

Who Can Live in Kahnawà:ke? A Residency Opinion Poll

The following survey was conducted from December 2016 to early April 2017. The total of people who participated was 124. The results should help the MCK in its work in the process to create a Residency Law for the community. While opinions vary, as expected, the support to move forward with a separate Residency Law was noteworthy, with approximately 87% support. Only 7% disagreed, with the remaining undecided. This is probably the most important information that can be taken from the survey at this time, as it shows that those who participated in the survey held the common view as those who participated in the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law* Hearings to support the removal of the residency sections from the Membership Law.

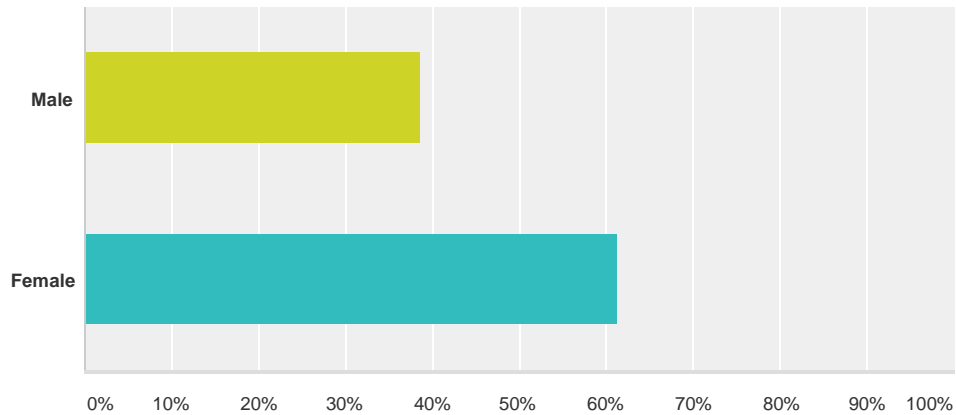
Q1 Age:

Answered: 119 Skipped: 5

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 30	6.72%	8
30 – 49 years of age	31.93%	38
50+ years of age	61.34%	73
Total		119

Q2 Gender:

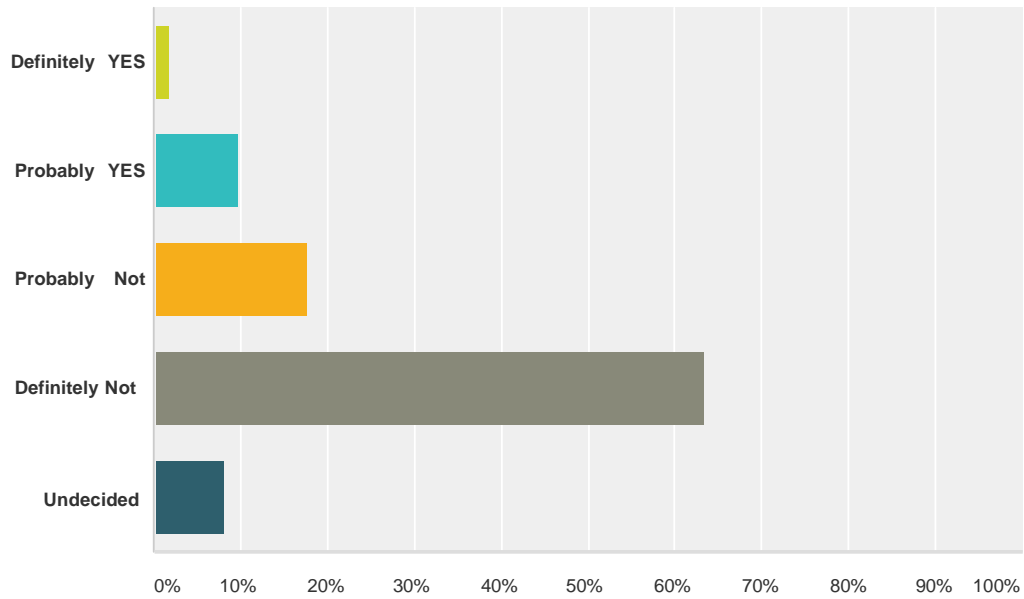
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	38.71%	48
Female	61.29%	76
Total		124

Q3 In your opinion, should a person who is registered by Canada on the federal band list with some lineage (but is not on the Kahnawà:ke Registry) who never lived in Kahnawà:ke or has not maintained ties to the community, be allowed to reside in Kahnawà:ke?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 1

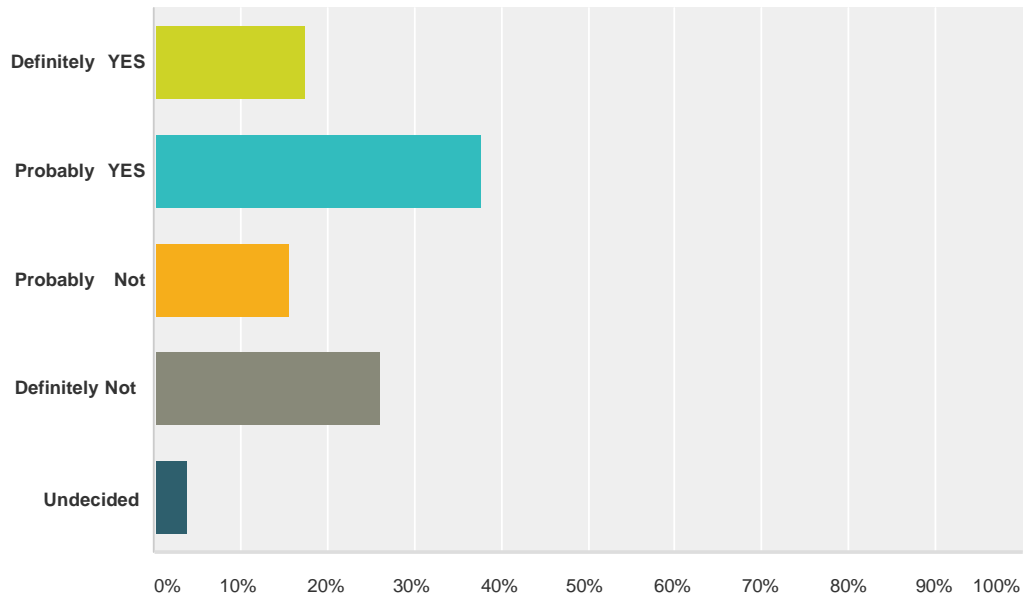


Answer Choices	Responses
Definitely YES	1.60% 2
Probably YES	9.60% 12
Probably Not	17.60% 22
Definitely Not	63.20% 79
Undecided	8.00% 10
Total	125

81% say NO, with 63% of those a strong NO.

