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# DETAILED RESULTS HOW DO CANADIANS FEEL ABOUT OUEBEC'S BILL 21?

CONDUCTED FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FROM CANADA'S LEADING PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND MARKET RESEARCH EXPERTS

#### METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted with 1,911 Canadians residents from December 16 to 20, 2021. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Lucid exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 2.24%, 19 times out of 20.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

I. 4 in 10 (39%) Canadians oppose Bill 21, with an additional 2 in 10 (19%) ambivalent. About a third (36%) are in support of the bill, though only 2 in 10 "strongly support" it (22%).

Support for the bill is considerably higher in Quebec, where fully half (53%) say they are in support of Bill 21. Support is lowest among NDP voters specifically and among Liberal voters who are open to voting NDP. In the GTA, 44% of those open to voting Conservative are opposed compared with 38% who support it.

II. 4 in 10 (40%) Canadians would be more supportive of a political leader that came out against Bill 21, while 2 in 10 (20%) would be less supportive. The remaining (41%) say it would have no impact.

 In all provinces outside of Quebec, voters say opposing Bill 21 will make them more supportive of a political leader. The vote base of the NDP, LPC, and CPC are all net more likely to reward a political leader for strongly opposing Bill 21.

III. Bill 21 may be a vote driver. Half (55%) of Canadians say a party's position on Bill 21 would strongly or somewhat influence their vote, while an additional quarter (26%) say it would have a little impact. Only 2 in 10 (19%) say it would have no impact.

• Among those who oppose Bill 21, 66% say a party's position would influence their support for the party. 65% who support the bill feel the same way.

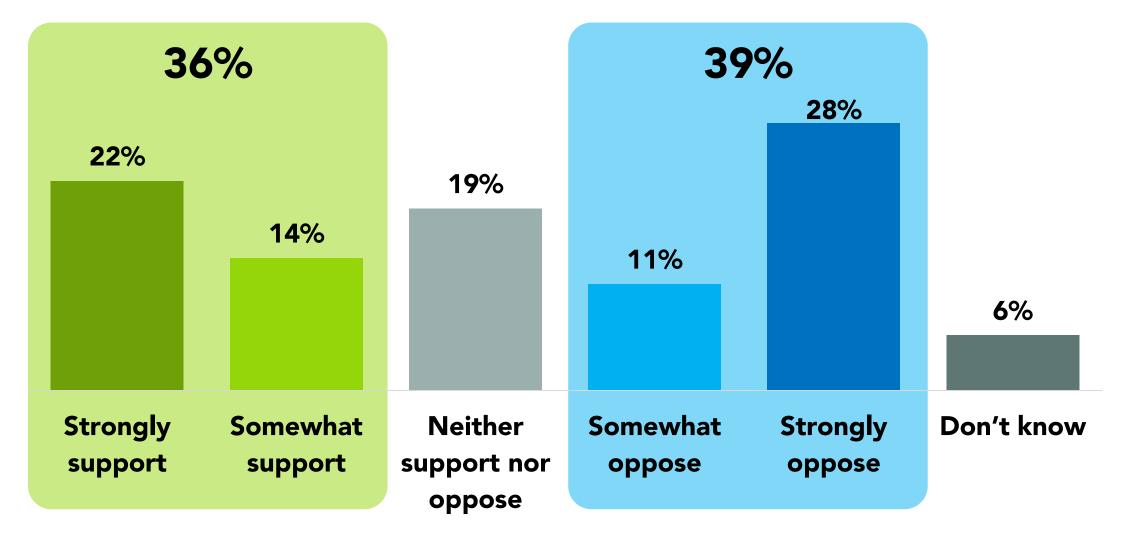
IV. 7 in 10 (70%) Canadians have heard at least something about the teacher in Chelsea who was removed from her teaching post for wearing a hijab.

• Awareness is broadly based, with a majority of the public in every province having heard at least something about it.

V. The firing of the teacher in Chelsea, QC is something that makes voters more opposed to Bill 21, especially those who were on the fence about the law in the first case.



