

**Quebec-Canada Relations 2017: Optimism Characterizes Prospects for 'Reasonably Accommodating' Each Other**

***Les relations Québec-Canada en 2017 : l'optimisme est de mise pour « s'accommoder raisonnablement » entre nous***

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As revealed previously in June 2007 some 83% of Quebecers surveyed believe that Quebec will still be part of Canada when the country celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. However such results do not tell us whether the celebration will be quiet or festive. That will likely depend upon the state of relations between Quebec and Canada. Without speculating about the tenor of the debate over national unity a decade ahead, the ACS commissioned Leger Marketing to ask Canadians whether they were optimistic or pessimistic about relations between Quebec and the rest of Canada in 2017. Perhaps surprisingly some two-thirds of Canadians are optimistic about the future when it comes to relations between Quebec and the rest of Canada. Moreover Quebecers were close to the national average in terms of their degree of optimism in this regard. It was Albertans that were least optimistic about future prospects though the majority was still positive.

Tel que mentionné précédemment un juin 2007, quelque 83% des Québécois sondés croient que le Québec fera encore partie du Canada lorsque le pays célébrera son 150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire. Cependant, de tels résultats ne nous indiquent pas si les célébrations seront discrètes ou festives. Cela dépendra des relations entre le Québec et le Canada. Sans vouloir spéculer sur l'ampleur du débat sur l'unité nationale dans une décennie, l'AEC a commissionné la firme Leger Marketing pour effectuer un sondage auprès des Canadiens à savoir s'ils sont optimistes ou pessimistes par rapport aux relations entre le Québec et le reste du Canada. Qui plus est, les Québécois se rapprochaient de la moyenne nationale sur leur niveau d'optimisme à ce propos. Ce sont les Albertains qui sont les moins optimistes quant à la tournure des événements, bien que la majorité aient répondu positivement.

Le 1er juillet marquera le 140<sup>ième</sup> anniversaire du Canada. Tentez de vous imaginer en 2017, à 10 ans d'aujourd'hui. Êtes-vous TRÈS OPTIMISTE, PLUTÔT OPTIMISTE, PLUTÔT PESSIMISTE ou TRÈS PESSIMISTE en ce qui concerne les relations entre ...

**On July 1st Canada will mark its 140th anniversary. Looking ahead to the year 2017 are you VERY OPTIMISTIC, SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC, SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC or VERY PESSIMISTIC about relations between...**

**Total Maritimes Quebec Ontario Prairies Alberta B-C**

**QM1A**

**A)... Quebec and the rest of Canada?**

<b>Total pondéré :</b>	1500	113	351	580	106	151	199
<b>Total absolu :</b>	1500	100	400	600	125	125	150
<b>TOTAL OPTIMISTIC</b>	68%	74%	65%	71%	72%	55%	69%
<b>... Very optimistic</b>	20%	23%	11%	23%	20%	16%	29%
<b>... Somewhat optimistic</b>	48%	51%	54%	48%	53%	39%	40%
<b>TOTAL PESSIMISTIC</b>	27%	23%	33%	24%	21%	34%	25%
<b>... Somewhat pessimistic</b>	20%	19%	26%	17%	15%	25%	19%
<b>... Very pessimistic</b>	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%	10%	6%
<b>Don't know / Refusal</b>	5%	3%	2%	5%	7%	11%	6%

The debate over national unity is believed by some to be influenced by the state of relations between Canada's English and French language populations. The survey reveals that it is persons of neither English nor French mother tongue that are most optimistic about the prospects for relations between Quebec and the rest of Canada a decade ahead.

