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What Canadians think

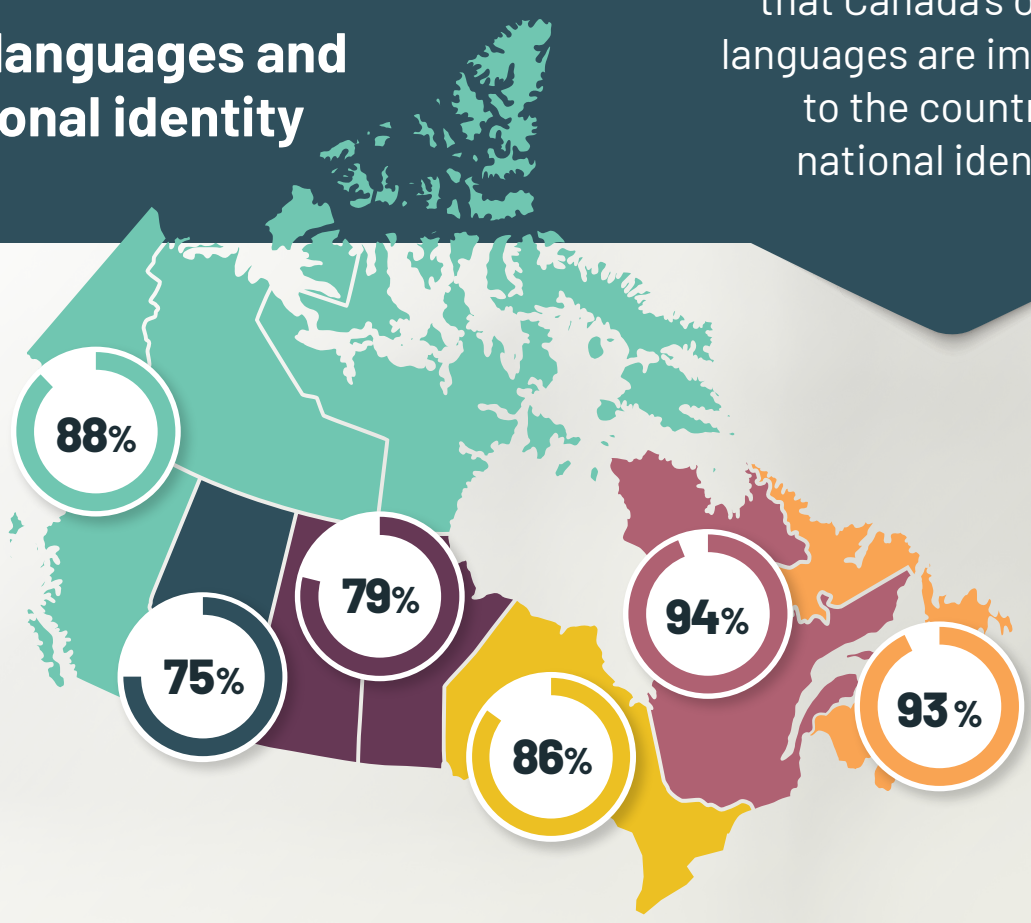
about

official languages and our national identity

9 in 10

Canadians agree

that Canada's official languages are important to the country's national identity



Official languages are a **fundamental part** of our **culture** and **national identity**

Having two official languages is positive for **Canada's international image:**

87%

Having two official languages, instead of just one, sends the signal that **Canada values linguistic diversity:**

87%



Because English and French are part of **our history**, it makes sense that they have equal status:

81%

Having English and French as official languages can **help diversify the Canadian economy** beyond North America:

80%

Canadians also agree

Having two official languages is one of the things that **really defines Canada:**	**79%**
Having two official languages has made Canada a more **welcoming place for immigrants** from different cultures and ethnic backgrounds:	**77%**
The Government of Canada must provide greater support for disseminating **Canadian artistic and cultural works** in both English and French:	**76%**
The fact that our country has these two official languages contributes to my **pride in being Canadian:**	**75%**
Major events in Canada, including sporting and cultural events, should take place in both official languages:	**72%**

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