

Poll conducted by Research Co. on Birth Tourism in Canada - November 4, 2022

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"?



	GENDER			AGE			REGION						VOTE IN 2021 ELECTION		
	Canada	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP
Very closely	4%	4%	4%	8%	5%	1%	6%	5%	2%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%
Moderately closely	24%	27%	20%	29%	25%	19%	30%	17%	21%	20%	30%	20%	30%	24%	19%
Not too closely	34%	33%	35%	35%	32%	34%	35%	35%	37%	34%	32%	33%	31%	34%	39%
Not closely at all	38%	36%	41%	28%	37%	46%	29%	43%	41%	42%	35%	42%	34%	38%	37%

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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	36%	41%	31%	22%	33%	48%	47%	41%	33%	36%	32%	28%	31%	50%	36%
Moderately agree	28%	30%	27%	28%	29%	28%	29%	21%	30%	30%	30%	28%	36%	25%	30%
Moderately disagree	13%	12%	14%	20%	14%	7%	9%	11%	12%	13%	13%	21%	13%	11%	13%
Strongly disagree	8%	6%	9%	15%	7%	4%	7%	7%	9%	6%	10%	7%	9%	4%	11%
Not sure	15%	11%	19%	16%	17%	12%	8%	20%	16%	15%	16%	16%	11%	10%	10%
<i>"Birth tourism" can displace Canadians from hospitals</i>															
Strongly agree	24%	28%	20%	17%	22%	32%	33%	23%	25%	26%	18%	19%	21%	35%	24%
Moderately agree	30%	31%	29%	29%	30%	31%	35%	27%	27%	28%	34%	25%	32%	31%	27%
Moderately disagree	16%	15%	17%	20%	18%	12%	12%	16%	16%	16%	14%	24%	21%	14%	17%
Strongly disagree	10%	10%	10%	15%	12%	5%	10%	9%	11%	10%	10%	9%	11%	7%	16%
Not sure	20%	15%	24%	20%	19%	20%	10%	24%	21%	19%	22%	22%	16%	13%	16%
<i>"Birth tourism" can degrade the value of Canadian citizenship</i>															
Strongly agree	26%	30%	22%	15%	23%	37%	37%	32%	26%	28%	21%	14%	20%	40%	26%
Moderately agree	27%	27%	27%	29%	27%	25%	29%	22%	27%	29%	28%	21%	28%	26%	28%
Moderately disagree	18%	18%	18%	23%	17%	15%	16%	13%	16%	15%	20%	30%	21%	15%	18%
Strongly disagree	12%	12%	13%	17%	13%	8%	11%	11%	11%	11%	13%	17%	17%	9%	13%
Not sure	17%	13%	21%	17%	19%	15%	8%	21%	20%	17%	19%	18%	14%	11%	15%
<i>Birthright citizenship may have made sense at one point, but now people have taken advantage of existing rules</i>															
Strongly agree	32%	38%	26%	21%	27%	45%	41%	38%	30%	34%	29%	20%	27%	48%	33%
Moderately agree	30%	29%	30%	31%	33%	25%	31%	27%	35%	27%	29%	35%	36%	24%	34%
Moderately disagree	11%	12%	10%	17%	12%	6%	7%	10%	9%	9%	14%	18%	14%	9%	6%
Strongly disagree	7%	5%	9%	12%	7%	4%	8%	5%	4%	7%	9%	6%	7%	6%	11%
Not sure	20%	15%	25%	20%	21%	19%	12%	20%	22%	23%	20%	21%	16%	13%	17%

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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	41%	48%	35%	26%	33%	60%	47%	35%	39%	44%	43%	34%	48%	47%	38%
Moderately agree	32%	31%	33%	41%	34%	24%	33%	31%	34%	32%	28%	37%	34%	30%	34%
Moderately disagree	9%	8%	10%	15%	11%	3%	7%	7%	7%	7%	13%	9%	9%	7%	10%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	7%	7%	4%	4%	5%	1%	6%	9%
Not sure	13%	10%	17%	15%	16%	10%	9%	20%	13%	14%	12%	15%	8%	10%	8%

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



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	Canada	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	BC	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Liberal	Conserv.	NDP
Canada should definitely keep the guidelines for birthright citizenship	17%	19%	15%	19%	15%	18%	18%	14%	14%	16%	22%	17%	22%	13%	19%
Canada should probably keep the guidelines for birthright citizenship	20%	19%	21%	32%	22%	9%	26%	17%	22%	18%	17%	21%	21%	16%	23%
Canada should probably consider establishing new guidelines for birthright citizenship	23%	22%	24%	24%	25%	20%	14%	24%	27%	22%	25%	29%	24%	23%	20%
Canada should definitely consider establishing new guidelines for birthright citizenship	25%	29%	22%	9%	21%	40%	33%	23%	22%	28%	23%	18%	22%	38%	23%
Not sure	15%	12%	18%	15%	17%	13%	9%	22%	15%	16%	14%	14%	10%	10%	15%