

# Views of Canadians on refugees

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# > Majority of Canadians feel refugees crossing from the US pose no threat to Canada

Most Canadians say refugees crossing from the US are not a threat to Canada and do not pose a terrorist threat. A majority also support or somewhat support setting up special refugee crossing points and continuing to be open to refugees despite potential pressure from the U.S.

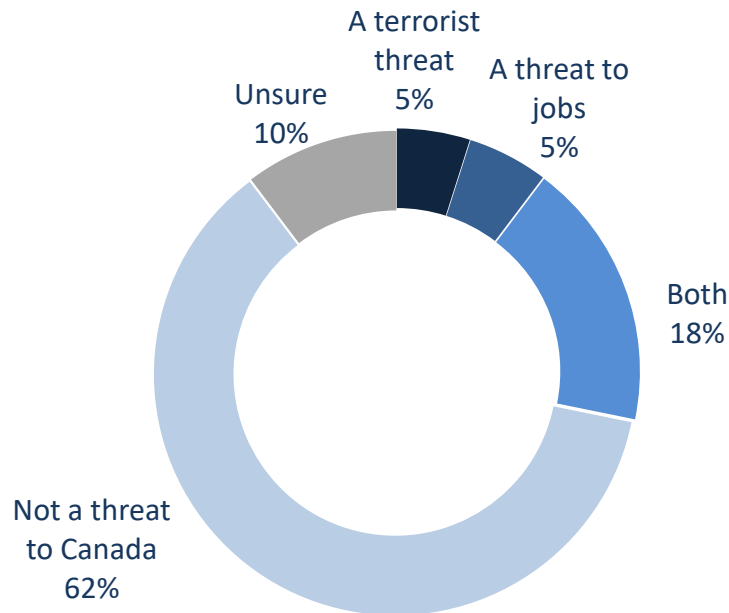
- **Just over six in ten Canadians say refugees are not a threat to Canada** – Asked if refugees crossing into Canada from the US pose a threat to Canada, 62 per cent say they pose no threat. Five per cent say they are a terrorist threat, while another five say a threat to jobs, and 18 per cent say both. Ten per cent are unsure.
- **A little over half of Canadians say refugees crossing from the US represent no terrorist threat to Canada** – Fifty-two per cent of Canadians say refugees from the US crossing the border into Canada represent no terrorist threat to Canada, while 34 per cent say they represent a minor terrorist threat, and nine per cent say a major terrorist threat. Five per cent are unsure.
- **A majority of Canadians support or somewhat support Canada setting up special refugee crossing points** – Just over seven in ten Canadians support (42%) or somewhat support (29%) Canada setting up special refugee crossing points to minimize potential terrorist threats in light of the recent rise of refugees crossing into Canada from the US. Eight per cent somewhat oppose this, while 15 per cent oppose it. Six per cent are unsure.
- **Just over seven in ten Canadians support or somewhat support Canada continuing to be open to refugees despite potential pressure from US** – A majority of Canadians support (52%) or somewhat support (20%) Canada continuing to be open to refugees even if the US puts political or economic pressure on Ottawa to limit or exclude people from certain countries. Eleven per cent somewhat oppose this and 16 per cent oppose it. Two per cent are unsure.

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# Threats from incoming refugees

