

# OJEN's Charter Survey

The Ontario Justice Education Network asked young people about their views of the Canadian *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*!



Number of students surveyed: 577  
Grade: 9-12

## 1. Which *Charter* right do you value the most? (select up to three)

- 319 Freedom of Expression
- 109 Freedom of Religion
- 43 Freedom of Association
- 101 Right to Vote
- 121 Freedom from Unreasonable Search & Seizure
- 141 Right to a Fair Trial
- 194 Security of the Person
- 279 Equality Rights
- 14 Minority Language Rights
- 61 Multiculturalism
- 27 Aboriginal Rights

## 2. Impact of the *Charter* on your life

Has the *Charter* had a direct impact on your life?

- 304 Yes
- 170 No

In which areas of society do students think the *Charter* has made the biggest difference? (each student can pick one)

- 178 Fundamental Freedoms (expression, religion)
- 174 Equality Rights
- 92 Legal Rights (fair trial, right to counsel, search & seizure)
- 74 Diversity (multiculturalism, language rights, respect for Aboriginal Peoples)
- 10 Other

## 3. How much do you think the *Charter* has changed society in the last 25 years?

Not at all 
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 Dramatically

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	2	9	17	46	59	147	118	55	80

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

- 289 Judges
- 241 Politicians
- 258 Police
- 344 Citizens (you!)
- 206 Lawyers
- 162 People in Authority Roles (teachers, civic leaders, religious leaders etc.)
- 26 Other: All of the above, everyone

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

- 403 Yes
- 64 No

## 6. Rate the importance of the *Charter* to your life?

- 167 Very Important
- 180 Moderately important
- 128 Neutral
- 9 Not Very Important
- 12 Hasn't Affected Me



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