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Indigenous Peoples

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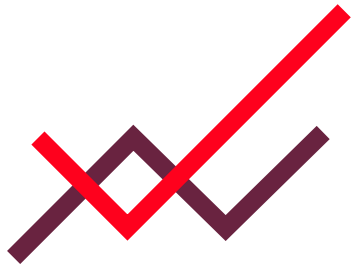
Reconciliation and Relations with Indigenous Peoples



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The Confederation of Tomorrow surveys give voice to Canadians about the major issues shaping the future of the federation and their political communities. They have been conducted annually since 2019 by an association of the country's leading public policy and socio-economic research organizations.

The 2026 study consists of a survey of 5,696 adults, conducted between February 14 and March 28, 2026 (92% of the responses were collected between February 19 and March 7); 91 percent of the responses were collected online. The remaining responses were collected by telephone (both landline and cell phone) from respondents living in the North or on First Nations reserves, or from francophone respondents in New Brunswick.

The survey is conducted on behalf of all the survey partners by the Environics Institute for Survey Research. The fieldwork is managed by Elemental DCI. The online portion of the survey drew respondents from the Leger LEO panel; the telephone interviews were conducted by Elemental DCI.

The survey data are weighted in three separate ways, depending on the population of interest. First, the complete survey data are weighted by region, gender, age, education, home language (separately for Quebec, New Brunswick and the rest of Canada) and Indigenous identity, so as to be representative of the Canadian population. Second, the territorial sample (when reported separately) is weighted by gender, age and education. Third, the Indigenous sample (when reported separately) is weighted by gender, age, region and education.

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Q34N. Would you describe current relations between Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous people as positive or negative?

	Peoples -----		Indigenous Group -----			Community -----		
	Total -----	IN- DIG -----	NON/ IND -----	FIR/ NAT -----	ME-/ TIS -----	IN-/ UIT -----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----
	(A)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)
Weighted 'N'	919	919	-	546	279	70	154	383
Unweighted 'N'	919	919	-	532	321	49	200	326
Very positive	46	46	-	31	8	7	13	18
	5%	5%		6%	3%	10%	8%	5%
Somewhat positive	368	368	-	218	106	34	69	146
	40%	40%		40%	38%	49%	45%	38%
Somewhat negative	315	315	-	185	101	21	34	145
	34%	34%		34%	36%	30%	22%	38%
								K
Very negative	114	114	-	74	34	6	31	43
	12%	12%		14%	12%	9%	20%	11%
Cannot say	76	76	-	38	30	2	7	31
	8%	8%		7%	11%	3%	5%	8%
NET: Positive	414	414	-	249	114	41	82	164
	45%	45%		46%	41%	59%	53%	43%
NET: Negative	429	429	-	259	135	27	65	188

	47%	47%		47%	48%	38%	42%	49%

Comparison Groups: BCD/EF/GHI/KL/MNOP/QR

Independent T-Test for Means (equal variances), Independent Z-Test for Percentages (unpooled proportions)

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Q36. Have governments in Canada gone too far or have they not gone far enough in trying to advance reconciliation with Indigeno

	Total ----- (A)	Peoples ----- IN- DIG (E) NON/ IND (F)		Indigenous Group ----- FIR/ NAT (G) ME-/ TIS (H) IN-/ UIT (I)			Community ----- On Res. (K) Off Res. (L)	
Weighted 'N'	919	919	-	546	279	70	154	383
Unweighted 'N'	919	919	-	532	321	49	200	326
Gone too far	99 11%	99 11%	-	46 8%	47 17%	3 4%	17 11%	29 8%
					GI			
Not gone far enough	539 59%	539 59%	-	328 60%	163 59%	43 62%	92 60%	231 60%
Neither / about right	197 21%	197 21%	-	121 22%	44 16%	21 31%	35 23%	84 22%

