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Youth and Community Survey

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- · Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Not participating in the survey won't affect your participation in the program.
- You can choose not to participate at any time until you hand in your survey.
- You can choose not to answer any questions if you do not want to. Leave them blank

This survey will take you about 80-90 minutes to fill out. It has 153 questions.

This is a survey about your life and your beliefs.

Before completing this survey, there are a few things you should know:

- 1. Your answers are absolutely private and will not be shared with anyone. That means that no one who knows you will see any of your individual answers.
- 2. Please be as honest as you can about how you feel and what you think. What you say matters.
- 3. You do not have to answer all the questions on this survey, but we hope you will. If you are not sure how you feel or what you think, or feel uncomfortable answering a question, please leave it blank.
- 4. To answer a question, check the appropriate radio button. Please click only one button per question. First impressions are usually best. Do not spend a lot of time on any one question.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

Here are some questions about your friends. Think about the people who are your best friends, or the friends you spend the most time with.

YC1 Peer support	Never true	Rarely true	Sometimes true	Usually true	Always t rue
1. I trust my friends.	0	О	О	О	0
2. My friends care about me.	О	О	0	О	О
3. My friends are there when I need them.	О	О	0	О	О

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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YC2 Adult support	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
There are adults I can ask for help when I need it.	0	О	0	0	0
2. I know adults who are willing to help me find a job when I need it.	О	О	0	0	0
3. When I have a personal problem there are adults I can turn to for help.	О	О	О	0	О
4. There is at least one adult outside of school and home that I really admire.	О	О	0	0	0
5. Outside of my home and school there is an adult who believes I will be a success.	0	0	0	0	0

YC3 Intrapersonal empowerment: Sociopolitical control	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1.I am often a leader in groups.	0	0	0	О	О
2. I would prefer to be a leader rather than a follower.	О	О	0	О	О
3. I would rather have a leadership role when I'm involved in a group project.	0	О	0	0	0
4. I can usually organize people to get things done.	0	О	О	О	О
5. Other people usually follow my ideas.	0	О	0	0	О
6. I find it very easy to talk in front of a group.	0	О	О	0	О
7. I like to work on solving a problem myself instead of letting someone else do it.	0	0	О	0	0

YC3 Intrapersonal empowerment: Sociopolitical control	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
8. I like trying new things that are challenging to me.	0	0	О	0	0
9. I enjoy participation because I want to have as much say as possible in my community.	0	0	Ο	0	0
10. My friends and I can really understand what's going on with my community.	О	O	О	0	О
11. I have a pretty good understanding of the important issues that affect my community.	О	0	0	0	0
12. My friends and I have the ability to participate effectively in community activities and decision making.	0	0	O	0	O
13. My opinion is important because it could make a difference in my community.	0	0	0	0	0
14. There are many ways for my friends and me to have a say in what our community does.	0	0	0	0	0
15. It is important to me that I actively participate in local teen issues.	О	0	О	0	О
16. Most community leaders would pay attention to me if I gave them my opinion.	О	0	О	0	0
17. Many local activities are important to participate in.	О	О	0	О	0

YC4 Youth generativity	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I. I have knowledge and skills that I will pass on to others.	О	О	0	0	0
2. I think about ways to help others become leaders.	0	О	0	0	О
3. I feel it is important to help people younger than myself.	0	О	0	0	О
4. People are limited only by what they think possible.	О	О	0	0	О
5. I can pretty much determine what will happen in my life.	0	О	0	0	0
6. I am positive about my future.	0	О	0	0	О
7. Most problems can be solved by taking action.	О	О	0	0	0

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

YC5 Confidence	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I. I generally accomplish what I set out to do.	0	О	0	0	О
2. I have a positive attitude about myself.	О	О	0	О	О
3. When I make plans, I am almost certain to make them work.	0	О	0	О	О
4. I am usually confident about the decisions I make.	0	О	0	О	О
5. I am often able to overcome challenges.	0	0	0	0	О

Think about how you see your future. What are the chances that you will...