Q4 In your opinion, should a person who is registered with Canada on the federal band list with some lineage (but is not on the Kahnawà:ke Registry), and who grew up in Kahnawà:ke, be eligible to reside in Kahnawà:ke?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 22

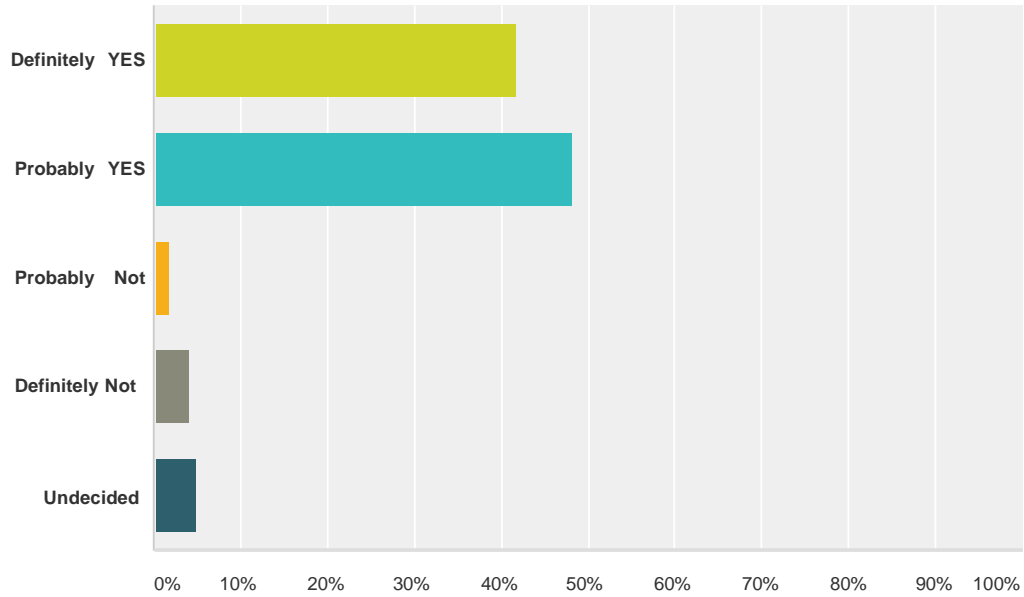


Answer Choices	Responses
Definitely YES	17.31% 18
Probably YES	37.50% 39
Probably Not	15.38% 16
Definitely Not	25.96% 27
Undecided	3.85% 4
Total	104

Nearly 55% say YES. However, over 41% say NO. This shows the difference from Q3. Significant here is that of those who say NO, 26% are a STRONG NO while only 17% are a STRONG YES.

Q5 In your opinion, should Natives from other First Nations or communities who are married to, or living in a common-law relationship with a member on the Kahnawà:ke Registry, be allowed to reside in Kahnawà:ke?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 3

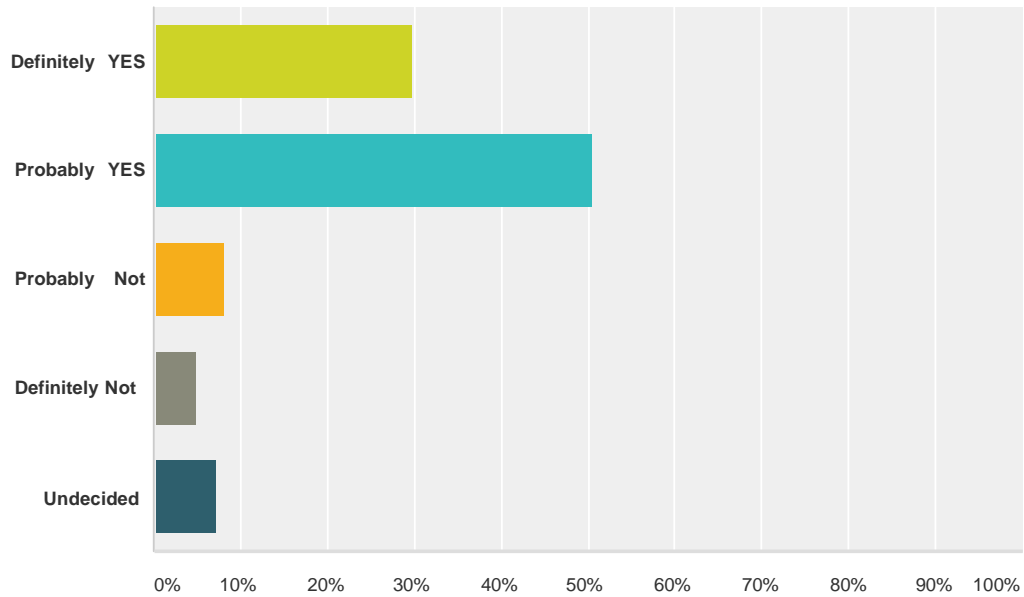


Answer Choices	Responses
Definitely YES	41.46% 51
Probably YES	47.97% 59
Probably Not	1.63% 2
Definitely Not	4.07% 5
Undecided	4.88% 6
Total	123

Overwhelming support at over 89%

Q6 In your opinion, should Natives from other First Nations or communities, who are working within the Territory, be allowed to reside in Kahnawà:ke?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 1

