69%	78%	69%	78%	69%	78%	69%	78%

# In the United States an even larger majority of the population believe that hate is on the rise in their country

Hate is on the rise in my country United States	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 +
February 23-26, 2024	74%	71%	76%	69%	67%	64%	81%	82%
May 17-20, 2024	82%	79%	85%	81%	73%	80%	83%	92%

**A majority of Canadians say they often see the expression of hate on line and this is the case for 70 percent of those between the ages of 18 and 24. This observation is even more pervasive in the United States**

I often see expressions of hate online	Total	Male	Female	Betwe en 18 and 24	Betwe en 25 and 34	Betwe en 35 and 44	Betwe en 45 and 54	Betwe en 55 and 64	65+
<b>Canada May 17 -20</b>	58%	54%	63%	70%	65%	63%	57%	51%	52%
<b>United States</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>18-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-64</b>	<b>65 +</b>	
<b>May 24-27 2024</b>	74%	68%	75%	86%	75%	79%	68%	64%	

# Montreal and Quebec City had the largest increase in the number of hate crimes in Canadian Metropolises between 2022 and 2023

Number of hate crime incidents	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Percentage Change 2022-2023	Percentage Change 2019-2023
Canada	1,951	2,646	3,355	3,612	4,777	32.2	244
Montreal	237	300	263	243	482	98.3	203
Quebec City	65	67	74	59	109	84.7	167
Halifax	8	17	19	72	121	68	151
Winnipeg	41	31	39	32	51	59.3	124
Edmonton	73	79	116	87	137	57.4	187
Kitchener	15	54	77	146	229	56.8	152
Saskatoon	10	18	22	46	66	43.4	660
Victoria	17	35	43	39	52	33.3	305
Vancouver	233	372	439	370	483	30.5	207
Toronto	415	549	780	872	1,082	24	260
Ottawa	118	185	261	324	379	17	321
Calgary	80	144	139	139	151	8.6	188
Hamilton	90	58	90	124	121	-2.5	134

# Relations



# Canadians believe relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples require the most attention/need of repair followed by relations between Jews and Muslims

Rank in order of importance which of the following relationships you believe require the most attention /in need of repair, with 1 being the first priority group, 2 being the second priority group Canada	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
<b>Indigenous and non-Indigenous</b>	29%	29%	30%	29%
<b>Jews and Muslims</b>	17%	14%	17%	20%
<b>Immigrants and non-immigrants</b>	13%	17%	15%	9%
<b>Christians and non-Christians</b>	11%	11%	10%	12%
<b>Muslims and non-Muslims</b>	9%	8%	9%	10%
<b>Jews and non-Jews</b>	8%	5%	7%	10%
<b>Black Canadians / African descent and others</b>	8%	9%	6%	8%
<b>Asian and non-Asian Canadians</b>	5%	7%	6%	3%

**The relationships that Canadians feel require the most attention vary by region with indigenous-non indigenous most prevalent concern in the Prairies and Alberta; Seen cumulatively Canadians are most concerned with relations between religious groups**

Rank in order of importance which of the following relationships you believe require the most attention / in need of repair, with 1 being the first priority group,	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
<b>Indigenous and non-Indigenous</b>	29%	35%	29%	25%	44%	33%	26%
<b>Jews and Muslims</b>	17%	12%	19%	20%	14%	10%	17%
<b>Immigrants and non-immigrants</b>	13%	14%	12%	14%	9%	9%	17%
<b>Christians and non-Christians</b>	11%	8%	10%	10%	12%	17%	13%
<b>Muslims and non-Muslims</b>	9%	9%	10%	9%	8%	13%	6%
<b>Jews and non-Jews</b>	8%	12%	6%	8%	7%	7%	8%
<b>Black Canadians / African descent and others</b>	8%	9%	10%	8%	3%	5%	6%
<b>Asian and non-Asian Canadians</b>	5%	2%	4%	5%	2%	6%	9%

# Montrealers and Torontonians are most concerned over relations between indigenous and non-indigenous followed by Jews and Muslims

Rank in order of importance which of the following relationships you believe require the most attention / in need of repair, with 1 being the first priority group,	Montreal	Toronto	Vancouver
<b>Indigenous and non-Indigenous</b>	29%	26%	23%
<b>Jews and Muslims</b>	22%	22%	16%
<b>Immigrants and non-immigrants</b>	11%	13%	16%
<b>Christians and non-Christians</b>	10%	6%	8%
<b>Muslims and non-Muslims</b>	7%	8%	6%
<b>Jews and non-Jews</b>	7%	8%	11%
<b>Black Canadians / African descent and others</b>	10%	12%	4%
<b>Asian and non-Asian Canadians</b>	3%	6%	14%