

2019 Church & Faith Trends Survey

Sample: Nationally representative sample of 5,000 Canadians age 18 or older.

To be screened in late August or early September 2019

Languages: English and French

MARU Panelist Profile Data

[These data will be drawn from MARU panelist data. If the MARU does not have these data, then the missing questions will need to be moved to the questionnaire that begins on the following page.]

MARU01. Province/Territory

MARU02. Language survey completed in

- English
- French

MARU03. Highest level of education completed

MARU04. Household Income

MARU05. Age [Year born]

MARU06. Kids under 18 in the household

- Yes
- No

MARU07. Urban / Rural

- Urban
- Rural

MARU08. Ethnicity

DEM01. Gender

DEM04. What is your current marital status?

- Single
- Common-law
- Civil partnership
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

Introduction

We're conducting a survey about Canadian's religious beliefs and practices and how they relate to public policy. While many of you wouldn't consider yourself religious, we still want to get your views – actually we'd especially like to hear from you because our picture of Canada would be incomplete without your input. The survey will take about 10-12 minutes. Thanks for sharing your views with us.

Before we get to your religious views, could please tell us about yourself.

IMM01. Are you a Canadian citizen?

[Single response]

- Yes
- No
- Refused

[If IMM01 = "Yes"]

IMM02. Were you born in Canada?

[Single response]

- Yes
- No
- Refused

[If (IMM01 = "Yes") AND (IMM02 = "No")]

IMM03. When did you receive your Canadian citizenship?

[Single response]

- Before 1981
- 1981 to 1990
- 1991 to 2000
- 2001 to 2010
- 2011 to 2019
- Don't know / Refused

DEM02. Do you currently live alone?

[Single response]

- Yes
- No

DEM05. Have you ever been divorced?

[Single response]

- Yes
- No

DEM03. Yesterday, did you eat supper with at least one other person?

[Single response]

- Yes
- No

DEM06. I consider myself to be...

[Single choice grid response]

ROWS

1. a Feminist
2. a Gamer (a player of video or role-playing games)

COLUMNS

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Please tell us about your religious identity and religious participation.

AFF01. Thinking of your upbringing, which of the following religious identities did your parents raise you with?

[Single response]

- Roman Catholic
- Mainline Protestant (i.e. Anglican, United, Presbyterian, Lutheran)
- Other Protestant (i.e. Baptist, Pentecostal, Alliance, Salvation Army)
- Orthodox Christian (i.e. Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox)
- Other Christian
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Hindu
- Sikh
- Buddhist
- Other
- More than one denomination or tradition
- Spiritual, but not religious
- Agnostic
- Atheist
- None / Not applicable

[If (AFF01 = "Other Protestant") OR (AFF01 = "Other Christian") OR (AFF01 = "Other") OR (AFF01 = "More than one denomination or tradition")]

AFF01_Other. And what specific denomination(s) or tradition(s) would that be?

[Write-in]

AFF02. Which of the following best describes your religious identity now?

[Single response]

- Roman Catholic
- Mainline Protestant (i.e. Anglican, United, Presbyterian, Lutheran)
- Other Protestant (i.e. Baptist, Pentecostal, Alliance, Salvation Army)
- Orthodox Christian (i.e. Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox)
- Other Christian
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Hindu
- Sikh
- Buddhist
- Other
- Spiritual, but not religious
- Agnostic
- Atheist
- None / Not applicable

[If (AFF02 = “Other Protestant”) OR (AFF02 = “Other Christian”) OR (AFF02= “Other”)]

AFF02_Other. And what specific denomination or tradition would that be?

[Write-in]

AFF03. THINKING OF WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT 12 YEARS OF AGE, other than on special occasions such as weddings, funerals or baptisms, how often did you attend religious services or meetings?

[Single Response]

- More than once a week
- At least weekly
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a month or so
- Once or a few times a year
- Never
- Don't know
- Refused

RELO1. THINKING OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS, other than on special occasions such as weddings, funerals or baptisms, how often did you attend religious services or meetings?

[Single Response]

- More than once a week
- At least weekly
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a month or so
- Once or a few times a year
- Never
- Don't know
- Refused

SCL01. Which of the following best describes the schools you attended?

[Single Choice Grid response]

COLUMNS

1. Elementary school
2. High school

ROWS

- Public school
- Separate Catholic
- Independent Catholic
- Conservative Protestant or "Christian School"
- Non-Christian religious school
- Nonreligious independent
- Religious home school
- Nonreligious home school

RELO2. THINKING OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS, other than at religious services, how often did you read the Bible, the Torah, the Quran, the Vedas or other scriptures?

