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1. CURRENT SITUATION

Midterm elections to select the Chamber of Deputies of the Mexican Congress and 15 of the country's 32 governorships took place on June 6th. At stake was Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and his party – the National Regeneration Movement (MORENA) – and its satellite parties' ability to retain absolute majority in the Chamber, in addition to their relative majority in the Senate.

The elections did not turn out as hoped for the ruling party, losing races for the leadership of more than half the 16 boroughs in Mexico City. Though official legislative results have not yet been announced, Morena and its allies look set to lose around 50 seats in the 500-seat Chamber of Deputies, effectively robbing them of their 334-seat supermajority. The results show the opposition in the Lower House will be able to “function as an effective check and balance on executive power,” according to Goldman Sachs Investment Research. Morena and the president, or AMLO as he is known, will need to engage in negotiations to achieve any constitutional changes.

During his first three years in power, the 67-year-old leader has scored some clear political successes. He pursued an austerity program that cut salaries for top government bureaucrats, shut some departments, and used the savings to increase social spending, in particular doubling a cash pension for the elderly. He sharply raised the minimum wage several times.

AMLO has proved to be a master of symbolism and communication, particularly with Mexico's poor. He moved out of the posh presidential residence of Los Pinos and turned it into a museum. He has put the presidential Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft for sale and fly's economy on commercial flights. In a country where previous presidents hardly ever meet the press, he holds daily news conferences, keeping the communication constant.

However, AMLO has faced some criticism as well as the economy fell 8.5% last year, partly because he carried out by far the smallest stimulus of any emerging market, at just 1% of gross domestic product versus 8.3% for Brazil. On the other hand, political analysts say the opposition has not offered a coherent message as an alternative to AMLO and lacks strong leadership.

In the 2018 election, AMLO came 30 percentage points over his closest rival. However, Morena on its own could not reach the threshold for an absolute majority, but this was ultimately achieved over the following months by transferring legislators from coalition partners into its own ranks. A total of 143 transfers have taken place during the current legislature, of which 112 were within Morena's winning 2018 coalition (PT and PES). A subsequent alliance with the PVEM in 2019 ultimately enabled Morena to achieve its 334-seat supermajority. In Mexico, elected legislators can choose to change their parliamentary group at any time, without legal restrictions or costly consequences for them.



Figure 1 Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador giving a speech in 2018

Preliminary tallies by the electoral authorities on Monday showed female candidates securing six of the 15 regional bastions on offer, just two shy of the total number of women ever elected to lead regional governments in Mexico's history. If results are confirmed, it means the northern border states of Baja California and Chihuahua, Guerrero and Colima on the Pacific coast, as well as Tlaxcala in the center and Campeche in the south, will be governed by women. "This is a cultural shift," said MORENA lawmaker Gabriela Cuevas, the first Mexican to head the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a global body of national parliaments. "And definitely a step forward for women in our country and in political life."