Le débat envers l'unité nationale est perçu par certains comme étant influencé par l'état des relations entre les populations anglaises et française du Canada. L'enquête révèle que ce sont les gens ayant une langue maternelle autre que l'anglais et le français qui sont les plus optimistes quant aux relations qu'entreprendront le Québec et le Canada dans dix ans.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Quebec and the rest of Canada?</b>	1500	330	885	274
<b>Total pondéré :</b>				
<b>Total absolu :</b>	1500	432	883	178
<b>TOTAL OPTIMISTIC</b>	68%	64%	69%	71%
<b>... Very optimistic</b>	20%	12%	21%	28%
<b>... Somewhat optimistic</b>	48%	52%	49%	42%
<b>TOTAL PESSIMISTIC</b>	27%	34%	26%	21%
<b>... Somewhat pessimistic</b>	20%	26%	19%	16%
<b>... Very pessimistic</b>	7%	8%	6%	6%
<b>Don't know / Refusal</b>	5%	1%	5%	8%

On the basis of age there is little difference across the age spectrum in levels of optimism though those over the age of 35 are somewhat more positive about the future relationship.

Si l'on considère la base de l'âge, il existe une mince différence d'optimisme, quoique l'on peut remarquer que les gens de plus de 35 ans sont davantage positifs par rapport à la relation future.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>18-24</b>	<b>25-34</b>	<b>35-44</b>	<b>45-54</b>	<b>55-64</b>	<b>65 +</b>
<b>QM1A</b>							
<b>A)... Quebec and the rest of Canada?</b>							
<b>Total pondéré :</b>	1500	185	271	325	284	189	246
<b>Total absolu :</b>	1500	119	236	292	337	274	242
<b>TOTAL OPTIMISTIC</b>	68%	64%	63%	68%	73%	72%	67%
<b>... Very optimistic</b>	20%	20%	13%	17%	23%	24%	26%
<b>... Somewhat optimistic</b>	48%	45%	51%	51%	50%	48%	41%
<b>TOTAL PESSIMISTIC</b>	27%	34%	31%	26%	24%	25%	23%
<b>... Somewhat pessimistic</b>	20%	25%	23%	20%	18%	19%	15%
<b>... Very pessimistic</b>	7%	8%	8%	5%	5%	5%	8%
<b>Don't know / Refusal</b>	5%	2%	5%	6%	3%	3%	10%

On the basis of education the least educated and the most educated are the most optimistic.

Quant à l'éducation, les moins scolarisés et les plus scolarisés sont les plus optimistes.

	Elementary	High School	College	University
<b>Total pondéré :</b>	47	473	425	534
<b>Total absolu :</b>	52	481	432	517
<b>TOTAL OPTIMISTIC</b>	72%	65%	66%	73%
<b>... Very optimistic</b>	22%	20%	19%	21%
<b>... Somewhat optimistic</b>	50%	45%	47%	52%
<b>TOTAL PESSIMISTIC</b>	19%	29%	30%	24%
<b>... Somewhat pessimistic</b>	11%	19%	23%	20%
<b>... Very pessimistic</b>	8%	10%	6%	4%
<b>Don't know / Refusal</b>	9%	6%	4%	3%

On the basis of income it is the 20-40k group and the highest income earners that are the most optimistic future.

Si l'on regarde la base des revenus, les deux groupes voyant l'avenir le plus positivement sont ceux dont le revenu se situe entre 20-40K et ceux ayant les revenus les plus élevés.

	Total	\$19 999 -	\$20 000 - \$39 999	\$40 000 - \$59 999	\$60 000 - \$79 999	\$80 000 +
<b>QM1A</b>						
<b>A)... Quebec and the rest of Canada?</b>						
<b>Total pondéré :</b>	1500	118	275	240	211	377
<b>Total absolu :</b>	1500	122	263	247	218	360
<b>TOTAL OPTIMISTIC</b>	68%	65%	72%	65%	68%	71%
<b>... Very optimistic</b>	20%	24%	24%	16%	16%	21%
<b>... Somewhat optimistic</b>	48%	40%	47%	49%	52%	51%
<b>TOTAL PESSIMISTIC</b>	27%	25%	22%	31%	30%	26%
<b>... Somewhat pessimistic</b>	20%	16%	17%	23%	24%	19%
<b>... Very pessimistic</b>	7%	9%	5%	7%	6%	7%
<b>Don't know / Refusal</b>	5%	10%	6%	4%	2%	2%

