

Poll conducted by Research Co. on Birth Tourism in British Columbia - February 26, 2019

As you may know, "birth tourism" is the practice of traveling to a specific country for the purpose of giving birth there and securing citizenship for the child in a country that has birthright citizenship. Canada allows expectant mothers who are foreign nationals to gain automatic citizenship for their children born in Canada. Over the past year, how closely have you followed media stories related to the issue of "birth tourism"?



	British Columbia	GENDER		AGE			REGION			VOTE IN 2017 ELECTION			ETHNICITY	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Rest of BC	BC Liberals	BC NDP	BC Greens	East Asian	European
Very closely	12%	13%	10%	8%	7%	17%	13%	9%	12%	16%	12%	13%	13%	11%
Moderately closely	37%	40%	33%	24%	34%	44%	42%	32%	31%	40%	45%	29%	46%	38%
Not too closely	28%	27%	30%	28%	29%	28%	24%	33%	31%	24%	25%	35%	28%	29%
Not closely at all	23%	20%	27%	40%	30%	12%	21%	27%	25%	21%	18%	23%	14%	22%

From what you have seen, read, heard or experienced about "birth tourism" in Canada, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?



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<i>"Birth tourism" can be unfairly used to gain access to Canada's education, health care and social programs</i>														
Strongly agree	59%	60%	58%	35%	56%	73%	62%	59%	53%	66%	57%	54%	61%	59%
Moderately agree	23%	24%	23%	30%	24%	20%	22%	25%	25%	24%	24%	27%	24%	25%
Moderately disagree	6%	6%	6%	12%	6%	3%	5%	4%	10%	3%	8%	10%	10%	5%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	6%	9%	6%	2%	3%	5%	5%	2%	6%	8%	1%	5%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	14%	9%	2%	8%	5%	7%	6%	5%	2%	4%	6%
<i>"Birth tourism" can displace Canadians from hospitals</i>														
Strongly agree	38%	37%	39%	22%	39%	45%	40%	39%	31%	43%	39%	30%	32%	39%
Moderately agree	25%	25%	24%	26%	24%	25%	28%	21%	22%	28%	24%	19%	41%	22%
Moderately disagree	16%	17%	15%	20%	15%	15%	13%	16%	23%	13%	17%	24%	14%	17%
Strongly disagree	8%	7%	10%	11%	9%	7%	8%	9%	8%	5%	12%	12%	4%	9%
Not sure	13%	14%	12%	22%	14%	9%	12%	13%	16%	10%	8%	14%	10%	13%
<i>"Birth tourism" can degrade the value of Canadian citizenship</i>														
Strongly agree	48%	49%	47%	27%	48%	58%	50%	49%	40%	55%	46%	38%	42%	48%
Moderately agree	18%	19%	16%	17%	16%	19%	19%	18%	14%	20%	20%	15%	28%	17%
Moderately disagree	15%	12%	18%	21%	16%	12%	13%	15%	22%	12%	16%	26%	20%	15%
Strongly disagree	11%	12%	10%	21%	9%	8%	9%	11%	16%	7%	14%	16%	3%	13%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	14%	10%	4%	8%	7%	8%	6%	5%	5%	8%	6%

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As you may know, there have been reports of unregulated “for profit” businesses that have facilitated the practice of “birth tourism” in Canada. Thinking about this, do you agree or disagree with the federal government establishing a committee to investigate the full extent of “birth tourism” in Canada?



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Strongly agree	58%	57%	58%	39%	53%	69%	60%	55%	56%	59%	59%	54%	53%	61%
Moderately agree	27%	27%	28%	34%	29%	23%	26%	31%	27%	29%	28%	36%	32%	27%
Moderately disagree	6%	6%	7%	12%	8%	2%	5%	7%	7%	6%	7%	3%	8%	6%
Strongly disagree	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	12%	8%	3%	6%	6%	8%	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%

Thinking again about "birth tourism" in Canada, which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view?



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Canada should definitely keep the guidelines for birthright citizenship	11%	9%	13%	8%	13%	12%	10%	13%	12%	13%	12%	13%	8%	13%
Canada should probably keep the guidelines for birthright citizenship	7%	6%	7%	16%	6%	2%	7%	5%	8%	3%	9%	7%	13%	6%
Canada should probably consider establishing new guidelines for birthright citizenship	26%	27%	26%	30%	25%	25%	25%	28%	26%	28%	28%	23%	28%	27%
Canada should definitely consider establishing new guidelines for birthright citizenship	47%	50%	44%	29%	43%	57%	48%	48%	43%	50%	45%	47%	43%	48%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	16%	12%	3%	10%	7%	10%	7%	6%	10%	9%	7%