



# Polling Research

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**Most Quebecers agree that an independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States**

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# Introduction

This Wednesday (April 16) and Thursday (April 17) Canadians will have the opportunity to see the televised debates between the party leaders in French and English in the Federal election campaign. Relations between Canada and the United States will be critical theme in debates in both languages with President Trump's talk of making Canada the 51<sup>st</sup> state and imposing fresh tariffs on Canada.

Trump's statements and actions have given rise to conversations about the importance of unity in responding to the threat. Specifically many Quebec voters are asking is whether under the current circumstances-a party representing a larger country carries more weight in defending Quebec's interests than might the avowed sovereignist Bloc Quebecois. To provide insight the Association for Canadian Studies commissioned Leger Marketing (April 5 and 6, 2025) to ask whether "an independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States". Some 48% of Quebecers agree while 32% disagree.

Underlying the issue of who is best positioned to advocate for Quebec is the issue of the defense of the French language. In that regard, the United States recently listed the Quebec government's French-language reform as a barrier to trade with the United States that for some served as a further reminder of the need to identify ways of being impactful in interacting with the current US administration. The ACS-Leger survey reveals that most Quebecers agree that the French language in Quebec is threatened by the policies of the Trump administration.

The survey was conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies with 1631 respondents in Canada over the period April 5 and 6 , 2025 A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1631 respondents (433 in Quebec) would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

# Most Quebecers agree that an independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States

An independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States -

	Quebec	MTL RMR	QC RMR
Yes	47.7%	49.5%	54.1%
No	31.7%	33.5%	24.3%
I don't know	20.5%	17.0%	21.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**The Majority of those Quebecers intending to vote Liberal, Conservative or NDP agree that an independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States; Bloc voters are more divided over the issue but most feel Quebec would be much less influential**

Quebec	For whom do you intend to vote in the elections			
An independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States	Liberals	NDP	Bloc Quebecois	Conservatives
Yes	59.6%	57.1%	38.7%	53.9%
No	28.7%	21.4%	32.0%	35.5%
I don't know	11.8%	21.4%	29.3%	10.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# Most Quebecers agree that the French language in Quebec is threatened by the policies of Donald Trump

The French language in Quebec is threatened by the policies of the Trump administration -			
	Quebec	MTL RMR	QC RMR
Yes	46.4%	42.3%	52.6%
No	37.1%	40.7%	36.8%
I don't know	16.4%	16.9%	10.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# Bloc and NDP voters are most likely to agree that the French language in Quebec is threatened by the policies of the Trump administration; Liberal and Conservative voters more divided around the issue

Quebec	For whom do you intend to vote in the elections			
The French language in Quebec is threatened by the policies of the Trump administration	Liberals	NDP	Bloc Quebecois	Conservatives
Yes	42.9%	64.3%	68.9%	44.7%
No	42.9%	28.6%	16.2%	47.4%
I don't know	14.3%	7.1%	14.9%	7.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# Whether they agree or disagree that the French language in Quebec is threatened by the policies of the Trump administration most Quebecers agree that an independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States

An independent Quebec would have much less influence than would a united Canada in dealing with the current threat from the United States	The French language in Quebec is threatened by the policies of the Trump administration	
	Yes	No
Yes	48.9%	50.7%
No	32.2%	35.9%
I don't know	19.0%	13.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

**Should the Supreme Court of Canada have its say when it comes to the protection of the French language in Quebec?**

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This Wednesday (April 16) and Thursday (April 17) Canadians will have the opportunity to see the televised debates between the party leaders in French and English in the Federal election campaign. Language issues will surely be near the top of the agenda in the French language debate and specifically the issue of Bill 96, the law introduced by the government of Quebec aimed at reinforcing French. With the exception of the Bloc Québécois, federal party leaders have been prudent over the course of the campaign in their positioning on Quebec language issues. Those leaders taking the view that it's up to Quebec only to address language concerns need to be mindful that the Supreme Court of Canada has been asked to rule on the constitutionality of Bill 96. A survey conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies (April 5 and 6) reveals that few Canadians feel that the Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws, a view also held by the largest plurality of Quebecers, The detailed analysis follows.

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# Few Canadians feel that the Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws

The Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws				
	Canada	French	English	A language other than French or English
Yes	13.3%	26.2%	9.0%	19.7%
No	48.6%	38.3%	52.2%	41.7%
I don't know	38.2%	35.5%	38.8%	38.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# One in four Quebecers agree that the Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws

The Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws			
	Quebec	MTL RMR	QC RMR
Yes	25.0%	24.9%	24.3%
No	45.2%	51.3%	40.5%
I don't know	29.8%	23.8%	35.1%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# The majority of Quebec Liberals and NDP disagree that the Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec language laws

The Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws – (Quebec)	Liberals	NDP	Bloc Quebecois	Conservatives
Yes	21.1%	13.3%	47.3%	26.7%
No	53.4%	53.3%	32.4%	48.0%
I don't know	25.6%	33.3%	20.3%	25.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# While most Quebecers do not believe that the Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws, there is a considerable gap in opinion on the issue between francophone and anglophone Quebecers

The Quebec government should ignore the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada over Quebec Language Laws		
Quebec	French	English
Yes	27.3%	12.7%
No	38.7%	73.2%
I don't know	34%	14.1%
Total	100%	100%

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