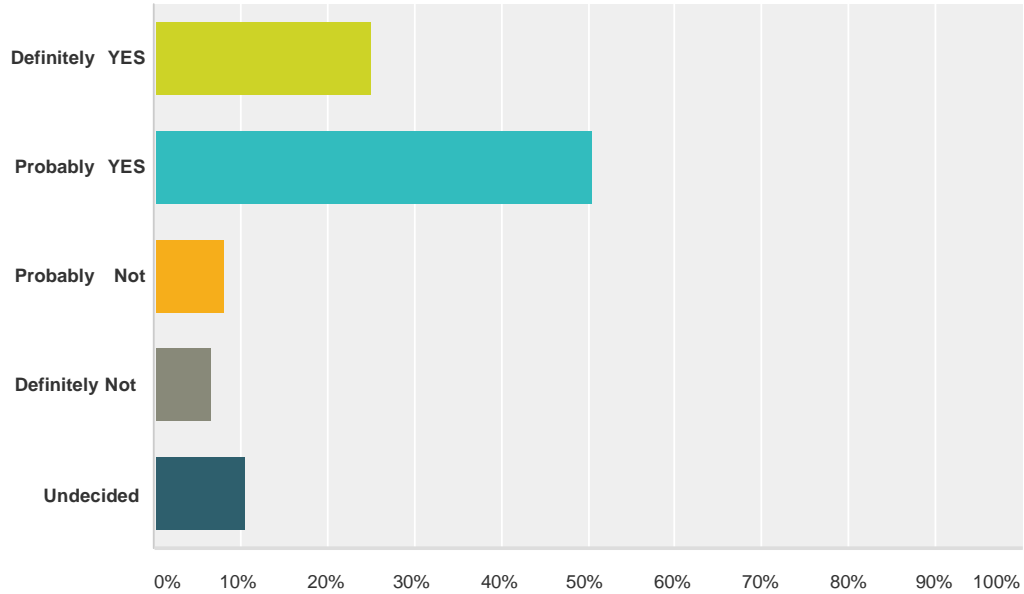


Answer Choices	Responses
Definitely YES	29.60% 37
Probably YES	50.40% 63
Probably Not	8.00% 10
Definitely Not	4.80% 6
Undecided	7.20% 9
Total	125

Over 80% support, though it's cautious given over 50% said PROBABLY

Q7 In your opinion, should Natives from other First Nations or communities, who are attending an educational facility in or near the Territory, be allowed to reside in Kahnawà:ke?

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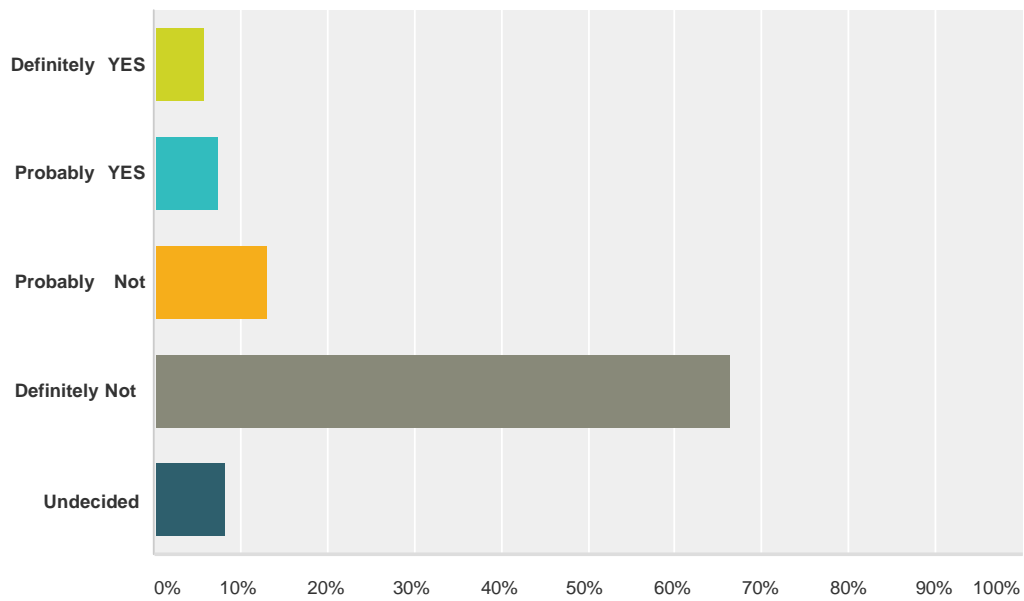


Answer Choices	Responses	
Definitely YES	24.80%	31
Probably YES	50.40%	63
Probably Not	8.00%	10
Definitely Not	6.40%	8
Undecided	10.40%	13
Total		125

Over 75% support though it's cautious given over 50% only said PROBABLY

Q8 In 1981, the community passed the Moratorium on Mixed Marriages, which suspended Members who married a non-native person after 1981 and the member and the non-member had to leave Kahnawà:ke. In your opinion, should non-natives who are in a relationship with a member on the Kahnawà:ke Registry after the 1981 Moratorium on Mixed Marriages, be eligible to reside in Kahnawà:ke?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 2

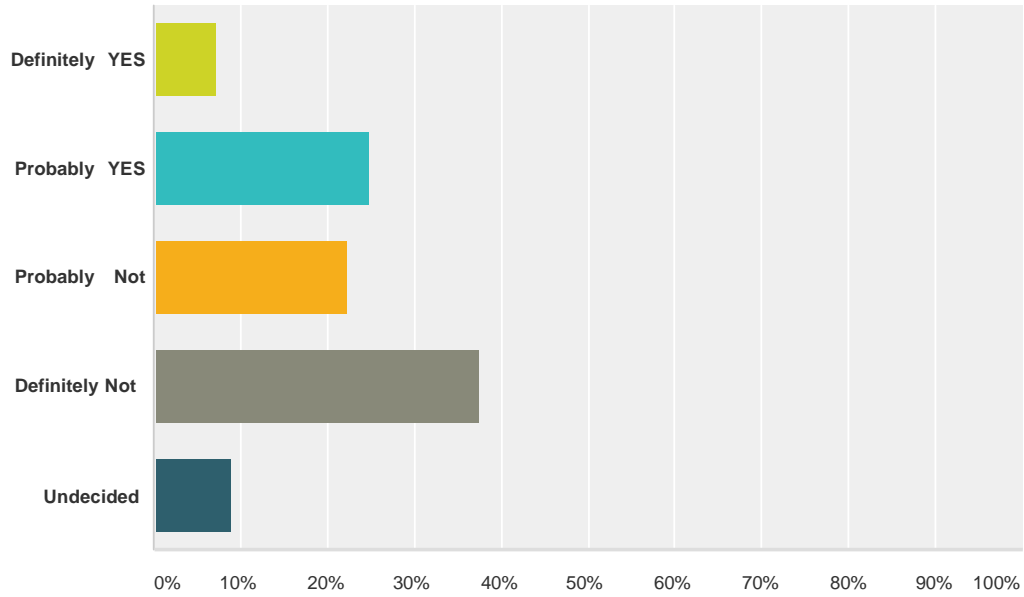


Answer Choices	Responses
Definitely YES	5.65% 7
Probably YES	7.26% 9
Probably Not	12.90% 16
Definitely Not	66.13% 82
Undecided	8.06% 10
Total	124

79% is consistent with the last Membership survey on this same question as 66% strongly oppose this

Q9 In your opinion, should non-natives be eligible to reside in Kahnawà:ke if they were raised in the community before 1981?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 0