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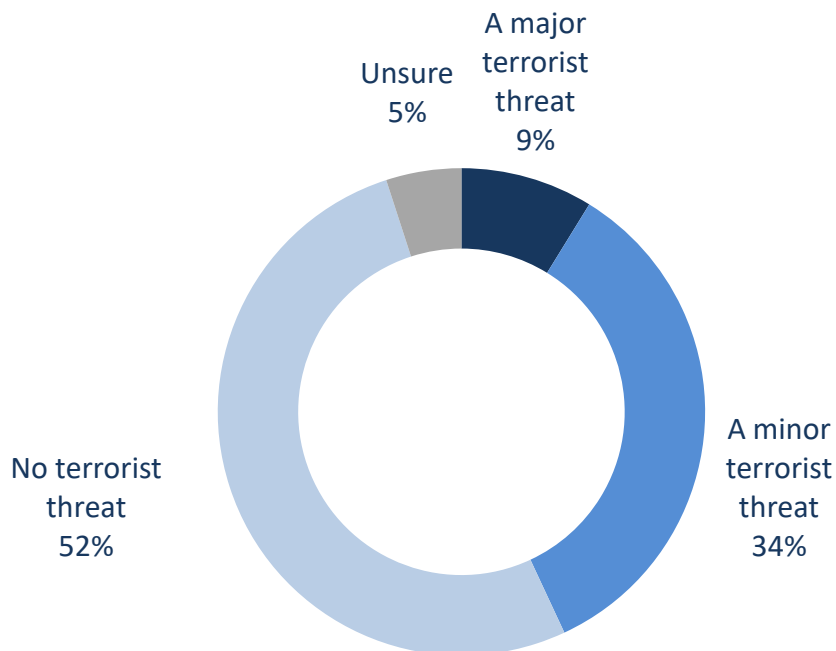
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Subgroups	Not a threat to Canada
Atlantic (n=100)	68.0%
Quebec (n=250)	60.5%
Ontario (n=300)	60.2%
Prairies (n=200)	52.6%
British Columbia (n=150)	73.1%
Male (n=492)	59.7%
Female (n=508)	63.2%
18 to 29 (n=154)	62.5%
30 to 39 (n=156)	58.6%
40 to 49 (n=165)	62.4%
50 to 59 (n=244)	58.9%
60 plus (n=281)	61.5%

**QUESTION** – Are refugees crossing into Canada from the United States a terrorist threat, a threat to Canadian jobs, both a terrorist and threat to Canadian jobs or not a threat to Canada?

# Refugees as a terrorist threat to Canada

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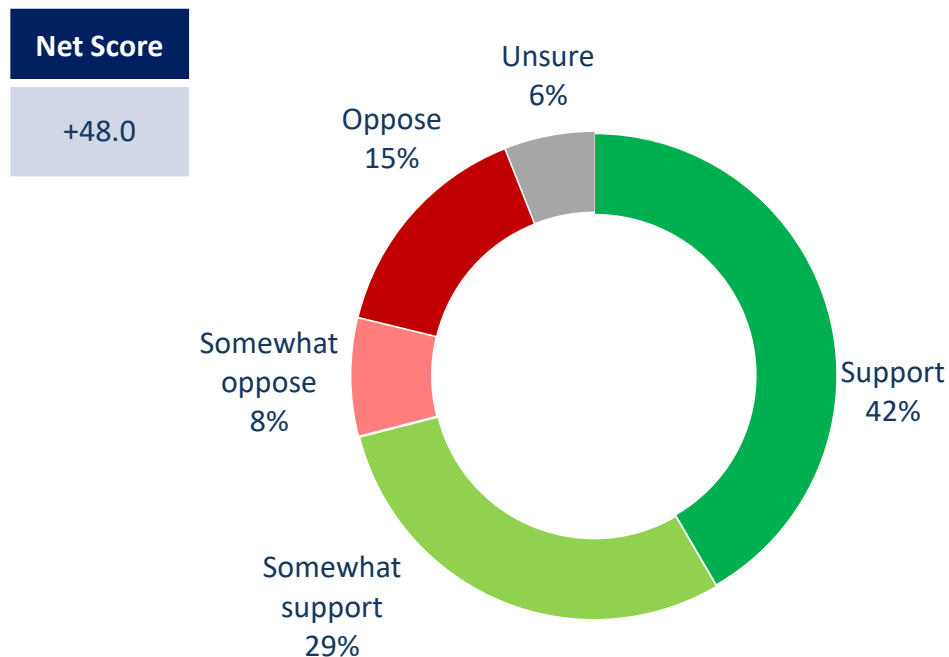
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Subgroups	Not a terrorist threat
Atlantic (n=100)	51.2%
Quebec (n=250)	50.2%
Ontario (n=300)	52.6%
Prairies (n=200)	43.7%
British Columbia (n=150)	65.2%
Male (n=492)	52.7%
Female (n=508)	51.3%
18 to 29 (n=154)	55.7%
30 to 39 (n=156)	50.3%
40 to 49 (n=165)	48.1%
50 to 59 (n=244)	51.9%
60 plus (n=281)	53.0%

**QUESTION** – Do you think refugees from the United States crossing the border into Canada represent a major, a minor or no terrorist threat to Canada.

