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**Methodology:**

Results are based on an online survey conducted from June 4 to June 6, 2026, among 1,001 adults in Canada and 1,012 adults in the United States. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in each country. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, for each country.

**Which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view regarding the origin and development of human beings on earth?**

CANADA

Human beings evolved from less advanced life forms over millions of years – 62% (+1)  
God created human beings in their present form within the last 10,000 years – 20% (-3)  
Not sure – 17% (+1)

UNITED STATES

Human beings evolved from less advanced life forms over millions of years – 47%  
God created human beings in their present form within the last 10,000 years – 39%  
Not sure – 14%

**Canadians and Americans at Odds on Origin of Humans on Earth**

While more than three-in-five Canadians stand by evolution, fewer than half of Americans share this view.

Vancouver, BC [July 2, 2026] – The perceptions of residents of Canada and the United States on the origin and development of human beings on earth are decidedly different, a new two-country Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of representative national samples, only one-in-five Canadians (20%, -3 since a similar Research Co. poll [conducted in October 2025](#)) think God created human beings in their present form within the last 10,000 years.

In the United States, just under two-in-five Americans (39%) agree with this assessment that favours creationism over evolution.

Conversely, just under half of Americans (47%) and more than three-in-five Canadians (62%, +1) believe human beings evolved from less advanced life forms over millions of years.

Majorities of Canadians who supported any of the country's three main parties in the 2025 federal election agree with evolution: 79% of New Democratic Party (NDP) voters, 72% of Liberal Party voters and 53% of Conservative Party voters.

In the United States, more than half of Democrats (57%) think human beings evolved from less advanced life forms over millions of years. Fewer Independents (47%) and Republicans (39%) concur.

A second question on whether creationism—the belief that the universe and life originated from specific acts of divine creation—should be part of the school curriculum in a Canadian province or an American state also yielded contrasting results.

Canadians are almost evenly divided, with 42% (-6) thinking creationism has a place in the classroom, and 41% (+6) disagreeing with this view.

In the United States, respondents are more likely to welcome the teaching of creationism at school (51%) than to reject it (32%).

In Canada, only 34% of residents aged 55 and over are in favour of creationism being part of the school curriculum in their province. The proportions are larger among Canadians aged 18 to 34 (46%) and aged 35 to 54 (also 46%).



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In the United States, majorities of Americans aged 55 and over (55%) and aged 18-to-34 (52%) agree with teaching creationism in their state's schools. Fewer than half of Americans aged 35-to-54 (46%) hold the same opinion.

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