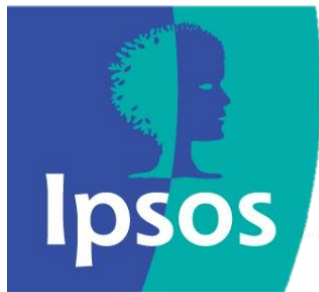


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Toronto, ON – Amid Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's official State Visit to Washington D.C. to meet with President Barack Obama, a new Ipsos poll conducted for Global News has gauged where Americans stand on key policy issues impacting Canada and the United States, from security to trade and bilateral relations. The meeting comes as most (83%) Americans agree (36% strongly/46% somewhat) that they "view Canada as an equal partner with the U.S. on North American matters", while two in ten (17%) disagree (4% strongly/13% somewhat) that Canada is an equal partner.

Half Concerned Syrian Refugees in Canada pose Security Threat to U.S.

Canada has recently met its target of accepting 25,000 Syrian refugees into the country, but nearly half of Americans are concerned that this poses a security threat to the United States. While one half (50%) agrees (23% strongly/27% somewhat) that they're "not concerned about the 25,000 Syrian refugees that Canada has accepting posing a security threat to the United states", the other half (50%) disagrees (21% strongly/29% somewhat) that they're not concerned.



Americans Split on future of NAFTA

Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump has suggested that the North American Free Trade Agreement costs America jobs, and that he would revoke the treaty if he becomes president. On Trump's assertion that NAFTA damages the U.S. economy, a majority (63%) of Americans disagree (17% strongly/46% somewhat) that "Free Trade with Canada and Mexico is damaging the U.S. economy", while four in ten (37%) Americans agree (11% strongly/26% somewhat) with his position.

Despite a majority disagreeing with Trump's position, Americans are nearly equally split on whether or not they agree (48% -- 15% strongly/33% somewhat) or disagree (52% -- 14% strongly/38% somewhat) that they would "support the United States pulling out of the North American Free Trade Agreement".

Americans Want more Canadian Oil

Oil has been a hot topic between Canada and the U.S. over the past few years, with Obama's reluctance to endorse the Keystone XL Pipeline being a major source of disagreement between the former Harper Government and the Obama Administration. While not waging into the contentious issue of how the oil is transported to the United States, eight in ten (80%) Americans agree (28% strongly/52% somewhat) that "The United States should import more of its oil from Canada rather than from other markets". Two in ten (20%) disagree (5% strongly/15% somewhat) with this point of view.

Potential Outcome of U.S. Election Causing Americans to Consider Moving to Canada

The search term “how to move to Canada” has reportedly gained in frequency following Donald Trump’s wins on Super Tuesday. However, it appears that Donald Trump detractors aren’t the only ones who might consider a move to Canada should a certain candidate win the presidency:

- 19% of Americans strongly agree that if Donald Trump becomes U.S. President, they “will consider moving to Canada”, including 28% of those aged 18 to 34.
- 15% of Americans strongly agree that if Hillary Clinton becomes U.S. President, they will “consider moving to Canada”, including 19% of men compared to 11% of women.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between March 4 and 7, 2016, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1,006 Americans from Ipsos' online panel was interviewed online. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within +/- 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all American adults been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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