# Support for special refugee crossing points

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Subgroups	Support/ Somewhat support
Atlantic (n=100)	71.0%
Quebec (n=250)	70.1%
Ontario (n=300)	70.4%
Prairies (n=200)	73.8%
British Columbia (n=150)	69.6%
Male (n=492)	68.5%
Female (n=508)	68.3%
18 to 29 (n=154)	73.5%
30 to 39 (n=156)	72.5%
40 to 49 (n=165)	67.8%
50 to 59 (n=244)	71.4%
60 plus (n=281)	73.7%

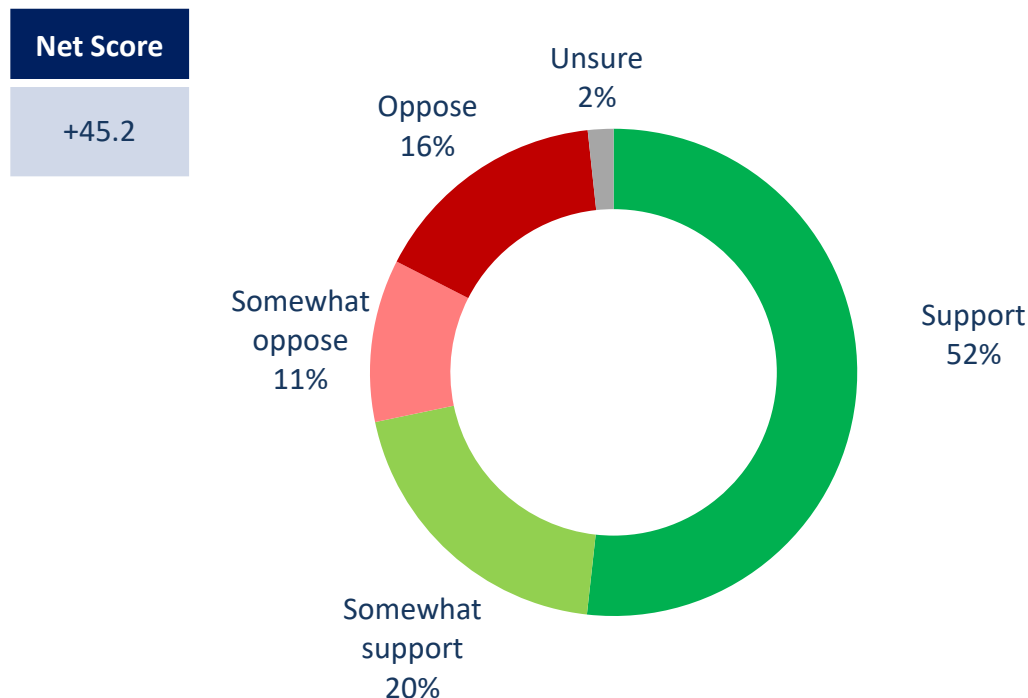
**QUESTION** – With the recent rise in the number of refugee claimants making their way across the border from the United States, do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose Canada setting up special refugee crossing points to minimize the potential terrorist threat?



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# Support for Canada being open to refugees

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Subgroups	Support/ Somewhat support
Atlantic (n=100)	78.3%
Quebec (n=250)	69.8%
Ontario (n=300)	71.6%
Prairies (n=200)	65.3%
British Columbia (n=150)	79.8%
Male (n=492)	69.3%
Female (n=508)	74.2%
18 to 29 (n=154)	75.2%
30 to 39 (n=156)	69.6%
40 to 49 (n=165)	73.9%
50 to 59 (n=244)	72.4%
60 plus (n=281)	68.6%

**QUESTION** – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose Canada continuing to be open to refugees, even if the US puts political or economic pressure on Ottawa to limit or exclude people from certain countries?