[Single Response]

- Daily
- A few times a week
- Once a week
- Once or twice a month
- Seldom
- Never
- Not sure
- Refused / Not applicable

REL03. THINKING OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS, other than at religious services, how often did you read the Bible, the Christian scriptures?

[Single Response]

- Daily
- A few times a week
- Once a week
- Once or twice a month
- Seldom
- Never
- Not sure
- Refused / Not applicable

REL04. THINKING OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS, other than prayers for meals or in religious services, how often did you pray privately?

[Single response]

- Daily
- A few times a week
- Once a week
- Once or twice a month
- Seldom
- Never
- Not sure
- Refused / Not applicable

Please tell us about your religious views.

REL05. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

ROWS [RANDOMIZE] [Single Choice Grid response]

1. The concept of God is an old superstition that is no longer needed to explain things in these modern times.
2. God is understanding and forgiving.
3. In my view, Jesus Christ was NOT the divine Son of God.
4. My religious faith is very important to me in my day-to-day life.
5. Religion does more harm than good.
6. I feel it is very important to encourage non-Christians to become Christian.
7. All world religions are basically the same if you can get behind their rules, rituals and beliefs.

COLUMNS

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

RELO6. Here are more statements about religious views. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following.

ROWS [RANDOMIZE]

1. I believe there is no absolute right or wrong, it all depends on the situation.
2. I've committed my life to Christ and consider myself to be a converted Christian.
3. I believe Jesus was crucified, died and was buried but was resurrected to eternal life.
4. I believe that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God provided the way for the forgiveness of my sins.
5. I believe the Bible to be the word of God and is reliable and trustworthy.
6. When it comes to making decisions, my personal beliefs are more important than what is taught by any religion.
7. I regularly take at least one day a week to rest from activities related to how I earn a living.

COLUMNS

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

RELO7. Which comes closest to your belief about what will happen to you after you die (even if none are exactly what you believe)?

[Single response, randomize responses]

- I will be reincarnated to another life.
- I will be bodily resurrected by God.
- I will have a completely spiritual existence.
- I will simply cease to exist.

RELO8. Which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view (even if none are exactly what you believe)?

[Single response; randomize responses]

- Humans were created by God in the last 10,000 years.
- Humans evolved over time, but through divine guidance.
- Humans evolved through natural selection.
- Don't know **[Anchor at end]**

RELO9. Would you be willing to accept the invitation of a friend to a Christian church?

[Single response]

- Very willing
- Somewhat willing
- Not very willing
- Not at all willing
- Don't know

[If (AFF02 = "Catholic") OR (AFF02 = "Mainline Protestant") OR (AFF02 = "Other Protestant") OR (AFF02 = "Other Christian") OR (AFF02 = "Orthodox Christian")] [If respondent has a Christian religious affiliation]

REL10. Please let us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[ROWS] [RANDOMIZE] [Single response]

1. I am part of a small group that regularly meets for spiritual purposes such as prayer or Bible
2. I don't think you need to go to church in order to be a good Christian.

COLUMNS

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

REL11. How willing are you to invite a friend or acquaintance to a Christian church?

[Single response]

- Very willing
- Somewhat willing
- Not very willing
- Not at all willing
- Don't know

TOL01. Here is a list of groups. Please select the group that you like the LEAST:

[Single response, randomize responses]

- Communists
- Pro-life activists
- Pro-choice activists
- Radical Muslims
- Anti-gay activists
- Pro-gay activists
- Evangelical Christians
- Fundamentalist Christians
- Atheists
- Satanists
- Fascists
- Racists
- Radical Feminists
- Radical Environmentalists
- Other least liked group [Write-in, Anchor at end]

TOL02. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

ROWS [RANDOMIZE]

1. [TOL01] should be allowed to teach children in public schools.
2. A book written by [TOL01] should be removed from the public library.
3. [TOL01] should be allowed to hold public rallies in my city/town.

COLUMNS

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

POL01. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about religions and public policy questions. There are no right or wrong answers. It's what you think that counts.

