

# OJEN's Charter Survey 2012 Results



Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
<b>English</b>		<b>96%</b>	<b>555</b>
French		4%	22
<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>577</b>

## Your city or town:

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Etobicoke		1%	2
Hamilton		7%	12
Kelowna		0%	1
Kitchener		0%	1
Mississauga		1%	2
Ottawa		0%	1
Scarborough		7%	13
Montreal		0%	1
East York		0%	1
St. Catherines		0%	1
Thunder Bay		0%	1
<b>Toronto</b>		<b>80%</b>	<b>147</b>

## Age

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Under 12		0%	0
<b>12 - 18 years old</b>		<b>90%</b>	<b>132</b>
19 - 29 years old		2%	3
30 or older		8%	12

## If you are in school, what grade are you in?

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
9		0%	1
10		2%	5
11		<b>46%</b>	<b>78</b>
12		<b>47%</b>	<b>81</b>
Other			6

## Which Charter right do you value the most? (Select your top three)

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Multiculturalism		4%	61
Aboriginal Rights		2%	27
<b>Equality Rights</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>279</b>
Right to a Fair Trial		10%	141
Security of the Person		14%	194
Minority Language Rights		1%	14
Freedom from Unreasonable Search & Seizure		9%	129
Right to Vote		7%	101
Freedom of Association		3%	43
Freedom of Religion		8%	109
<b>Freedom of Expression</b>		<b>22%</b>	<b>319</b>

## Has the Charter of Rights and Freedoms had a direct impact on your life?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
<b>Yes</b>		<b>64%</b>	<b>304</b>
No		36%	170

## In which areas of society do you think the Charter has made the biggest difference?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Fundamental Freedoms (expression, religion)		27%	178

<b>Equality Rights</b>		<b>35%</b>	<b>174</b>
Legal Rights (fair trial, right to counsel, search & seizure)		20%	92
Diversity (multiculturalism, language rights, respect for Aboriginal Peoples)		16%	74
Other		2%	10

### How much do you think the Charter has changed Canadian society in the last 25 years? (1 =Not at all ... 10 = Dramatically)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
5 (1%)	2 (1%)	9 (1%)	17 (3%)	46 (8%)	59 (11%)	<b>147 (27%)</b>	118 (23%)	55 (10%)	80 (15%)	535

### Who do you think should be responsible for protecting the rights of Canadians? (select as many as apply)

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Judges		19%	289
Politicians		16%	241
Police		17%	258
<b>Citizens (you!)</b>		<b>22%</b>	<b>344</b>
Lawyers		13%	206
People in Authority Roles (teachers, civic leaders, religious leaders etc.)		11%	162
Other, please specify:		2%	26

### Do you think the Charter effectively balances competing or conflicting rights?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
<b>Yes</b>		<b>86%</b>	<b>403</b>
No		14%	64

## Do you think the Charter effectively balances competing or conflicting rights?

### Responses to "If No, why not?"

- Notwithstanding clause
- One group or another will always be left out
- Not always most just outcomes, preferential treatment, French- English divide
- Freedom of religion used to totally justify certain hate crimes, because the police are out of hand,
- Doesn't cover everything, cover up holes
- Takes into account majority opinion

### Responses to "Can you think of a better way of balancing conflicting rights?"

- More proactive rather than reactive charter
- Contextual application
- Mediation should be used instead of court for family, a party, based on circumstance in which it occurred
- Advocate more for people with mental health issues as they are often neglected and do not receive the care and attention they deserve and need.

### Rate the importance of the Charter to your life?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Very Important		34%	167
Moderately Important		36%	180
Neutral		26%	128
Not Very Important		2%	9
Hasn't had an effect on me		2%	12