Cannot say	84	84	-	50	25	2	10	38
	9%	9%		9%	9%	3%	7%	10%

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QNEW5A. The federal government has said it would like to speed up the construction of new transportation and energy infrastruc

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Weighted 'N'	467	467	-	254	153	41	68	185
Unweighted 'N'	466	466	-	264	165	27	104	158
Act quickly to expand transportation and energy infrastructure, even if	137	137	-	79	46	5	25	54
	29%	29%		31%	30%	12%	37%	29%
				I				
Work to expand transportation and energy infrastructure, but ensure that provinces/territories	263	263	-	146	72	36	40	105
	56%	56%		58%	47%	88%	59%	57%
						GH		
Cannot say	67	67	-	28	36	0	3	26

	14%	14%		11%	23%	1%	4%	14%
					GI			

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QNEW5B. The federal government has said it would like to speed up the construction of new transportation and energy infrastruc

	Peoples =====		Indigenous Group =====			Community =====		
	Total ----	IN- DIG -----	NON/ IND -----	FIR/ NAT -----	ME-/ TIS ----	IN-/ UIT -----	On Res. -----	Off Res. -----
	(A)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)
Weighted 'N'	452	452	-	292	126	28	87	198
Unweighted 'N'	453	453	-	268	156	22	96	168
Act quickly to expand transportation and energy infrastructure, even if Indigenous	78 17%	78 17%	-	39 13%	28 22%	8 29%	2 3%	37 19%
								K
Expand transportation and energy infrastructure, but take time to ensure Indigenous communities	299 66%	299 66%	-	207 71%	75 60%	15 52%	73 84%	127 64%
							L	
Cannot say	75 17%	75 17%	-	46 16%	23 18%	5 19%	12 13%	35 17%

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Q38. Do you believe that individual Canadians do, or do not, have a role to play in efforts to bring about reconciliation between In

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Weighted 'N'	919	919	-	546	279	70	154	383
Unweighted 'N'	919	919	-	532	321	49	200	326
Canadians do have a role – feels strongly	520 57%	520 57%	-	320 59%	161 58%	35 50%	84 55%	229 60%
Canadians do have a role – does not feel strongly	113 12%	113 12%	-	51 9%	44 16%	18 26%	15 9%	36 10%
Canadians do not have a role – does not feel strongly	67 7%	67 7%	-	43 8%	15 5%	5 7%	15 10%	26 7%
Canadians do not have a role –	87	87	-	50	22	6	13	37

feels strongly	10%	10%		9%	8%	8%	9%	10%
Cannot say	132	132	-	81	38	7	27	55
	14%	14%		15%	13%	9%	17%	14%
NET: Top 2 Box	633	633	-	371	204	53	99	265
	69%	69%		68%	73%	76%	64%	69%
NET: Bottom 2 Box	154	154	-	94	37	10	29	63
	17%	17%		17%	13%	15%	19%	16%

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Q39. Thinking about Canada over the next decade, are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic or very p

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		Weighted 'N'	919	919	-	546	279	70	154	383
		Unweighted 'N'	919	919	-	532	321	49	200	326

Very optimistic	129	129	-	88	22	17	37	48
	14%	14%		16%	8%	25%	24%	13%
				H		H	L	
Somewhat optimistic	417	417	-	235	126	41	63	168
	45%	45%		43%	45%	59%	41%	44%
Somewhat pessimistic	209	209	-	119	82	5	35	85
	23%	23%		22%	29%	8%	23%	22%
				I	I			
Very pessimistic	63	63	-	41	20	2	6	33
	7%	7%		8%	7%	3%	4%	9%
Cannot say	101	101	-	62	29	3	12	50
	11%	11%		11%	11%	5%	8%	13%
NET: Top 2 Box	545	545	-	323	148	59	100	216
	59%	59%		59%	53%	84%	65%	56%
						GH		
NET: Bottom 2 Box	273	273	-	161	101	8	41	117
	30%	30%		29%	36%	11%	27%	31%
				I	I			

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