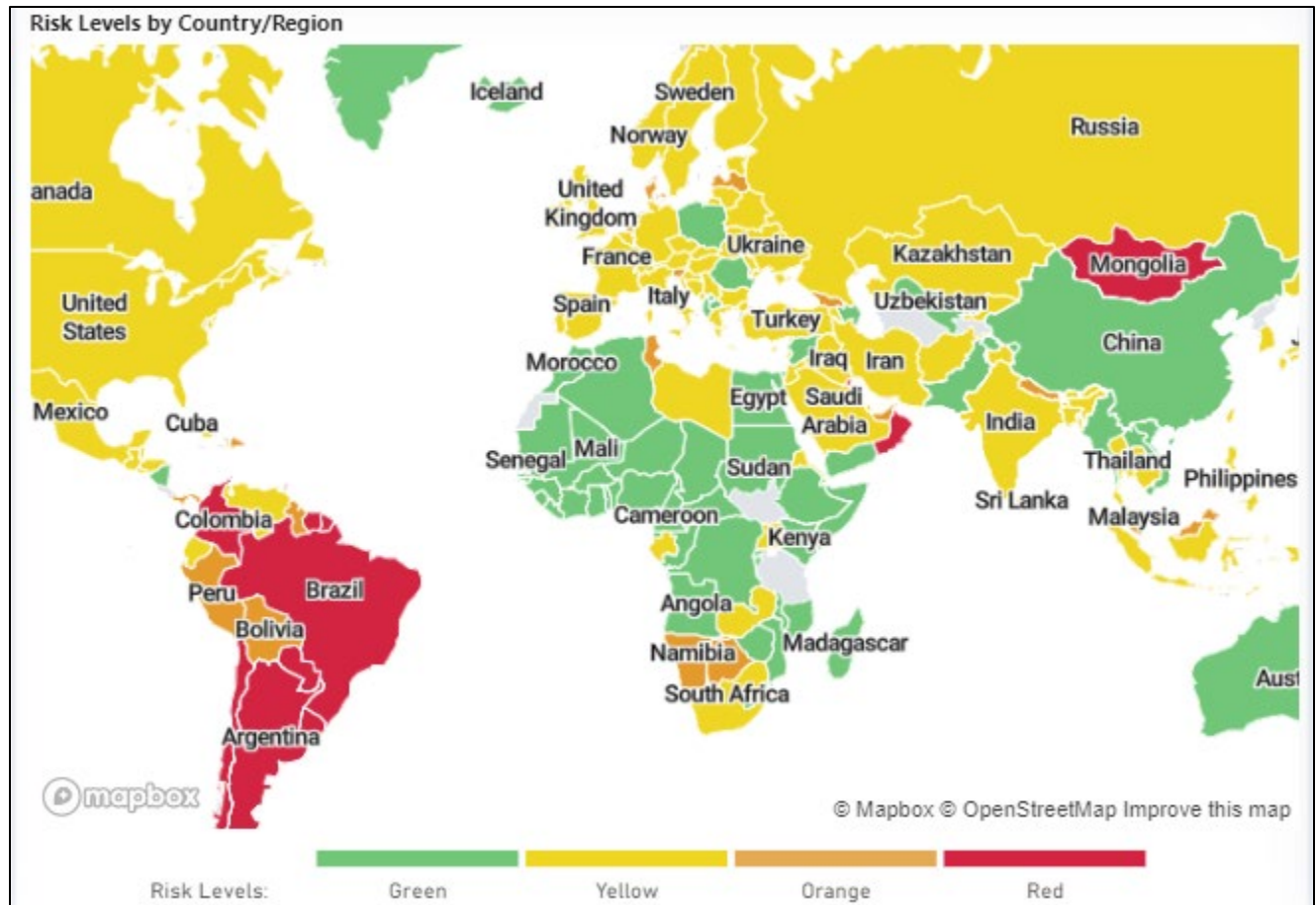
Prior to the elections, Mexico saw 88 assassinations of politicians and those who were running for office. On May 25, the news of the murder of Movimiento Ciudadano candidate Alma Barragán in the Mexican state of Guanajuato went viral across the globe. Barragán was campaigning in the communities of La Manguita and El Ombligo de Pájaro when she was gunned down. Hours before her murder, Barragán had posted a video on her social networks to invite the residents of the municipality to participate in her event. "Together we do it better," she said emotionally, shortly before an armed group approached and killed her.

According to the consulting firm Etelekt, this is the second bloodiest campaign since 2000, only 2018 was more brutal, when the current president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, and his party, Morena, took power. "In this election we are going to surpass the overall aggression figures of 2018, in which we had 774 aggressions, this election in that sense will be the most violent since the year 2000, at least" pointed out Rubén Salazar, director of Etelekt. A total of 133 politicians have been murdered in the run-up to Mexico's elections in 2018. Local-level politicians are the most frequent targets for Mexico's powerful drug cartels. Mexico has been hit by a wave of violence since the government deployed the army to fight drug trafficking in 2006. Since then, more than 200,000 people have been murdered -- though the statistics do not track how many of the cases were linked to organized crime. Another 30,000 people are missing.

