CANADIANS ON CITIZENSHIP

the first national survey on what it means to be a citizen in Canada
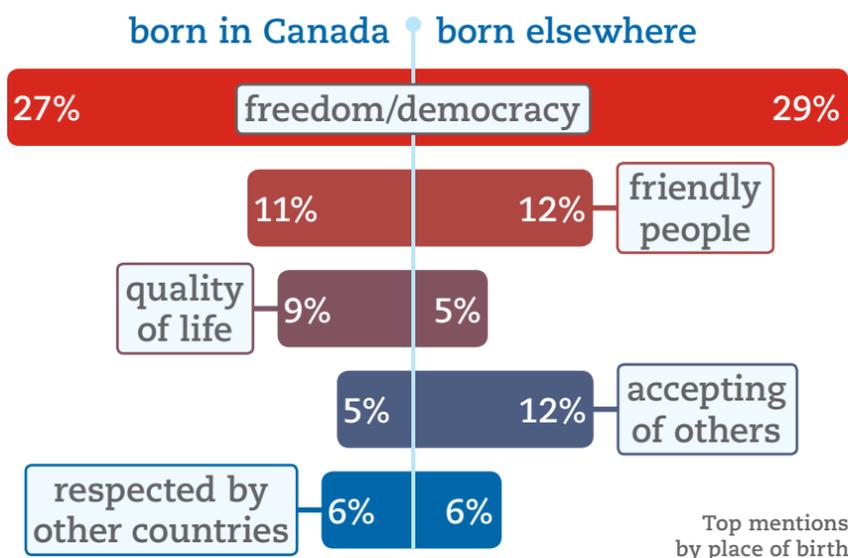
What does it mean to be a citizen?

Canadians define citizenship as more than obeying the law and paying taxes.

being active in your community

volunteering & helping others

accepting others who are different

sharing Canadian values

respecting other religions

working hard

obeying the law

paying taxes

voting

Top mentions (unprompted)

What makes someone a good citizen?

The following are considered to be very important to being a good Canadian citizen.

treat men and women equally **95%**

follow Canada's laws **89%**

accept others who are different **82%**

vote **82%**

protect the environment **80%**

respect other religions **65%**

know something about Canada's history **62%**

participate actively in one's community **51%**

Can someone born outside Canada be as good a citizen as someone born here?

Canadians have a comfortable, confident attitude towards immigration and believe everyone can be a good citizen.
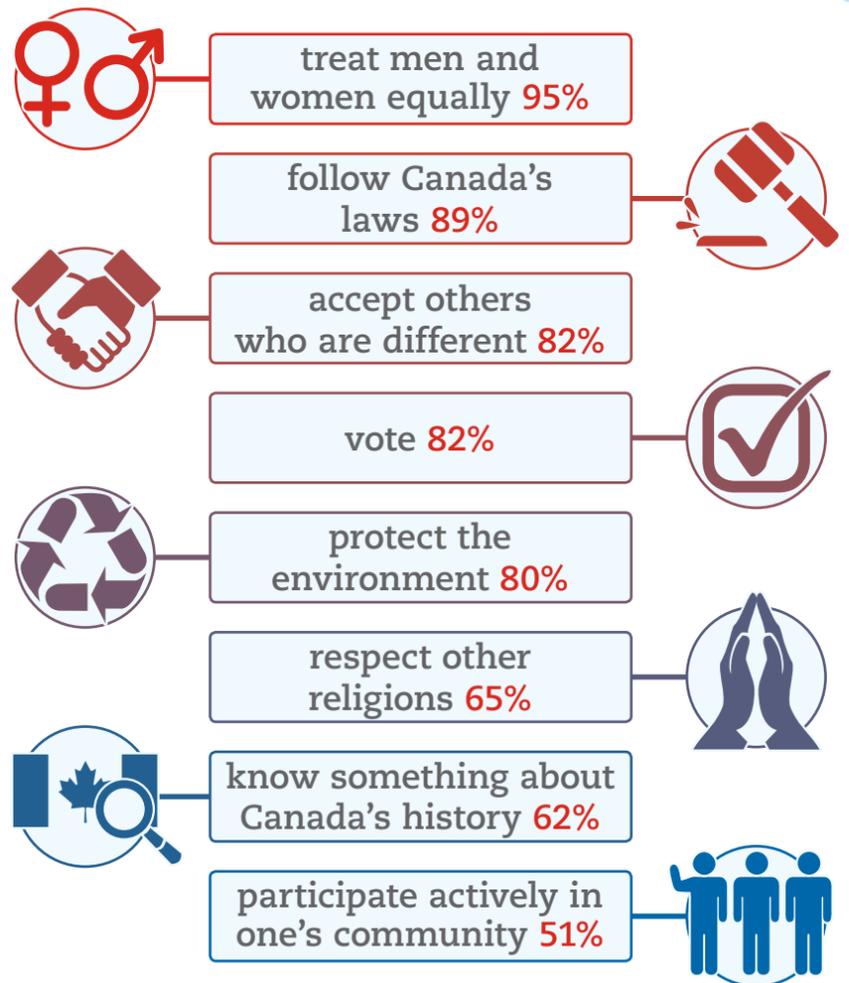
yes **89%**

no **6%**

depends/don't know **4%**

What makes us proud to live in Canada?

Foreign-born Canadians and those born in Canada share similar views as to what makes them proud to be a Canadian / Canadian resident.

born in Canada • **born elsewhere**

born in Canada		born elsewhere
27%	freedom/democracy	29%
11%	friendly people	12%
9%	quality of life	5%
5%	accepting of others	12%
6%	respected by other countries	6%

Top mentions by place of birth

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