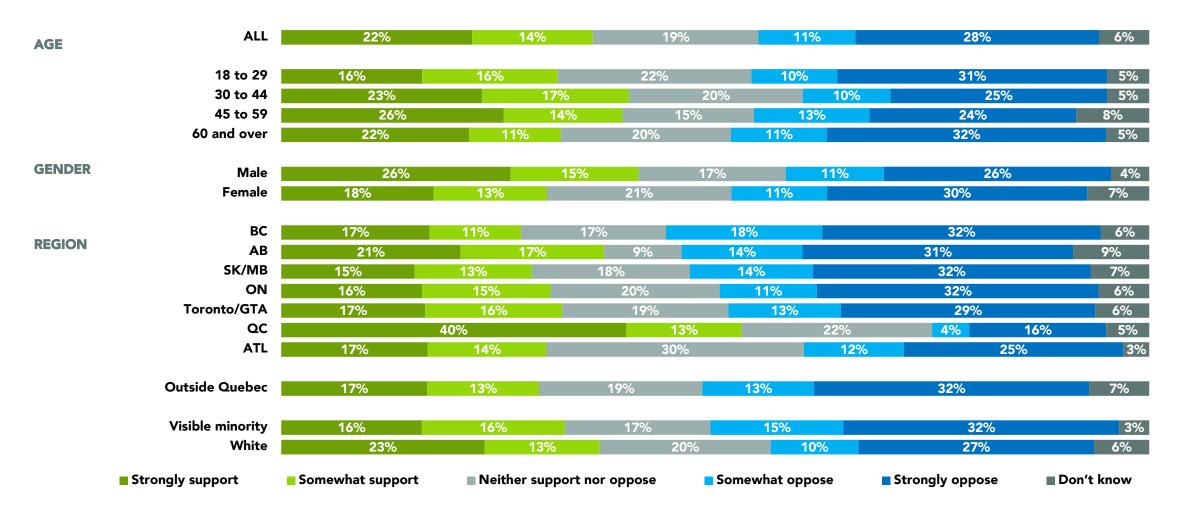
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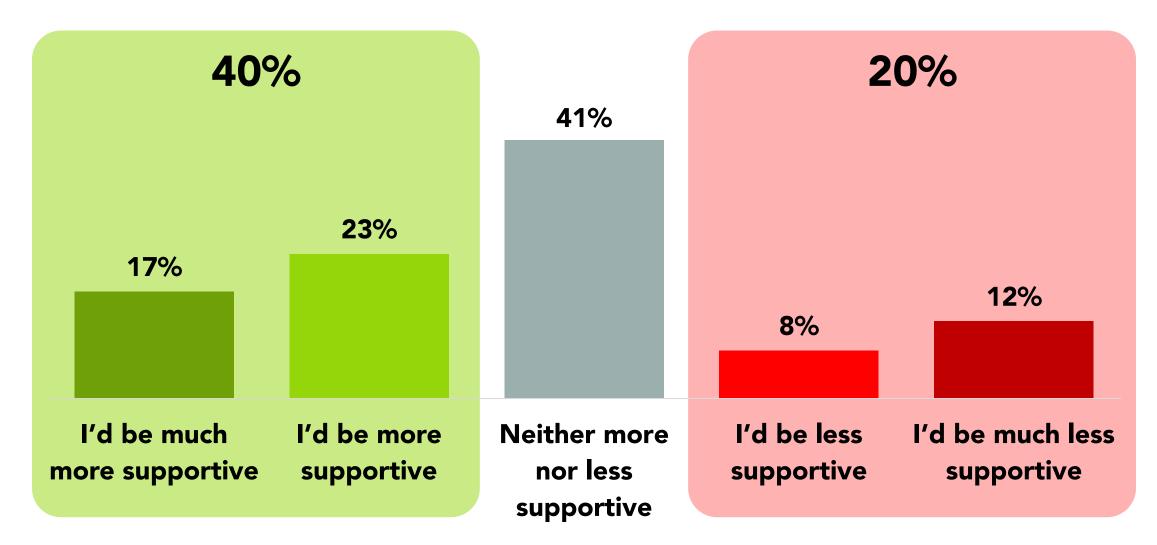
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VOTE	22%		14%		1	9%	11%		28%	6%	
Conservative Party	3	0%		17%	6		1 <b>9</b> %	<b>9</b> %	22%	4%	
Liberal Party	16%	1	7%		<b>19%</b>		15%		<b>29</b> %	4%	
New Democratic Party	10%	9%	18%		13%			45%	6	5%	
Green Party	3	80%		5%		30%		6%	23%	<b>6</b> %	
Bloc Québécois				73%					14%	6% 1 <mark>%4% 2</mark> %	
Peoples Party of Canada	3	0%		14%		10%	13%		23%	10%	
