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## **Methodology:**

Results are based on an online survey conducted from January 24 to January 26, 2026, among a representative sample of 1,002 adults in Canada. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region Canada. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.1 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

## **All things considered, do you have a positive opinion of the following countries?**

Italy – 77% (+5)  
Japan – 76% (+5)  
United Kingdom – 75% (+3)  
France – 72% (+5)  
Germany – 71% (+5)  
South Korea – 63% (+6)  
Mexico – 58% (-1)  
China – 39% (+9)  
India – 35% (+2)  
Venezuela – 32% (-2)  
United States – 30% (+4)  
Saudi Arabia – 29% (-2)  
Russia – 23% (+4)  
Iran – 19% (+2)  
North Korea – 16% (-1)

## **Canadians Maintain Favourable Ratings for Italy, Japan and UK**

Positive opinions are up for both China (39%, +9) and the United States (30%, +4).

Vancouver, BC [February 12, 2026] – More than seven-in-ten Canadians hold favourable views on five nations, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 77% of Canadians have a positive opinion of Italy, up five points since a similar Research Co. poll [conducted in April 2025](#).

The favourable rating is also high for Japan (76%, +5), the United Kingdom (also 75%, +3), France (72%, +5) and Germany (71%, +5).

Two other countries garner positive mentions from more than half of Canadians: South Korea (63%, +6) and Mexico (58%, -1).

The biggest gainer since April 2025 is China. Practically two-in-five Canadians (39%) have a favourable opinion of this country, up nine points in 10 months. The rating is slightly lower for India (35%, +2) and Venezuela (32%, -2).

“More than half of Canadians aged 18-to-34 (54%) express a positive opinion of China,” says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. “The proportions are lower among their counterparts aged 35-to-54 (36%) and aged 55 and over (27%).”

On a regional basis, at least two-in-five residents of Ontario (43%), Saskatchewan and Manitoba (41%) and Atlantic Canada (40%) hold favourable views on China. The rating is lower in Quebec (38%), Alberta (34%) and British Columbia (31%).

Three-in-ten Canadians (30%) have a positive opinion of the United States, up four points since the all-time low recorded in April 2025.

Just under one-in-four Canadians aged 55 and over (23%) hold favourable views on the United States. The rating rises to 29% among those aged 35-to-54 and to 38% among those aged 18-to-34.

About a third of residents of Ontario (34%), Saskatchewan and Manitoba (also 34%) and Alberta (33%) provide a positive assessment of the United States. Fewer residents of British Columbia (25%), Quebec (24%) and Atlantic Canada (22%) concur.

Fewer than three-in-ten Canadians express favourable views on four other countries: Saudi Arabia (29%, -2), Russia (23%, +4), Iran (19%, +2) and North Korea (16%, -1).

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#### **About Research Co.**

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