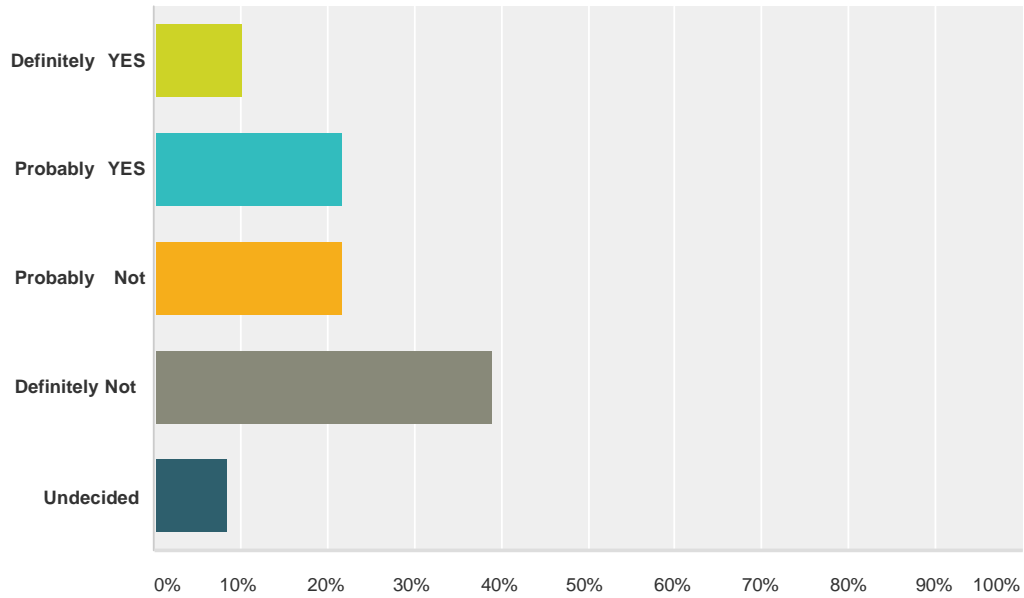


Answer Choices	Responses	
Definitely YES	7.14%	9
Probably YES	24.60%	31
Probably Not	22.22%	28
Definitely Not	37.30%	47
Undecided	8.73%	11
Total		126

Close to 60% say NO. 37% are a STRONG NO while only 7% are a STRONG YES.

Q10 In 2003, the community passed the Kahnawà:ke Membership Law, which established membership criteria as requiring at least 4 of 8 Indigenous great grandparents, amongst other criteria. In your opinion, should non-natives be eligible to reside in Kahnawà:ke if they were adopted by members listed on the Kahnawà:ke Registry after 2003?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 5

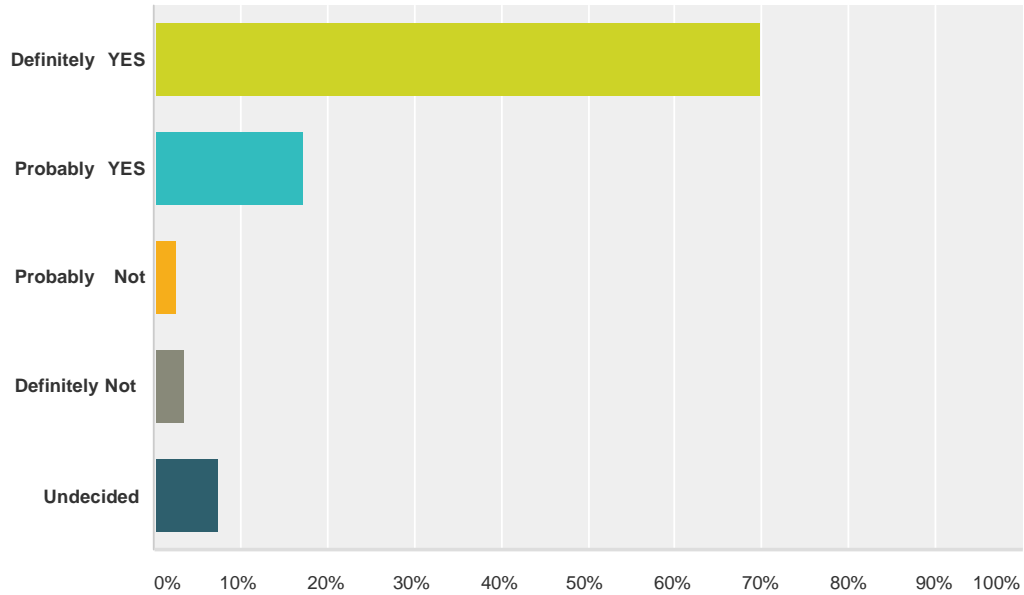


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Definitely YES	9.92%	12
Probably YES	21.49%	26
Probably Not	21.49%	26
Definitely Not	38.84%	47
Undecided	8.26%	10
Total		121

Similar to Q9.

Q11 In your opinion, should Kahnawà:ke have a residency law to control and enforce who can reside in Kahnawà:ke?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 4



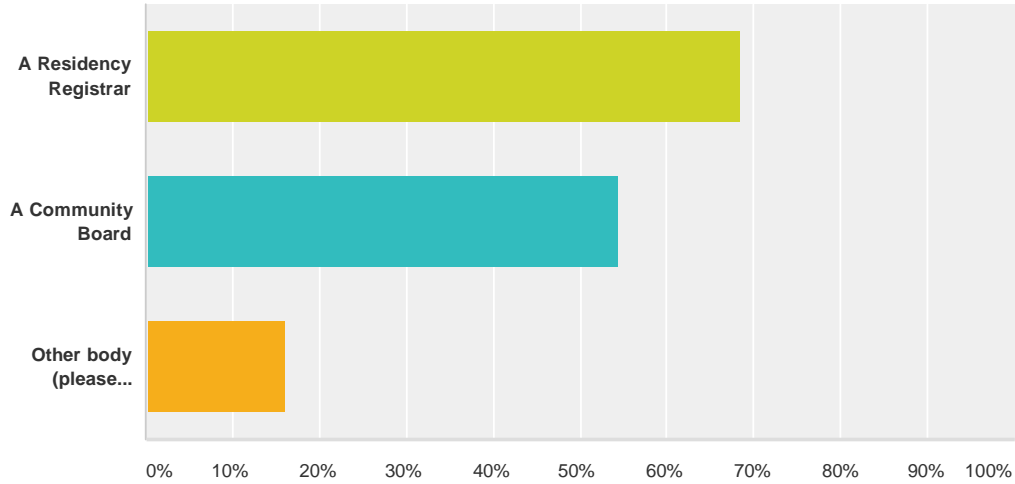
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Definitely YES	69.67%	85
Probably YES	17.21%	21
Probably Not	2.46%	3
Definitely Not	3.28%	4
Undecided	7.38%	9
Total		122

Over 87% show support for the creation of a law with another 7% undecided.