AWARE OF INCIDENT Heard a lot Heard something Heard not much Have not heard	15% 20% 17%	34% 10%	23% 14%	8% 	6	12% 22% 29% 1	5% 5%	13% 12%	39% 23% 14% 27%	1% 3% 10% 12%	
Consider CPC in TO/GTA	14%		22%		1	8%	17	%	27%	1%	
Voted LPC in QC	20%		10%	6%	•	1 <b>9</b> %			40%	4%	
Voted LPC outside QC	10%	15%			% 15%				<b>39</b> %	4%	
LPC voters open to the NDP	11%	14%		17%		15%			39%	4%	
Consider NDP in QC	20%		10%	6%		1 <b>9</b> %			40%	4%	
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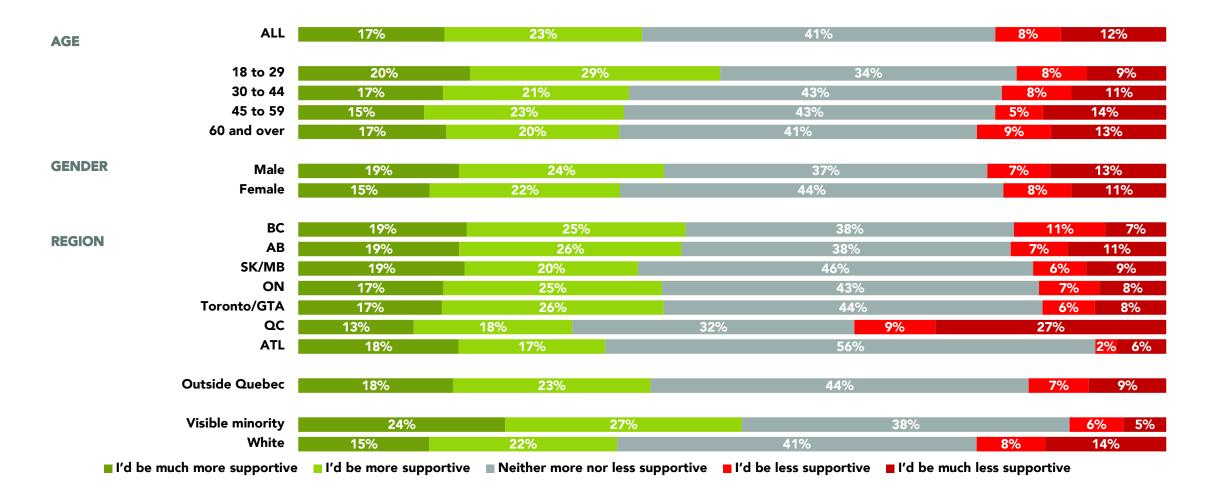


