

Methodology:

Results are based on an online study conducted from July 15 to July 17, 2019, among 1,000 adults in Canada. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in Canada. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.1 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

As you may know, same-sex marriage was legalized in Canada in 2005. Thinking specifically about same-sex couples, which of these statements comes closer to your own point of view on the legal recognition of same-sex couples in Canada?

Same-sex couples should continue to be allowed to legally marry – 64%
Same-sex couples should only be allowed to form civil unions and not marry – 15%
Same-sex couples should not have any kind of legal recognition – 10%
Not sure – 11%

Almost Two Thirds of Canadians OK with Same-Sex Marriage

More than three-in-five Canadians support the use of “SOGI-Inclusive Education” in their province.

Vancouver, BC [August 1, 2019] – A sizeable majority of Canadians support the notion of same-sex couples being able to legally enter wedlock, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 64% of Canadians believe that same-sex couples should continue to be allowed to legally marry in Canada.

One-in-ten Canadians (10%) think same-sex couples should not have any kind of legal recognition, while 15% would allow them to form civil unions and not marry and 11% are undecided.

“More than seven-in-ten Canadians of European descent (71%) approve of same-sex marriage,” says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. “But the proportion drops to 44% among Canadians of East Asian descent and 42% among Canadians of South Asian descent.”

Across the country, 45% of Canadians believe people who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, queer, and Two-Spirit are “born”, while 24% believe they “choose” to be LGBTQ2+. Three-in-ten Canadians (31%) are not sure.

Some school districts in Canada have relied on “SOGI-Inclusive Education”, which raises awareness of and welcomes students of all sexual orientations, gender identities and family structures.

Most Canadians (62%) support the use of “SOGI-Inclusive Education” in their province, while just one-in-five (20%) are opposed and 18% are not sure.

Support for “SOGI-Inclusive Education” is highest among women (67%), Canadians aged 18-to-34 (64%) and Liberal Party voters in the 2015 federal election (70%).

Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) and/or Queer Straight Alliances (QSAs) are peer support networks run by students and supported by school staff in order to promote a safe place for all students.

When asked if school districts should be compelled to inform parents if their child participates in a GSA or QSA in school, 45% of Canadians believe they “definitely” or “probably” should do so while 37% disagree.



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