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Q12 In your opinion, which of these should be the authority to approve applications for Non-Member Residents? (check all that apply)

Answered: 107 Skipped: 19



Answer Choices	Responses
A Residency Registrar	68.22% 73
A Community Board	54.21% 58
Other body (please specify)	15.89% 17
Total Respondents: 107	

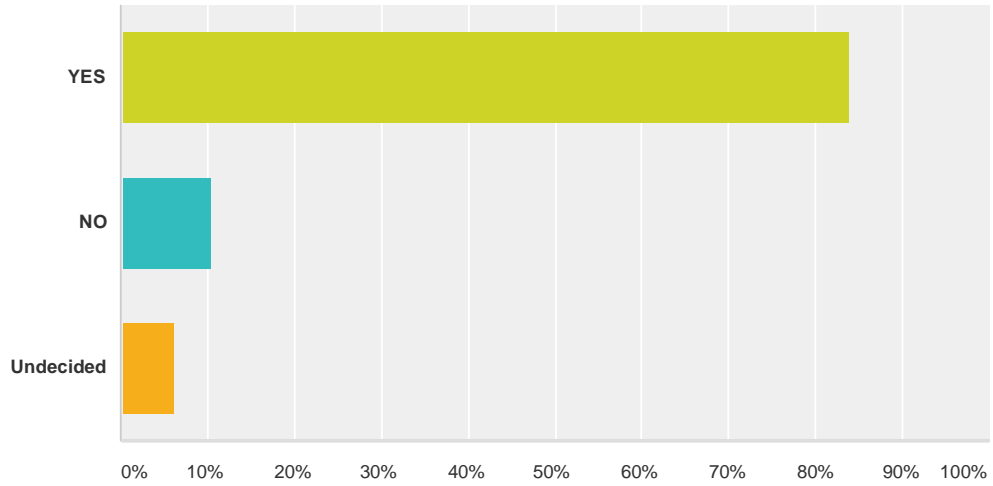
#	Other body (please specify)	Date
1	A panel put in place by council to be fair and unbiased	4/24/2017 8:45 AM
2	Any board created to speak with every individual about their intentions to want to live in Kahnawake, especially if they grew up out of Kahnawake	4/3/2017 2:27 PM
3	Membership registrar	4/3/2017 2:01 PM
4	People who have general interest in our community	4/3/2017 1:59 PM
5	MCK	4/3/2017 1:56 PM
6	Police check	4/3/2017 1:44 PM
7	Longhouses	4/3/2017 10:34 AM
8	Appointed group with various expertise; ie; ADR or mediation/judicial /enforcement. Registrar maintains the registry and permits.	4/3/2017 10:21 AM
9	The people	3/31/2017 11:30 AM
10	A neutral who had 100 family in Kahnawake	3/31/2017 11:28 AM
11	Elders who are knowledgeable on community members of Kahnawake lineage	3/31/2017 10:48 AM
12	Depends on how its made-criteria for the registrar	3/31/2017 10:05 AM
13	Home Owner of where the person is going to live	3/31/2017 9:59 AM

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14	The People	3/31/2017 9:42 AM
15	Knowledgeable and compilation of community members and clan mothers with a registrar to verify documents authenticity	3/30/2017 1:52 PM
16	Someone to observe the case like a jp	3/30/2017 1:09 PM
17	Only kanienehaka elders	3/30/2017 11:43 AM

Q13 Should persons have their residency privilege revoked for: Person breaks up with their spouse or common-law partner

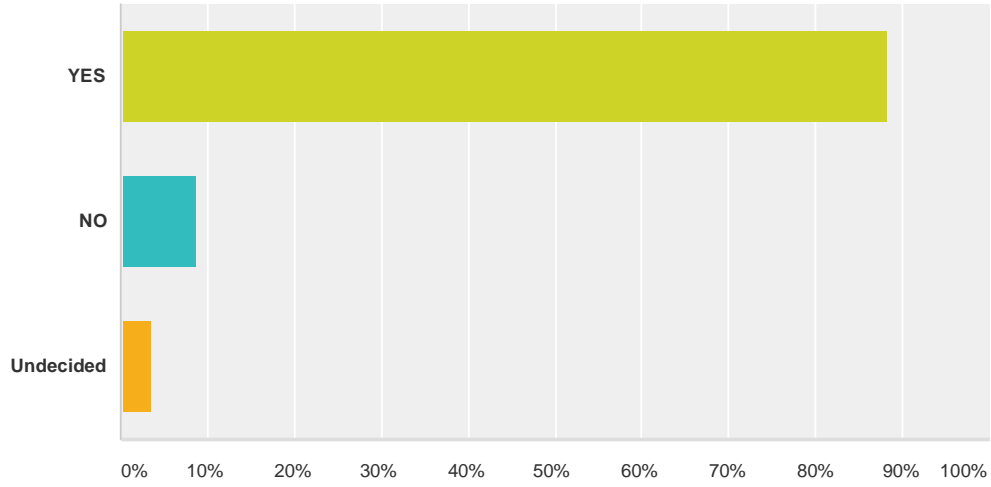
Answered: 117 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
YES	83.76% 98
NO	10.26% 12
Undecided	5.98% 7
Total	117

Q14 Should persons have their residency privilege revoked for: Person commits and is convicted of a serious crime (such as murder, rape, ...)

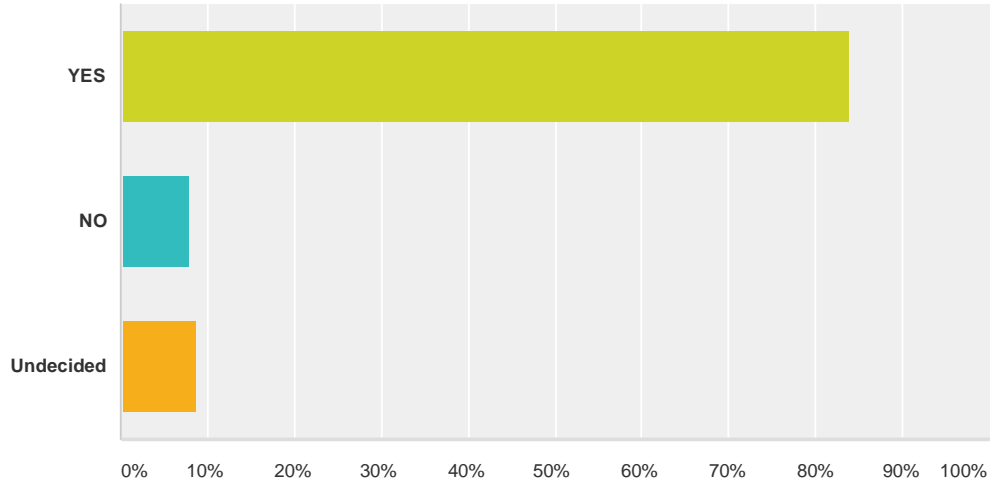
Answered: 117 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
YES	88.03% 103
NO	8.55% 10
Undecided	3.42% 4
Total	117