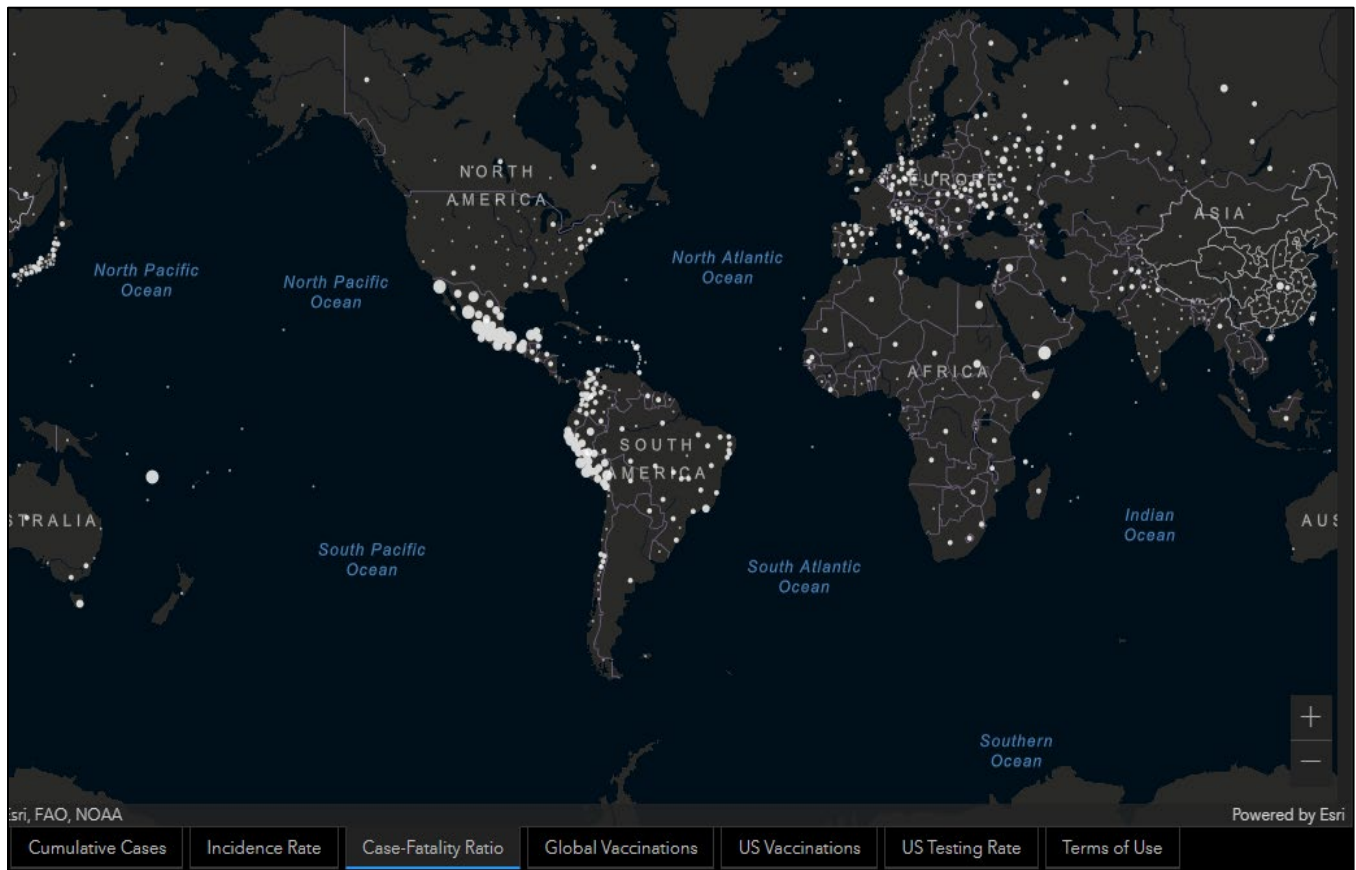
2. GLOBAL

2.1 COVID UPDATE

Country/Region	United States	Country/Region	Canada
Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	4.4	Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	4.6
Risk level	Yellow	Risk level	Yellow
Total cases	33,440,286	Total cases	1,395,410
Total deaths	599,741	Total deaths	25,791



