

**Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June is national Multiculturalism Day. The Association for Canadian Studies commissioned the firm Leger Marketing to interview some 600 immigrants (half from Toronto and one-quarter from Montreal and Vancouver respectively) over the period May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and inquire into issues of multicultural policy, life satisfaction, belonging and identity in Canada.**

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**Immigrants believe the rest of the World could learn from Canada's Multicultural Policy**

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The rest of the world could learn from Canada's multicultural policy.

Canada could learn a lot from the way other countries deal with cultural diversity.

Some 81% of immigrants surveyed agree that “The rest of the world (ROW) could learn from Canada's multicultural policy” versus 61% who think that Canada could learn a lot from the way other countries deal with cultural diversity. As observed below immigrants in Toronto are most likely to agree that the ROW could learn more from our approach followed by Vancouver and then Montreal where 67% agree (29% disagree). Indeed in Montreal immigrants were as likely to say that we could learn from others as we could teach when it comes to multiculturalism and diversity.

B1	Province				Age					
	Total	Toronto	Montreal	Vancouver	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Q7C										
The rest of the world could learn from Canada's multicultural policy										
Total pondéré :	601	358	114	129	58	112	136	101	79	115
Total absolu :	601	301	150	150	39	130	146	117	97	72
<b>TOTAL 1-2</b>	81%	<b>87%</b>	<b>67%</b>	78%	91%	81%	79%	79%	78%	84%
<b>Strongly agree</b>	38%	<b>44%</b>	<b>22%</b>	34%	51%	40%	33%	35%	34%	38%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	44%	43%	45%	44%	40%	41%	46%	44%	44%	46%
<b>TOTAL 3-4</b>	17%	<b>12%</b>	<b>29%</b>	19%	9%	17%	16%	18%	22%	16%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	13%	<b>9%</b>	<b>24%</b>	12%	6%	16%	11%	16%	14%	11%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	4%	<b>2%</b>	5%	8%	2%	0%	4%	3%	9%	5%
<b>I don't know / I prefer not answering</b>	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	2%	<b>5%</b>	2%	0%	0%

Those immigrants with a favorable view of Canada's multicultural policy exhibit a stronger sense of belonging to Canada. Indeed 94.3% of those immigrants that agree the rest of the world could learn from Canada's multicultural policy have a strong sense of belonging to Canada compared with 62.5% of those who disagree with the idea that the world could learn from the policy.

<b>The rest of the world could learn from Canada's multicultural policy</b>				
<b>Do you have a very strong, somewhat strong, somewhat weak or very weak sense of belonging to the following? / Canada</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
Very strong	55,6%	48,7%	38,5%	33,3%
Somewhat strong	38,7%	40,3%	35,9%	29,2%
Somewhat weak	4,9%	8,4%	19,2%	20,8%
Very weak	,9%	2,3%	1,3%	16,7%
I don't know / I prefer not answering		,4%	5,1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

Those immigrants that are most favorably disposed to Canada's multicultural policy (strongly agree that it can offer lessons to others) are most inclined to say that they are comfortable with persons of different backgrounds and origins. Some 97.8% of those who believe that the rest of the world could learn from Canada's multicultural policy are most comfortable with others

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<b>Strongly agree</b>	16%	14%	14%	22%	18%	<b>24%</b>	15%	17%	11%	10%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	45%	41%	54%	47%	<b>24%</b>	45%	45%	44%	48%	53%
<b>TOTAL 3-4</b>	35%	<b>40%</b>	29%	29%	47%	28%	35%	36%	34%	36%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	27%	30%	23%	21%	32%	24%	27%	21%	27%	31%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	8%	10%	5%	8%	16%	4%	8%	<b>15%</b>	7%	4%
<b>I don't know / I prefer not answering</b>	4%	5%	4%	2%	10%	2%	5%	3%	6%	1%