

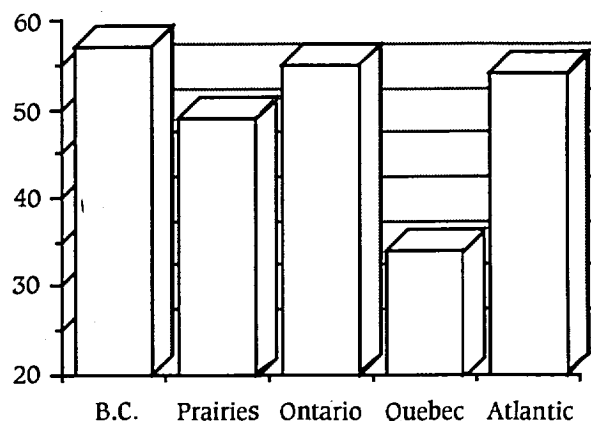
## Canadian Society

All but 3% of 15-24 year olds in Canada are Canadian citizens. Accordingly, young people were asked to put a value to "being a Canadian."

A total of 49% claimed it is "very important" to them. An additional 33% said being a Canadian is "some-what important." Only 5% indicated it is "not at all important." Gender and age comparisons reveal no significant differences. By community size, 42% of youth living in metropolitan centers of 500,000 or more value their national identity, while young people in smaller communities of 10,000 or less are the most appreciative in the country at 53%.

## IMPORTANCE OF BEING CANADIAN

% Indicating "Very Important"



## PERCEPTION OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACING 15-24 YEAR OLDS BY GENDER AND AGE

% Indicating "Very Serious"

	CANADA	M	F	15-19	20-24
Sexual assault	73	69	77	75	71
AIDS	73	71	75	74	72
Drugs	70	64	75	72	66
Suicide	69	62	77	71	68
Prostitution	54	45	62	57	50
Alcohol abuse	52	52	66	57	61
Family problems	50	43	57	50	50
Unemployment	50	48	52	44	56
Poverty	47	42	51	44	49
Illiteracy	47	43	51	44	50
Lack of educational opportunities	44	41	47	45	42
Career uncertainties	36	36	37	32	41
Fear of nuclear war	35	30	40	37	33

## VIEWS OF THE MOSAIC AND MELTING POT MODELS

% Agreeing

	CANADA	BC	PRS	ONT	QUE	ATL
Canada should be a "mosaic", where people are loyal to Canada yet keep many of the customs of their previous countries	74	70	82	76	67	77
Canada should be a "melting pot", where people coming here from other countries give up their cultural differences and become Canadians	34	42	30	32	38	33

## VIEWS OF CANADA'S RELATIONS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD

% Agreeing

	CANADA	BC	PRS	ONT	QUE	ATL
We ought to worry about our own country and let the rest of the world take care of itself	36	35	37	38	28	42
Decisions made by politicians in Canada have little or no bearing on the rest of the world	35	35	29	34	43	33