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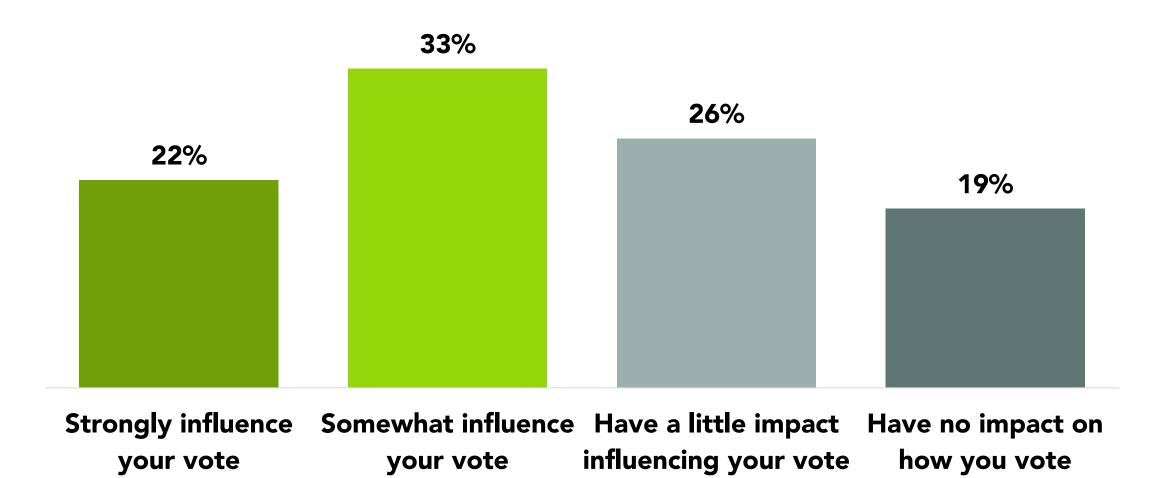
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	eral Party	18%		27%		41%		7%	
New Democra		23%		27%		37%	6	5%	
Gre	en Party	9%	35%			28%	<b>6</b> %	22%	
	uébécois	19%	8%	15%	11%		48%		
Peoples Party o	f Canada	18%	21%			33%	<b>6</b> %	22%	
JPPORT BILL 21	Support	12%	34%	10		36%		11%	8%
	Neither %	9%	<b>••</b> •		87%				
	Oppose		35%		28%		28%		5% 4
WARE OF INCIDENT He	ard a lot	26%		24%		26%	<b>6</b> %	1	8%
Heard so	omething	12%	29%			40%		7%	11%
Heard ı	not much	12%	18%		5	0%		12%	8%
Have n	ot heard	13%	17%			53%		8%	<b>9</b> %
Consider CPC in	TO/GTA	17%		489	%		23%	2%	10%
Voted L	PC in QC	12%	29%			38%		12%	8%
Voted LPC ou	tside QC	23%		25%		42	%		6%
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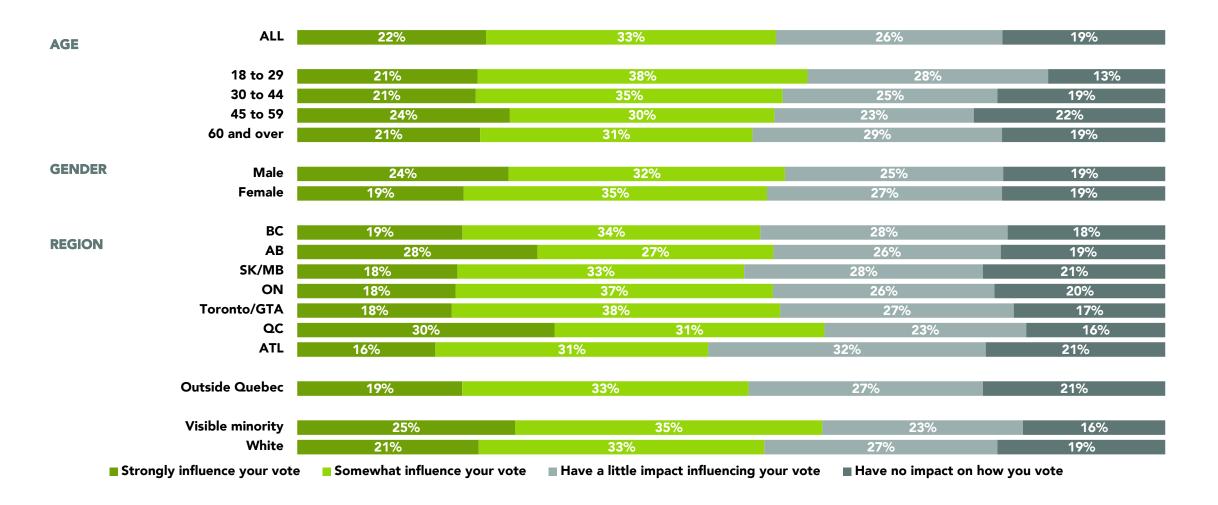