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YC6 Optimism	Very low	Low	About 50/50	High	Very high
Graduate from high school	О	0	0	О	О
Go to a professional school to learn a trade (i.e. hairdresser, mechanic, plumber, etc.)	0	О	0	О	О
3. Go to college or university	0	0	0	О	0
4. Have a job that pays well	О	0	0	О	0
5. Have a career that you like	О	О	0	О	О

Here are some questions about your views of people in general. Use the scale to show how much you agree or disagree with each statement

YC7 Social trust	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. In general, most people can be trusted.	О	0	О	0	0
2. Most people are fair in their dealings with other people.	О	O	О	0	O
3. Most people just look out for themselves, rather than try to help others.	0	0	О	О	0
4. Most people don't really care what happens to other people.	О	O	О	0	O
5. Most people are fair and don't take advantage of you.	О	О	О	0	0

YC8 Faith in society	Strongly d isagree	Disagree	Neither a gree or d isagree	Agree	Strongly ag ree
1 Basically, people get fair treatment in Canada, no matter who they are.	О	0	0	0	О
2. The government really cares about people like me and my family.	0	О	0	0	0
3. Canada is a fair society. Everyone has an equal chance to get ahead.	0	О	0	0	0
4. In Canada you have an equal chance no matter where you came from or what race you are.	О	0	O	0	О

These questions ask about the community where you live. Use the scale to show how true the statements are for you.

YC9 Sense of community	Not at all true	Slightly true	Fairly true	Very true	Completely true
1 I spend a lot of time with other youth that live in this city.	0	0	О	0	0
2. I like to be with other youth that live in this city.	0	0	0	0	О
3. If I feel like talking I can generally find someone in my city to chat with.	О	О	0	0	О
4. In this place, I feel I can share experiences and interests with other young people.	0	0	0	0	0
5. This is a pretty city.	0	0	0	0	0
6. I think this is a good place to live in.	0	0	0	0	0
7. I feel like I belong to this city.	0	0	0	0	0
8. As compared to others my city has many advantages.	0	0	0	0	0
9. In this city, there are enough activities for young people.	0	0	0	0	0
10. In this city, there are enough opportunities to meet other youth.	0	0	0	0	0
11. In this city, young people can find many opportunities to entertain themselves.	0	0	0	0	0
12. In this city, there are many events and activities which are able to involve young people like me.	0	О	О	О	Ο
13. People in my city support each other.	О	0	0	0	О
14. People in my city are willing to help each other.	0	0	0	0	0
15. People in my city collaborate together.	0	0	0	0	0
16. People in my city work together to improve things.	0	0	0	0	0

When you answer the following questions, think about the people you live with most of the time.

YC10 Family cohesion	Not true	Sometimes true	True a lot of the time	Always true
I. I listen to what other family members have to say, even when I disagree.	0	О	О	0
2. My family can easily think of things to do together.	0	О	О	0
3. My family members feel very close to each other.	О	0	О	0
4. My family members like to spend free time with each other.	Ο	О	О	О

When you answer the following questions, think about the adults you live with most of the time.

YC11 Parental monitoring	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	A lot of the time	Always
1. My parents/ guardians know the parents of my friends.	0	О	0	0	0
2. My parents/guardians know who my friends are.	0	О	О	0	О
3. My parents/guardians know where I am after school.	О	О	0	0	0
4. When I go out at night, my parents/guardians know where I am.	О	О	О	0	0

Are you currently in school? O Yes O No (If No, skip to **Religion**)

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

YC12 School connectedness	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. I feel close to people at my school.	0	0	0	О	О
2. I feel I am a part of my school.	0	0	0	0	О
3. I am happy to be at my school.	0	0	•	0	О
4. The teachers at my school treat students fairly.	0	0	0	0	О
5. I feel safe in my school.	0	0	0	О	О

These questions ask about the school you attend. Again, use the scale to show how much you agree or disagree.

YC13 School engagement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. Going to school is enjoyable.	0	О	О	0	О
2. Doing well in school is important for getting a good job.	0	О	О	О	О
3. My school work is important to my life.	0	О	О	О	О
4. My classes at school are interesting.	0	О	О	О	О
5. The things I am learning in school are important for later in life.	О	О	О	О	О

Religion: Please check the appropriate response.

YC14 Religious salience	Not Important	A little Important	Pretty important	Very important
How important is religious faith in shaping how you live your daily life?	О	О	O	0

YC14 Religious salience	Yes	No
2. Ten years from now, do you think you will be attending a place of worship (e.g. mosque, church, synagogue, etc)?	О	O

YC14 Religious salience	Totally	Mostly	Somewhat	Not up to you
	up to you	up to you	up to you	at all
3. Is it up to you whether or not you attend a place of worship?	0	О	О	0

How often do you spend time in the following activities?

YC15 Involvement in extracurricular activities	Never	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
1. Volunteering your time	0	0	0	0
2. Mentoring other youth	О	О	0	О
3. Paid work	•	0	0	0
4. Attending a place of worship (e.g. mosque, church, synagogue, etc)	0	0	0	0
5. Participating in a Religious Youth Group	0	0	0	0
6. Hanging out with your friends	0	0	0	0
7. Attending programs at a community center.	0	0	0	0
8. Participating in school athletics	О	О	О	О

Here are some questions about the program you attend. Again, use the scale to show how much you agree or disagree.