# Methodology

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between February 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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# Technical Note

Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	CTV
Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct
Number of Calls/	Maximum of five call backs.
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	February 25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2017.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Estimated Response Rate	15 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	This was module two of an omnibus survey. The previous module included questions related to the top unprompted national issue of concern.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Survey Company	Nanos Research
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# Tabulations



**2017-989 – CTV February – Refugees from the US border - STAT SHEET**

			Region					Gender		Age					
			Canada 2017-02	Atlantic Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question - Are refugees crossing into Canada from the United States a terrorist threat, a threat to Canadian jobs, both a terrorist and threat to Canadian jobs or not a threat to Canada?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	492	508	154	156	165	244	281
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	487	513	197	163	187	189	265
	A terrorist threat	%	4.9	4.1	7.2	4.7	5.0	1.6	5.1	4.7	5.8	6.4	5.2	3.4	4.1
	A threat to jobs	%	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.8	4.9	6.3	6.0	4.8	4.1	6.5	5.6	6.2	4.9
	Both	%	17.9	12.1	18.7	18.4	25.6	9.5	18.8	17.1	16.7	20.7	16.0	18.5	18.1
	Not a threat to Canada	%	61.5	68.0	60.5	60.2	52.6	73.1	59.7	63.2	62.5	58.6	62.4	58.9	61.5
	Unsure	%	10.3	10.5	8.8	10.9	11.8	9.5	10.5	10.1	10.8	7.9	10.8	13.0	9.2

			Region					Gender		Age					
			Canada 2017-02	Atlantic Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question - Do you think refugees from the United States crossing the border into Canada represent a major, a minor or no terrorist threat to Canada?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	492	508	154	156	165	244	281
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	A major terrorist threat	%	8.8	3.8	7.3	10.7	13.6	4.2	9.8	7.8	5.3	10.6	8.4	8.1	11.0
	A minor terrorist threat	%	34.3	37.2	37.7	32.4	36.4	27.4	32.7	35.7	36.3	33.7	35.5	33.4	32.8
	No terrorist threat	%	52.0	51.2	50.2	52.6	43.7	65.2	52.7	51.3	55.7	50.3	48.1	51.9	53.0
	Unsure	%	5.0	7.7	4.8	4.3	6.4	3.2	4.8	5.2	2.7	5.4	8.0	6.6	3.2

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	Support	%	41.6	49.7	36.6	46.0	39.4	38.5	40.7	42.4	39.9	40.6	39.4	41.6	45.0
	Somewhat support	%	29.4	20.4	33.8	27.8	30.2	30.0	27.6	31.1	32.6	27.2	32.0	32.1	24.6
	Somewhat oppose	%	7.8	10.5	7.5	8.1	5.0	9.6	7.5	8.1	6.7	10.9	11.1	6.7	5.2
	Oppose	%	15.2	14.9	16.0	11.8	19.3	15.5	18.4	12.1	13.6	15.6	13.6	13.4	18.5
	Unsure	%	6.0	4.5	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.4	5.8	6.3	7.2	5.7	3.9	6.3	6.7

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	Support	%	51.8	60.3	49.7	49.6	45.3	62.6	47.3	56.1	54.5	48.8	50.0	52.5	52.4
	Somewhat support	%	20.0	18.0	20.1	22.0	20.0	17.2	22.0	18.1	20.7	20.8	23.9	19.9	16.2
	Somewhat oppose	%	10.8	10.2	15.0	10.3	8.8	7.7	10.5	11.0	9.7	11.9	9.2	10.4	12.2
	Oppose	%	15.8	7.3	13.9	16.5	25.2	10.4	18.5	13.1	13.1	15.5	16.3	14.9	18.2
	Unsure	%	1.7	4.2	1.4	1.5	.7	2.1	1.7	1.7	2.1	3.0	.6	2.3	1.0