How would your support for a political leader change if they come out strongly opposing Bill 21?

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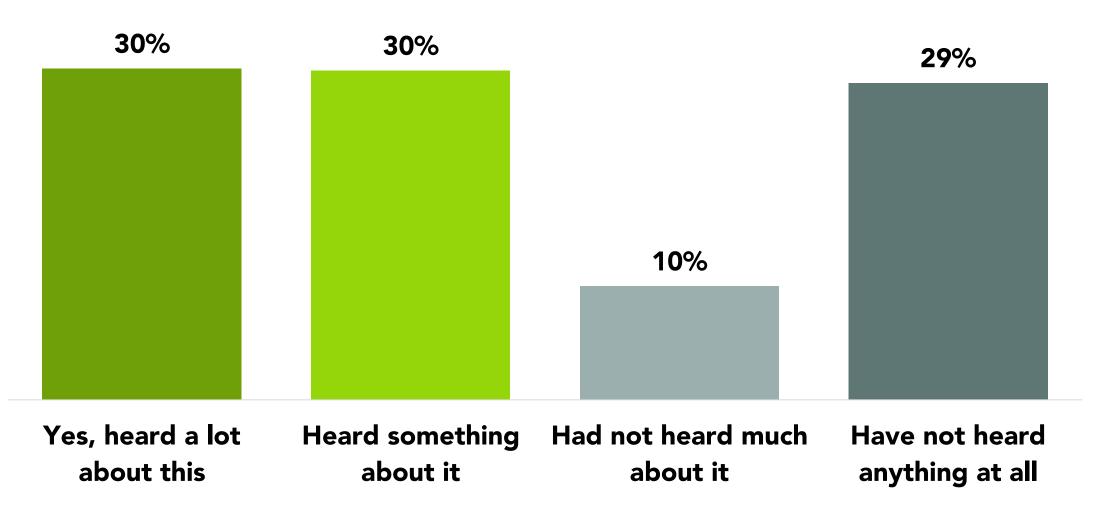


