



Polling Research

**Memo to Mr. Blanchet: Quebecers-
including your voters-think they're
part of the Canadian nation**

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Introduction

During the election campaign Bloc Quebecois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet in referring to Canada stated in English .“We are, whether we like it or not, part of an artificial country with very little meaning, called Canada,” adding that the House of Commons is a foreign parliament because this nation is not mine,” When on a separate occasion he was asked to elaborate he reiterated with the following: “It’s a non-nation, a country which denies its own identity.” To test the extent to which the BQ leaders views align with those of other Quebecers, the Association for Canadian Studies asked Leger Marketing to ask Quebecers and all Canadians whether “Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation”. When asked, some 80% of Quebecers said they were part of the Canadian nation. Some 72% of Bloc Quebecois voters agreed (it is worth noting that 27% of Quebecers voted for the Bloc Quebecois on April 28th compared with 43% of the Liberals and 23% for the Conservatives).

Most Canadians agree that “to be a nation means that members share a common culture, language and history”. Amongst those who Quebecers who concur with that definition, some Quebecers 82% of Quebecers say that they’re part of the Canadian nation.

These findings arise from a survey conducted by Leger Marketing for the Association for Canadian Studies over the period May 1-3 ,2025.with1626 respondents in Canada. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1626 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20.

Eight in ten Quebecers and other Canadians agree that Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation

Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	81%	83%	80%	83%	83%	79%	80%
No	11%	11%	14%	8%	10%	14%	10%
I don't know	8%	7%	6%	9%	7%	8%	10%

Some 72% of persons who voted for the Bloc Quebecois agree that Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation, 90% of Quebecers that voted Liberal agree

Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation (Canadian voters)	To begin with...Who did you vote for in the Canadian federal election that ended last Monday?			
	PLC	NDP	BQ	CPC
Yes	90%	83%	72%	78%
No	5%	12%	23%	15%
I don't know	5%	5%	5%	7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation (Quebec voters)	To begin with...Who did you vote for in the Canadian federal election that ended last Monday?			
	PLC	NDP	BQ	CPC
Yes	90%	73%	72%	81%
No	8%	20%	23%	9%
I don't know	25	7%	5%	10%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Amongst Canadians who believe that to be a nation means that members share a common culture, language and history, some 83% agree that Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation

Canadian respondents	To be a nation means that members share a common culture, language and history	
Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation	YES	NO
Yes	83%	87%
No	12%	10%
I don't know	5%	3%
Total	100%	100%

Canadians aged 18to 24 seem less persuaded than others that the line/boundary between Canada and the United States is artificial

The line / boundary between Canada and the United States was drawn artificially	Between 18 and 24	Between 25 and 34	Between 35 and 44	Between 45 and 54	Between 55 and 64	65+
Yes	29%	27%	30%	20%	16%	19%
No	32%	43%	42%	47%	53%	54%
I don't know	39%	30%	28%	33%	31%	27%

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Quebec respondents	To be a nation means that members share a common culture, language and history	
Quebecers are part of the Canadian nation	YES	NO
Yes	82%	80%
No	15%	13%
I don't know	3%	7%
Total	100%	100%

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