Q15 Should persons have their residency privilege revoked for: Person demonstrates conduct viewed as undesirable (such as violation of Mohawk Laws)

Answered: 117 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
YES	83.76% 98
NO	7.69% 9
Undecided	8.55% 10
Total	117

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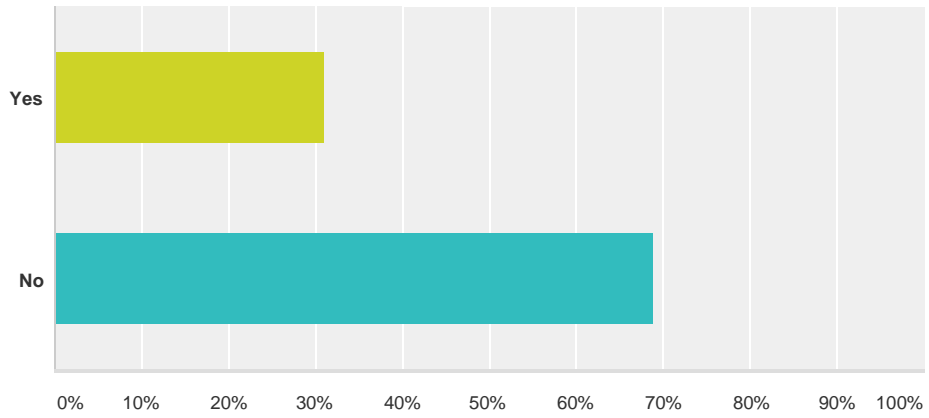
Q16 Other reasons persons should have their residency privilege revoked, please specify:

Answered: 23 Skipped: 103

#	Responses	Date
1	Deals illegal drugs	4/24/2017 8:45 AM
2	Unhealthy living conditions (yard is a dump)	4/21/2017 3:25 PM
3	Non working collects our welfare	4/21/2017 3:20 PM
4	No respect for our culture, or desire to participate in the community in any way	4/3/2017 2:27 PM
5	Didn't respect 1981 Moratorium Law	4/3/2017 1:56 PM
6	Pending review of current eligibility laws	4/3/2017 11:04 AM
7	Treason	4/3/2017 10:34 AM
8	Drug dealers and suppliers	3/31/2017 10:48 AM
9	Causing trouble between others	3/31/2017 10:44 AM
10	Trouble makers but not meeting criteria for breaking laws ie; known woman beaters	3/31/2017 10:38 AM
11	Only if they bring their non native relative to live here with them.	3/31/2017 10:05 AM
12	Not working, unless they're super rich or wtvr	3/30/2017 1:05 PM
13	Drug dealers, pedophiles, the mob co-horts Natives	3/30/2017 11:43 AM
14	n/a	3/30/2017 11:29 AM
15	n/a	3/30/2017 11:25 AM
16	Child molestation	3/30/2017 11:23 AM
17	n/a	3/30/2017 11:19 AM
18	n/a	3/30/2017 11:10 AM
19	n/a	3/30/2017 11:01 AM
20	n/a	3/30/2017 10:59 AM
21	n/a	3/30/2017 10:51 AM
22	n/a	3/30/2017 10:35 AM
23	n/a	3/30/2017 10:18 AM

Q17 Have you ever participated in a CDMP Hearing? (Circle your answer):

Answered: 119 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	31.09%	37
No	68.91%	82
Total		119

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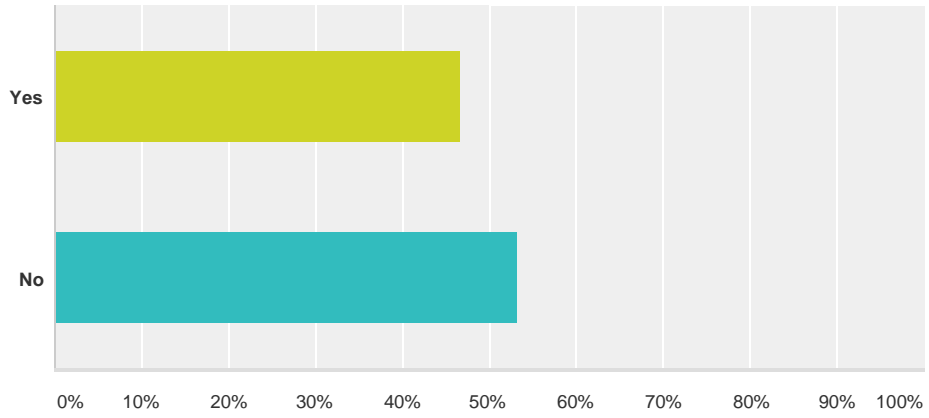
Q18 Comments:

Answered: 20 Skipped: 106

#	Responses	Date
1	If you do not agree with majority you will be singled out and targeted by other in attendance on FB on other social media.	4/24/2017 10:23 AM
2	I've sat in the meetings but never spoke	4/21/2017 3:34 PM
3	I approve of CDMP	4/21/2017 3:27 PM
4	Too radical, any negative comments are overlooked or ignored	4/21/2017 3:25 PM
5	Always wanted to just have a hard time to make it	4/3/2017 2:27 PM
6	I depend on the local media for this info	3/31/2017 10:48 AM
7	Not many	3/31/2017 10:15 AM
8	Very much needed to far apart	3/31/2017 10:10 AM
9	Yes	3/30/2017 11:43 AM
10	n/a	3/30/2017 11:29 AM
11	n/a	3/30/2017 11:25 AM
12	n/a	3/30/2017 11:23 AM
13	Only observed	3/30/2017 11:19 AM
14	n/a	3/30/2017 11:10 AM
15	n/a	3/30/2017 11:01 AM
16	Verrrry long	3/30/2017 10:59 AM
17	n/a	3/30/2017 10:54 AM
18	Process is too long	3/30/2017 10:51 AM
19	n/a	3/30/2017 10:35 AM
20	n/a	3/30/2017 10:18 AM