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Bloc Québécois		45%	37%	13% 6%	
Peoples Party of Canada	19%	38%	25%	18%	
SUPPORT BILL 21					
Support	28%	37%	21%	14%	
Neither	5% 19%	44%		31%	
Oppose	27%	<b>39%</b>	21%	<b>12%</b>	
AWARE OF INCIDENT					
Heard a lot	36%	33%		23% <b>9</b> %	
Heard something	16%	42%	26%	16%	
Heard not much	18%	28%	36%	18%	
Have not heard	15%	27% 26%		32%	
Consider CPC in TO/GTA	19%	52%		25% 4%	
Voted LPC in QC	15%	65%		6% 14%	
Voted LPC outside QC	20%	37%	28%	15%	
LPC voters open to the NDP	20%	39%	26%	15%	
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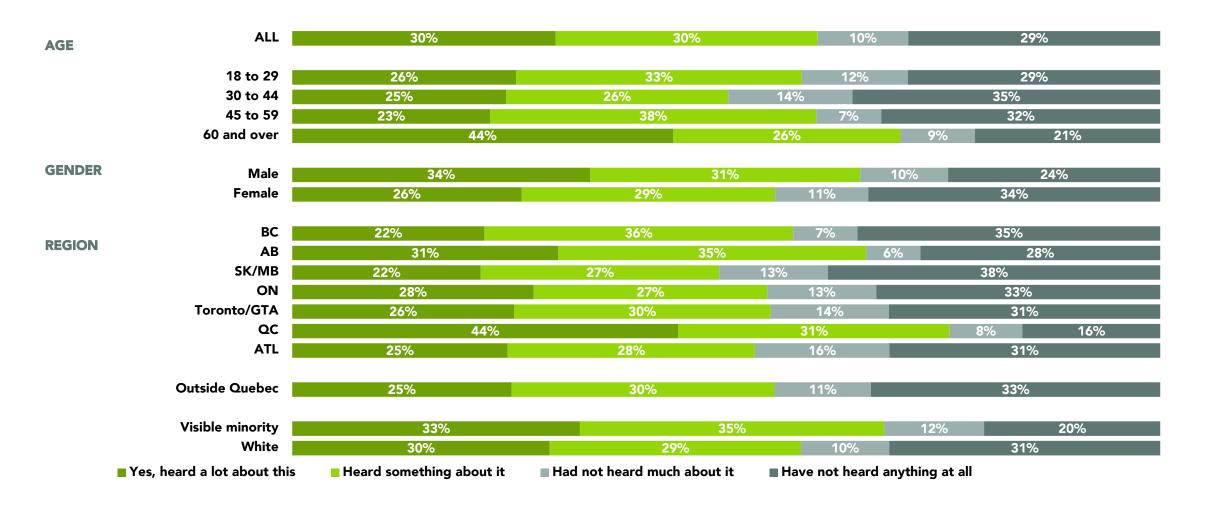
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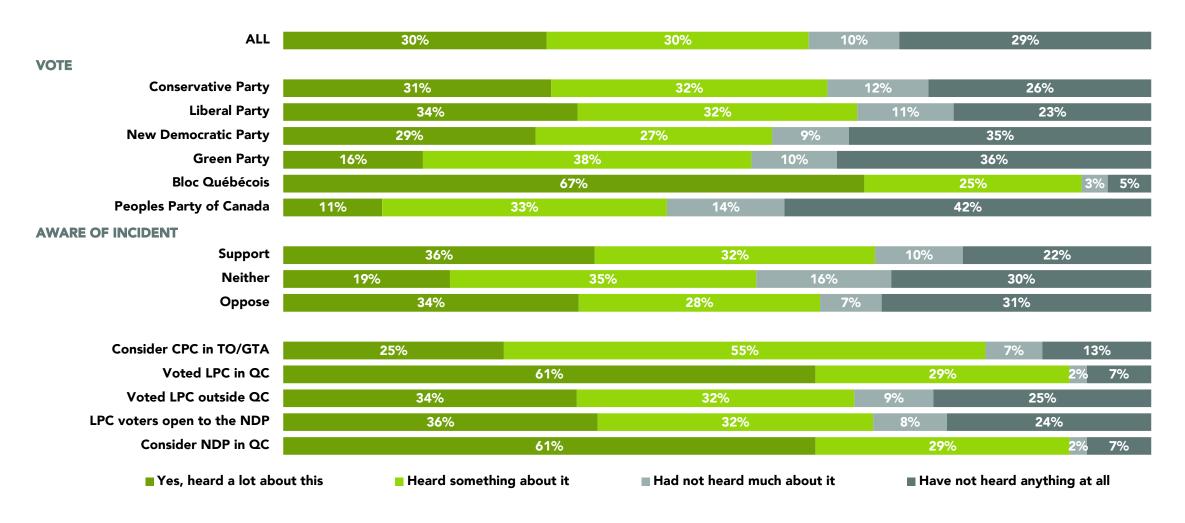
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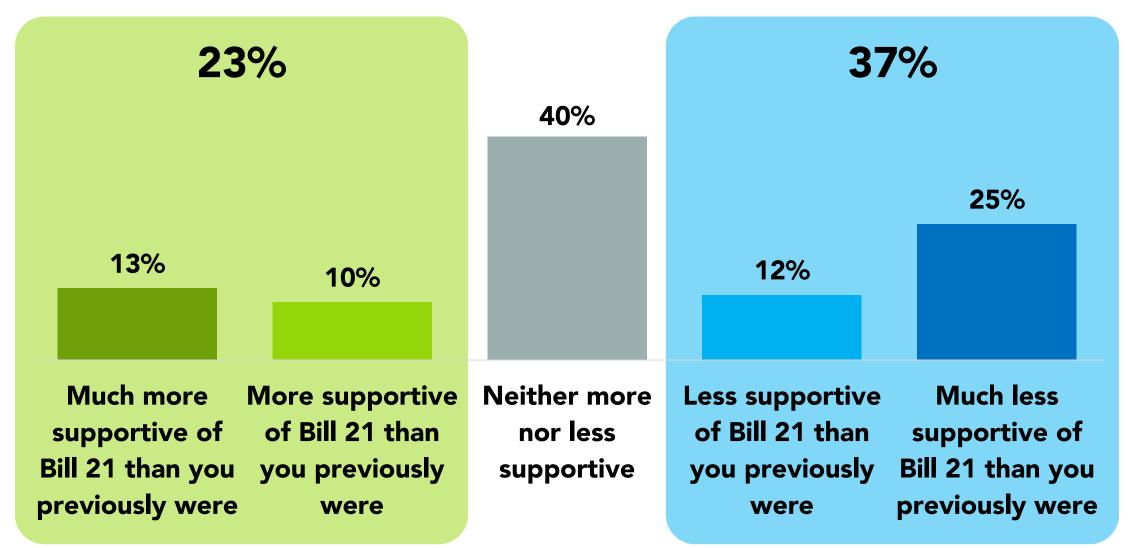
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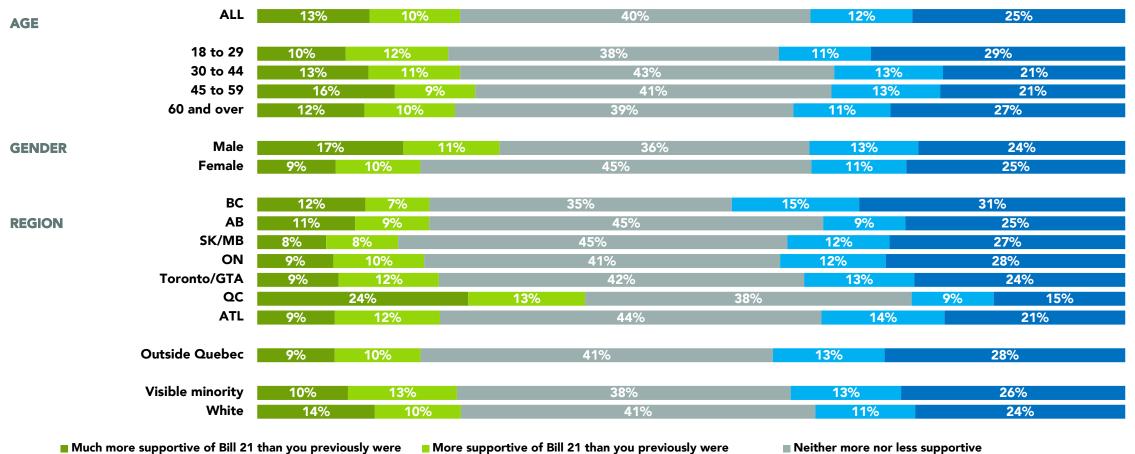
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Is this incident something that makes you...

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Less supportive of Bill 21 than you previously were

Much less supportive of Bill 21 than you previously were



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Liberal Party	8%	16%		37%		14%		25%	
New Democratic Party	6%	<mark>6%</mark>	36%		11%		4(	)%	
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Neither	<b> % 8%</b>			<b>68</b> %				13%	10%
Oppose	<b>4% 3%</b>	21%		18%			54%		
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Heard something	7%	16%		4	6%		12%		17%
Heard not much	10%	14%			54%			12%	10%
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Consider CPC in TO/GTA	8%	26	5%	24	1%	229	%	2	0%
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Much more supportive of Bill 2	1 than you pr	eviously were	More supportive	of Bill 21 than you p	reviously were	Neither n	nore nor less su	pportive	
Less supportive of Bill 21 than	you previousl	v were	Much less suppo	rtive of Bill 21 than y	ou previously were	2			

