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More Chinese Canadians in BC support the Federal Government's decision to not intervene in Meng's case than oppose it

Meng is going to be in court again this Wednesday. Here's what BC's sizeable population of Chinese Canadians have to say about the case.

Overall, more Chinese Canadians in BC support (54%) the Government's decision to not intervene in Meng's case than oppose it (15%). This pattern of being more supportive of the Government's position holds up regardless of their period of immigration, mother tongue, and the language in which they consume the media.

However, Chinese Canadians are a diverse community. They all bring their unique backgrounds and experiences to the table.

There are major differences in their level of support depending on their age. Chinese Canadians age 35 and older show stronger support (60%-63%) than those under 35 (37%).

The study also finds some differences depending on their place of birth. Canadian-born Chinese are less likely to support the Government's position (37%) than those who were born outside Canada (Mainland China: 54%; Hong Kong/Taiwan/Other: 63%).

"Note that the relatively low support among the younger generation and the Canadian-born Chinese," Vanessa Kong, Research Manager of Innovative Research Group, explained, "are largely because they are more likely to be uncertain, not because they are more opposed to the Government's position."

Another key finding is that knowledge drives support. The more they know about the Canadian justice system and Meng's case, the stronger they support the Government's decision to not intervene in Meng's case than oppose it.

"As such, providing education to Chinese Canadians about the Canadian justice system is critical to building a society that promotes the core values of Canada, such as equality and justice," said Kenny Zhang, Director of Research of the Canada Committee 100 Society.

The study was conducted jointly by Canada Committee 100 Society and Innovative Research Group. It involved an online survey of 413 Chinese Canadians, aged 18 and older, between April 18 and 29, 2019. The results were weighted by key demographic, linguistic and immigration attributes using the latest Statistics Canada Census data to reflect the actual demographic composition of the Chinese Canadian population in BC.

"Historically, voices of Chinese Canadians are often not taken into consideration in policy decisions. The lack of consultation has led to misunderstanding and, worse still, demonization of Chinese Canadians," said Ding Guo, Founding President of CCS100, "We aim to correct for this under-representation. We hope to survey Chinese Canadians on an ongoing basis about important topics that matter to both the government and the general public so that their voices can continue to be heard."

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民调显示:卑诗省半数以上华裔支持联邦政府不干预孟晚舟事件的立场

华为财务长孟晚舟将在 5 月 8 日再次就引渡诉讼出庭。作为卑诗省最大少数族裔的华裔,通过民意调查,对此案 表达了看法。

总体来看,卑诗省华裔 **54%**支持联邦政府不干预孟案,仅有 **15%**的华裔持反对意见。而这些赞成政府不干预孟案 立场的华裔,与他们何时移民、他们使用的母语、以及阅读何种语言的媒体无关。

然而,加拿大华人是一个多元化的社区,他们各自不同的背景和经历在此次调查中显现出来。

首先,对政府立场支持度的不同,主要视年龄而定:35 岁以上的加拿大华人比 35 岁以下的加拿大华人表现出对政府立场更高的支持率,达到 60%~63%,而 35 岁以下的华人对政府立场的支持率只有 37%。

其次,民调还显示,华人立场的某些差异,取决于他们的出生地:加拿大境外出生的华人多数支持政府的立场 (其中,中国大陆出生的华人是 54%,香港/台湾/其他地区出生的华人是 63%),而加拿大土生华裔只有 37%支持政府立场。

Innovative Research Group 研究主管江詠宇(Vanessa Kong)对此现象作出如下解释:"年轻一代和加拿大出生的华裔对政府立场相对较低的支持,很大程度是因为他们这一代人对社会事务的看法本身就有很大的不确定性,而不是因为他们更反对政府的立场。"

在此次民调中,另一个重要发现是,知识驱动导向支持。华人对加拿大司法系统和孟案了解得越多,就越支持政府决定不干预孟案的立场,而不是反对。

"因此,为加拿大华人提供加拿大司法教育,对于建立一个促进加拿大核心价值观的社会至关重要,这些价值观包括平等和正义,等等。"加拿大华裔百人会(CCS100)研究部主任张康清(Kenny Zhang)如是说。

本次民调由加拿大百人会(CCS100)和 Innovative Research Group 合作,采用网上问卷方式,调查时间为 2019 年 4 月 18 日~29 日,调查对象是年满 18 岁及以上的加拿大华人,收到有效问卷 413 份。调查结果根据最新加拿大人口普查数据,通过人口统计、语言和移民等要素进行加权处理,以反映卑诗省华裔的实际人口构成。

"纵观历史,在政策制定的民意咨询过程中,历来缺少华人民意的考量。而社会舆论和媒体就会任意解释沉默的华人意见和立场,甚至妖魔化华人社群,"加拿大华裔百人会创会会长丁果(Guo Ding)说,"我们的目的是纠正这种误解,让政府在政策咨询中纳入华人的声音,让社会舆论正确反映华人的立场。我们希望继续对加拿大华人做类似的有关政府和公共事务的重要议题的调查,以持续听到他们的声音。"

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