

QUEBEC POLITICS

# Appetite for Sovereignty Remains Lukewarm in Quebec

*Only a third of respondents would vote “Yes” in a new referendum, while a majority would prefer to remain in Canada.*

[OTTAWA – Nov. 21, 2012] – The victory of the Parti Québécois in this year’s provincial election has not resulted in overwhelming support for sovereignty in Quebec, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative sample of 805 adults in Quebec, only a third of respondents (32%) would vote Yes in a referendum on whether Quebec should become a country separate from Canada.

A majority of Quebecers (54%) would vote No on this particular question, and 14 per cent are undecided.

Support for sovereignty using this referendum question stands at 36 per cent among French speakers and 37 per cent among those aged 18-to-34.

Conversely, the groups that hold the highest opposition to Quebec separating from Canada are English speakers (93%) and Quebecers over the age of 55 (61%).

Across the province, more than a third of respondents (36%) think Quebec has enough sovereignty and should remain part of Canada, while 28 per cent believe Quebec needs greater sovereignty, but should still remain part of Canada. Only three-in-ten respondents (30%) think Quebec should be a separate, independent country.

## KEY FINDINGS

- **In a referendum on whether Quebec should become a country separate from Canada, 32% would vote Yes, 54% would vote No**
- **30% think Quebec should be a separate, independent country; 36% believe Quebec has enough sovereignty and should remain part of Canada**

*Full topline results are at the end of this release.*

*From November 7 to November 8, 2012, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 800 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Angus Reid Forum panellists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.5%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Quebec. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.*

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If a referendum on Quebec sovereignty were held today, would you vote Yes or No on the following question?

“Do you agree that Quebec should become a country separate from Canada?”

	Quebec	Gender		Age			Language	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	French	English
<b>Yes</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5%</b>

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Which of these statements comes closest to your point of view?

	Quebec	Gender		Age			Language	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	French	English
<b>Quebec has enough sovereignty and should remain part of Canada</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>Quebec needs greater sovereignty, but should still remain part of Canada</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Quebec should be a separate, independent country</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>None of these / Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>

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