ROWS [RANDOMIZE] [Single Choice Grid response]

1. Trying to persuade others to change their religious beliefs is socially divisive and should be banned in public spaces.
2. Religion is a private matter for people to practice only in their homes and places of worship.
3. People with strong religious views on social and political issues should be able to express those views in public debates.
4. The government should accept more refugees into Canada who are persecuted because of their faith.
5. Parents should have the right to exempt their children from education classes they find objectionable.
6. People with strong religious beliefs SHOULD NOT be allowed to adopt children in Canada.
7. People experiencing chronic depression, chronic anxiety or other chronic mental illness but who are not terminally ill should be legally eligible for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID; having someone else help you end your life).
8. Mature minors (i.e., youth under the age of 18) should be legally eligible for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID).
9. The dominant culture in Canada is hostile to my values and beliefs.
10. I would be willing to become an adoptive parent within the next 10 years.

COLUMNS

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

[IF POL01_8 = “Strongly agree” OR “Moderately Agree”]

POL02. If a mature minor could receive Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), should a parent or guardian’s consent be required?

[Single response]

- Yes
- No
- Don’t know

POL03. Here are more statements about religions and public policy. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following.

ROWS [RANDOMIZE] [Single Choice Grid response]

1. If it would violate their conscience, physicians or other medical professionals should not be forced to participate in Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) even if that participation is limited to providing an effective referral.
2. Pornographic websites should be required to verify that those accessing their content are 18 years of age or older.
3. In my view, the demand for prostitution and other paid sexual services is a significant cause of human sex trafficking in Canada.
4. In my view, a surrogate mother (someone who bears a child on behalf of someone else) should not be paid for carrying and bearing the child.
5. Global climate change is real.
6. Human activity is a significant cause of global climate change.
7. It should not be legal to terminate a pregnancy for the sole reason that the sex of the fetus is female.
8. An assault against a pregnant woman that harms or kills her wanted fetus should have additional legal penalties for the injury to the fetus.

COLUMNS

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don’t know

POL04. In your view, which of the following is the best way to deal with prostitution in Canada?

[Single response, randomize]

- Criminalize the purchase of sex (the buyers or “Johns”) and provide supports to help people leave prostitution.
- Legalize prostitution and regulate both the purchase and sale of sex.
- Criminalize the sale of sex (the prostitutes) in order to deter entry into prostitution.
- Allow a free market for the buying and selling of sexual services without government regulation.

VOL01. Please tell us about your involvement in giving and volunteering. THINKING OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS, which best describes your financial contributions of \$20 or more to charitable organizations?

[Single response]

- I did not make any charitable contributions of \$20 or more
- I made contributions of \$20 or more to religious charities only
- I made contributions of \$20 or more to non-religious charities only
- I made contributions of \$20 or more to both religious and non-religious charities

VOL02. Would you say most of your charitable giving is planned in advance or given in response to occasional charitable appeals?

[Single response]

- Planned in advance
- In response to occasional charitable appeals
- Not applicable / do not give to charities

VOL03. THINKING OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS, which of the following best describes your volunteering for charitable organizations?

[Single response]

- I did not volunteer for charitable organizations
- I volunteered for religious charities only
- I volunteered for non-religious charities only
- I volunteered for both religious and non-religious charities

VOL04. Would you say your charitable volunteering is...?

[Single response]

- More regular and ongoing
- More infrequent and occasional
- Not applicable / Do not volunteer for charitable organizations.

Please tell us about how you voted in the last FEDERAL election and how you would vote if an election were held today.

VOTE01. Which party did you vote for in the October 19, 2015 FEDERAL election?

[Single response; randomize]

- Conservative Party of Canada
- Liberal Party of Canada
- New Democratic Party
- Green Party of Canada
- Bloc Québécois
- Other [Anchor at end]
- Did not vote [Anchor at end]
- Was not old enough to vote [Anchor at end]
- Do not remember [Anchor at end]
- Refused [Anchor at end]

VOTE02. If a FEDERAL election were held today, which party would you vote for?

[Single response; randomize]

- Conservative Party of Canada
- Liberal Party of Canada
- New Democratic Party
- Green Party of Canada
- Bloc Québécois
- People's Party of Canada
- Other [Anchor at end]
- Would not vote [Anchor at end]
- Refused [Anchor at end]

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Just before we end our survey.

AFF04. Do you consider yourself to be an Evangelical Christian?

[Single response]

- Yes
- Somewhat
- A little
- Not at all

[IF AFF04 = "YES"] [Only ask those who consider themselves to be Evangelical Christians.]

ORG01. How familiar are you with The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada?

[Single Response]

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Heard of, but not familiar
- Not at all

ORG02. How familiar are you with the *Faith Today Magazine*?

[Single Response]

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Heard of, but not familiar
- Not at all