YC16 Safe environment	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. I feel safe when I'm in this program.	0	О	0	О	О
2. This program makes me feel welcome.	О	О	Ο	0	О
3. Bullying and aggression are not tolerated here.	О	О	О	О	О
4. All the people in this program treat me with respect.	О	О	О	О	О

YC17 Youth voice in decision making	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. In this program, I get to make decisions about the things I want to do.	О	О	0	0	О
2. I have a say in planning this program.	О	О	0	0	О
3. In this program, I am encouraged to express my ideas and opinions.	O	О	О	О	О
4. I am expected to voice my concerns when I have them.	О	О	О	О	О
5. The program staff take my ideas seriously.	О	О	О	О	О

YC18 Youth staff partnerships	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. In this program, it is clear that youth and staff respect each other.	0	О	О	0	О
2. I learn a lot from staff in this program.	О	О	О	0	О
3. Staff learn a lot from youth in this program.	О	O	О	0	О
4. There is a good balance of power between youth and staff in this program.	О	О	О	0	О
5. Youth and staff trust each other in this program.	О	О	О	0	0
6. Youth and staff learn a lot from working together in this program.	О	О	О	0	О

YC19 Program engagement SNAP	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. I find this program to be challenging.	0	О	0	0	О
2. This program is important to my life.	О	O	О	0	О
3. I concentrate hard when I'm involved in this program.	О	О	O	О	О
4. This program is interesting to me.	О	О	O	0	О
5. I enjoy most everything I do in this program.	0	0	0	О	0

Life-long Learning

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YC20 Lifelong learning	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I. I expect to go on learning for a long time.	О	О	0	0	0
2. I like to be able to improve the way I do things.	О	0	О	0	О
3. I'm continually improving as a learner.	О	О	О	0	О
4. I don't like to accept an answer until I have worked it out for myself.	О	О	0	0	О
5. I like to question the things I am learning.	О	О	0	0	О
6. Getting to the bottom of things is more important to me than getting a good grade.	0	О	0	О	О
7. I like to learn about things that really matter to me.	О	О	0	0	О
8. I like it when I can make connections between new things I am learning and things I already know.	0	О	0	О	О
9. I like learning new things when I can see how they make sense for my life.	О	О	О	0	О

Cognitive Empowerment

YC21 Cognitive empowerment	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1.Only by working together can people make changes in a community.	0	О	0	О	О
2. I can impact community issues only by working in an organized way with other people.	О	0	О	0	0
3. To improve my community, it is more effective to work with a group than as an individual.	О	0	О	0	0
4. The only way I can act to improve the community is by connecting to others.	О	0	О	0	О
5. If youth are making change in a community, sooner or later, they will encounter conflict.	О	0	О	0	0
6. People are accepting when people work to improve schools or the community, but only when this doesn't challenge those in authority.	0	0	0	0	О
7. Those with power try to silence youth who challenge them too much.	О	0	О	0	0
8. When teens work for change, it doesn't take long for the system to push back.	О	0	О	0	0
9. Those with power undermine youth that challenge too much, and reward youth that are obedient.	0	0	О	0	О
10. Authorities punish those who don't accept what those authorities want.	О	0	О	0	О
11. Schools and communities ignore issues raised by youth that these groups don't want to address.	0	0	О	0	О
12. Influential people work to keep youth unaware of many issues.	О	О	О	0	О
13. Those with power are skilled at getting most youth to believe what the powerful want.	О	0	О	О	0
14. Authorities are able to get youth to interpret most things from the authority's perspective.	О	О	О	0	О

Civic Participation

Please indicate how often in the past year you have done the following things:

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YC22 Civic participation	Never	Once or twice	A few times	Often	A lot
Did things to help improve your neighborhood	О	О	О	О	О
2. Helped organize neighborhood or community events	0	0	0	0	0
3. Volunteered at a school event or function	О	0	0	0	О
4. Participated in a group based on your culture or identity	0	0	0	0	0
5. Participated in a discussion about a social or political issue	О	0	0	0	О
6. Attended an event to gather information about an issue	0	0	0	0	0
7. Signed a petition	0	0	0	0	О
8. Contacted an official to give them your opinion	О	0	0	0	0
9. Participated in a peaceful protest	О	О	0	О	О
10. Posted about news, issues or politics using social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	0	О	О	О	О

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

YC23 Response bias	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. I understood the questions on this survey.	О	0	0	0	0
2. I answered the questions on this survey carefully.	0	0	0	О	0
3. I answered the questions on this survey honestly.	0	0	0	0	0

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