Q19 Have you ever viewed the following?: Kahnawake.com/Residency Website

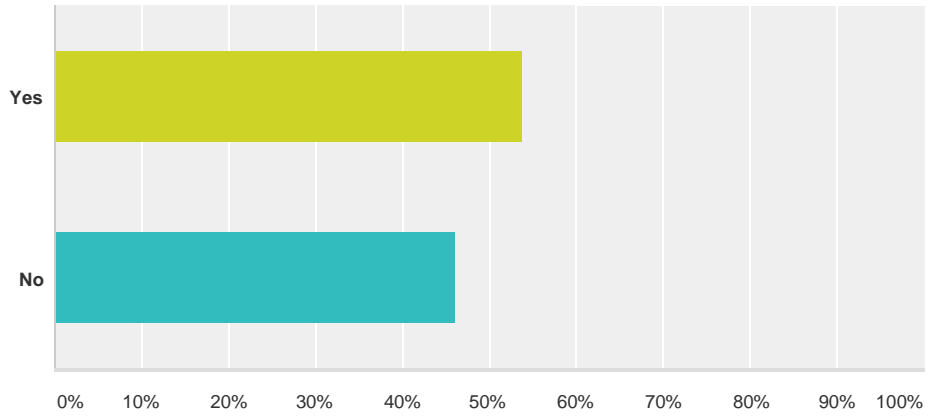
Answered: 120 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	46.67% 56
No	53.33% 64
Total	120

Q20 Have you ever viewed the following?: Membership Information Videos

Answered: 119 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	53.78% 64
No	46.22% 55
Total	119

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Q21 If no, please specify why not?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 96

#	Responses	Date
1	It makes me angry	4/24/2017 10:23 AM
2	Didn't have time.	4/21/2017 3:47 PM
3	Did not think about it	4/21/2017 3:36 PM
4	Didn't know they were available	4/21/2017 3:34 PM
5	I dont agree with some of the thinking , so sad to see race being an issue.	4/21/2017 3:25 PM
6	Honestly never thought about it	4/3/2017 2:27 PM
7	Do not have internet	4/3/2017 2:21 PM
8	Didn't know regular site was there.	4/3/2017 1:51 PM
9	I never see it before	4/3/2017 1:32 PM
10	No computer	4/3/2017 11:37 AM
11	No time, and when i do have time it's not something on my priority list.	4/3/2017 11:14 AM
12	I went to membership meetings instead	4/3/2017 11:04 AM
13	No time for internet	4/3/2017 10:58 AM
14	Have a lot of knowledge on membership	4/3/2017 10:40 AM
15	Not tiime	3/31/2017 10:48 AM
16	Don't have access	3/30/2017 1:45 PM
17	No time-very busy	3/30/2017 1:41 PM
18	Not aware of the information available on the websites or videos	3/30/2017 1:19 PM
19	n/a	3/30/2017 11:43 AM
20	n/a	3/30/2017 11:29 AM
21	n/a	3/30/2017 11:25 AM
22	n/a	3/30/2017 11:23 AM
23	n/a	3/30/2017 11:19 AM
24	n/a	3/30/2017 11:10 AM
25	n/a	3/30/2017 11:01 AM
26	n/a	3/30/2017 10:59 AM
27	n/a	3/30/2017 10:54 AM
28	n/a	3/30/2017 10:51 AM
29	n/a	3/30/2017 10:35 AM
30	n/a	3/30/2017 10:18 AM

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Q22 Where do you want to see more information on Residency?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 72

#	Responses	Date
1	Emailed	4/24/2017 9:27 AM
2	Hand out- more meetings	4/24/2017 9:26 AM
3	Hand outs- more meetings	4/24/2017 9:23 AM
4	Within the community organizations, mailouts, K103, newsletters, KTV, and local media. Eastern Door, Iori:wase.	4/21/2017 3:46 PM
5	Information booths, fairs out somewhere in the community.	4/21/2017 3:36 PM
6	More info booths at the bank/post	4/21/2017 3:34 PM
7	On line	4/21/2017 3:33 PM
8	Website, info booths	4/21/2017 3:21 PM
9	Always through email	4/3/2017 2:27 PM
10	TV Radio	4/3/2017 2:18 PM
11	?	4/3/2017 2:15 PM
12	Everywhere and in our schools	4/3/2017 1:59 PM
13	In Mail Boxes	4/3/2017 1:56 PM
14	Meetings	4/3/2017 1:35 PM
15	Schools send to KSS to inform the teens	4/3/2017 1:29 PM
16	Safe and Secure site.	4/3/2017 11:10 AM
17	Meetings, t.v.	4/3/2017 11:07 AM
18	Mailbox/newspapers	4/3/2017 11:04 AM
19	Public posting "post office".	4/3/2017 10:58 AM
20	Newspaper	4/3/2017 10:40 AM
21	Schools	4/3/2017 10:34 AM
22	Membership covers it all	4/3/2017 10:25 AM
23	Safe discussion forums	4/3/2017 10:21 AM
24	All Public Places	4/3/2017 10:16 AM
25	Posted at all public areas	4/3/2017 10:05 AM
26	Anywhere	4/3/2017 10:01 AM
27	The beer store /the arena	3/31/2017 11:44 AM
28	Yes	3/31/2017 11:30 AM
29	Sure	3/31/2017 11:26 AM
30	Facebook, App, Sent to people's email/Text	3/31/2017 11:14 AM
31	All local media	3/31/2017 10:48 AM
32	Newspapers, websites	3/31/2017 10:44 AM
33	Televised/radio	3/31/2017 10:40 AM
34	Social media, papers, etc.	3/31/2017 10:38 AM

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35	Web site	3/31/2017 10:15 AM
36	I like watching the videos, keep it the same.	3/31/2017 10:05 AM
37	Facebook, email	3/31/2017 9:59 AM
38	Online and postings in community	3/31/2017 9:57 AM
39	Local Newspapers	3/30/2017 1:45 PM
40	Public establishments / mck websites	3/30/2017 1:19 PM
41	Website	3/30/2017 1:09 PM
42	Yeah	3/30/2017 1:05 PM
43	n/a	3/30/2017 11:43 AM
44	?	3/30/2017 11:29 AM
45	n/a	3/30/2017 11:25 AM
46	n/a	3/30/2017 11:23 AM
47	All media outlets in Kahnawake	3/30/2017 11:19 AM
48	Local papers, tv and radio	3/30/2017 11:10 AM
49	n/a	3/30/2017 11:01 AM
50	n/a	3/30/2017 10:59 AM
51	Facebook	3/30/2017 10:54 AM
52	n/a	3/30/2017 10:51 AM
53	n/a	3/30/2017 10:35 AM
54	n/a	3/30/2017 10:18 AM

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Q23 General Comments on Residency:

Answered: 37 Skipped: 89

#	Responses	Date
1	I think each situation is different and the answer is not black and white. it really depends on the circumstances. I do not want to see children being uprooted of being made to feel unwanted. Not a simple solution	4/24/2017 10:23 AM
2	Query the need for a residency law, the membership law is complete; residency/membership criteria is included. In my opinion, a residency law could /would water down the memberlist law, may in fact contravene the membership law, providing loop-holes and or opportunities for residency	4/24/2017 8:49 AM
3	We definitely need a residency law in Kahnawake People need to respect the law and the kahnawake peacekeepers have to be able to enforce it. The Kahnawake Justice Act has to be in force with judges and acknowledge by the Provincial and federal Governments.	4/21/2017 3:46 PM
4	Establish commitments, get guidelines and policies to avoid controversy	4/21/2017 3:33 PM
5	The science is available to determine ancestry-DNA- ive seen too many families who were too timid to face these bullies leave. We use to take in others how we put up walls, it's a shame its come to this.	4/21/2017 3:25 PM
6	There are extenuating circumstances for most of these situations	4/21/2017 3:20 PM
7	My thoughts on marry, date, common-law is as i always knew then to be: that yo leave. It would apply to me, so it should apply to anyone! For me its about respect. I respect your decision to love who you want, so respect our decision to look out for our future generations home. Hopefully we do not have issues with non-kahnawake residence coming here to claim land because they are new "status Indians".	4/3/2017 2:27 PM
8	I think non -members -non Indian should apply	4/3/2017 2:21 PM
9	We should not be letting anyone living here who is residing with a white person/ non native/french	4/3/2017 1:59 PM
10	It needs to be finalized soon. Causing too much chaos and family issues. Every person on KKR list need to verify their P.O. Box # with their home.	4/3/2017 1:56 PM
11	There were a number of undecided answers checked because there is no simple answer which can be given as these particular questions leave open for discussion.	4/3/2017 1:51 PM
12	It's a privilege and should be respected.	4/3/2017 11:10 AM
13	Please keep our homeland for Onkwehonwe people only. It's our only hope to survive and be identified as Kanienkehaka. Nia:wen.	4/3/2017 11:04 AM
14	I understand the goal to protect our land and who stays with us but there is no place for racism in Kahnawake. An application process to live here and what is the best way to determine if an individual would benefit the whole of Kahnawake and be a good fit for Kahnawake.	4/3/2017 10:58 AM
15	The group that demonstrates outside of people's homes demanding they leave as they are married to a non native should stop. People married or living with a non native should be able to live in kahnawake. what trouble are they causing? NONE! If they have kids, the kids are of a mixed culture, part mohawk. The mohawk should not be taken off the Kahnawake membership register. A person who did not group up here but is part mohawk should not be put on register. However a c-31 who grew up here all their life should be put on the register. The group mentioned above is so racist and radical. what is next for them? Get rid of two spirited people? Get rid of light skinned mohawks? That is what is going to, scary. There is too much hate in Kahnawake.	4/3/2017 10:51 AM
16	Residency issues are not black and white. I think there are situations where residency by a n on native person would e accepted, such as a live in caregiver or if a member is taking care of a non native relative at their house. children who are adopted should be able to reside in Kahnawake.	4/3/2017 10:44 AM
17	Women who are older and are mohawk "full" and will not have children should be allowed to have their spouses here. Women who marry out, but their children will have 4 great grandparents and marry back in. These are the only two exceptions.	4/3/2017 10:40 AM
18	This idea of residency law is good. I like the concept of separately from Membership. Enforcement will be necessary don't create another law unless it can be enforced. and adjudicated. Creates too much confusion and uncertainty. The law should go to referendum where people feel safe to make a decision.	4/3/2017 10:21 AM
19	We need to enforce Mohawk Law	4/3/2017 10:05 AM

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20	Community meetings are not a success, where as radio or local television is more attentive/newspaper.	3/31/2017 10:40 AM
21	Historically the women are the custodians of the land, the village, the families, the children. the only time anyone was brought into the village, family clan was to replace someones lost, but that person was subject to the rules of the village. If the person was or acted contrary to the good of the community they would be killed, abandoned, forced to leave the community. People who do not follow our original way of knowing, being, must be made to leave. this is our town, lets start acting like it!	3/31/2017 10:32 AM
22	Reserves are slated for Natives Only. Since when do we need these changes. We need to keep our culture, heritage. Like adding more milk chocolate, you dilute it.	3/31/2017 10:10 AM
23	There is alot of grey areas with these questions. Perhaps a letter of intent should be required as to why someone who just received a federal band number and who never lived here before want to have a probationary period. Is it to learn their culture or just for tax reasons?	3/31/2017 10:05 AM
24	A residents law open the doors to more people suing the community because their right is being denied. How do you pick and choose who can and can't live here. Once they're here how do you get rid of them? How man can stay?	3/31/2017 9:47 AM
25	Tough subject matter, i see both sides but sometimes you get these unique cases where it isn't so black and white. Good Luck with the residency stuff though. O:nen	3/30/2017 1:05 PM
26	It's such a heart breaking decision to make, for families if their children choose to love a non-native. If you are a person know to be un-desireables, then hell yah, kick them out, but not if you are a law abiding person who just fell in love with a mohawk. We should also make sure that if children are born of this hook-up, they also have to strive to learn the culture language, and not be assholes. Otherwise they can lose the privilege of living here in Kahnawake.	3/30/2017 11:43 AM
27	n/a	3/30/2017 11:29 AM
28	n/a	3/30/2017 11:25 AM
29	Non natives have hard heads, they just don't understand. All my grandparents taught me not to marry out or get out.	3/30/2017 11:23 AM
30	#2 and #7 only if they were born, raised and continued to reside in the community. #11 depends on non member resident with lineage from kahnawake Less then 4ggp then no. Non member resident from another community then yes.	3/30/2017 11:19 AM
31	n/a	3/30/2017 11:10 AM
32	n/a	3/30/2017 11:01 AM
33	n/a	3/30/2017 10:59 AM
34	n/a	3/30/2017 10:54 AM
35	n/a	3/30/2017 10:51 AM
36	n/a	3/30/2017 10:35 AM
37	n/a	3/30/2017 10:18 AM