#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	World	175,605,929	+435,856	3,788,547	+11,499	159,453,565	12,363,817	84,739	22.529	486.0			
1	USA	34,275,783	+14,880	614,007	+424	28,278,394	5,383,382	4,991	102,983	1,845	491,878,084	1,477,873	332,828,477
2	India	29,273,338	+91,266	363,097	+3,402	27,778,894	1,131,347	8,944	21,018	261	372,198,253	267,239	1,392,753,410
3	Brazil	17,215,159	+89,802	482,135	+2,344	15,670,754	1,062,270	8,318	80,452	2,253	50,127,012	234,260	213,980,268
4	Argentina	4,066,156	+27,628	83,941	+669	3,639,402	342,813	7,817	89,198	1,841	14,963,643	328,254	45,585,549
5	Iran	3,003,112	+12,398	81,672	+153	2,612,091	309,349	3,549	35,330	961	21,194,370	249,339	85,002,300
6	Russia	5,167,949	+11,699	125,278	+383	4,771,995	270,676	2,300	35,399	858	141,500,000	969,222	145,993,404
7	Mexico	2,441,866	+3,855	229,353	+253	1,946,477	266,036	4,798	18,754	1,761	7,171,377	55,077	130,205,401
8	Italy	4,239,868	+2,079	126,855	+88	3,943,704	169,309	626	70,222	2,101	68,057,064	1,127,182	60,378,046
9	Colombia	3,665,137	+29,302	94,046	+573	3,409,076	162,015	6,582	71,317	1,830	17,912,045	348,535	51,392,392
10	Poland	2,876,666	+381	74,447	+84	2,647,095	155,124	364	76,087	1,969	16,467,982	435,574	37,807,553
11	Honduras	243,467	+671	6,559	+27	86,549	150,359	534	24,220	652	740,445	73,659	10,052,370
12	France	5,729,967	+4,475	110,270	+68	5,471,149	148,548	2,245	87,601	1,686	88,004,750	1,345,443	65,409,502
13	Spain	3,729,458	+4,623	80,465	+133	3,505,243	143,750	1,005	79,737	1,720	51,240,666	1,095,545	46,771,836
14	UK	4,542,986	+7,393	127,867	+7	4,283,263	131,856	158	66,592	1,874	192,177,143	2,816,958	68,221,512
15	Indonesia	1,885,942	+8,892	52,373	+211	1,728,914	104,655		6,827	190	17,640,999	63,861	276,240,874



2.2 COVID-19 World News

- [China is vaccinating a staggering 20 million people a day](#)
For more than a week, an average of about 20 million people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 every day in China. At this rate, the nation would have fully vaccinated the entire UK population in little more than six days. China now accounts for more than half of the 35 million or so people around the world receiving a COVID-19 shot each day. "China's vaccination campaign got off to a slow start, but has rapidly picked up pace," says Rongjun Chen, a biomaterials scientist also at the Future Vaccine Manufacturing Research Hub. As recently as mid-April, China was administering only about five million doses a day.
- [High risk of autumn Covid surge in Europe despite drop in infections, says WHO](#)
- [EU and U.S. to call for a deeper probe into Covid origins](#)
- [Moderna seeks EU, Canada approval for COVID-19 vaccine's use in teens](#)
- [Brazil top court greenlights Copa America despite COVID fears](#)
- [Third wave sweeps across Africa as Covid vaccine imports dry up](#)
- [Japan's PM Suga Wants to Complete Covid Vaccinations by November](#)
- [Covid-19 Deaths This Year Have Already Eclipsed 2020's Toll](#)
- [India to provide free vaccines to all in major policy shift](#)
The changes reverse a policy launched in April which tasked states and the private sector with vaccinating those between the ages of 18 and 44. The federal government will now procure 75% of all vaccines directly from the manufacturers and provide them to the states for free, while the remaining 25% will be purchased by the private sector. Under the earlier policy, the federal government gave free shots to people above 45 years of age and front-line workers, leaving states and private hospitals to administer inoculations to those between 18 and 44.

2.3 Global Awareness

- [China blasts US and EU consulates over June 4 candles](#)
China on Saturday berated the US and EU consulates in Hong Kong for displaying candles to commemorate the June 4 Tiananmen crackdown, slamming it as a "clumsy political show" to destabilise the city. Candles were seen lit in the windows of the US consulate building, which is next to the residence of Hong Kong's Beijing-appointed leader Carrie Lam, and the European Union's office on Friday night. The missions also posted photographs of their candlelit Tiananmen memorials on social media. "Any attempt to exploit Hong Kong to carry out infiltration or sabotage activities against the mainland crosses the red line ... is absolutely intolerable," a spokesperson for the Hong Kong office of China's foreign ministry said.
For three decades in Hong Kong, huge crowds, often tens of thousands strong, have held candlelit vigils on June 4 for those killed in 1989 when tanks and troops crushed pro-democracy protests in Beijing. Crowds have swelled in recent years as Hong Kongers chafe under Beijing's increasingly assertive rule. However, this year's vigil was banned at a time when Hong Kong authorities are carrying out a sweeping clampdown on dissent following huge and often violent democracy protests two years ago
- ['We were deceived': hundreds protest in Venice at return of giant cruise ships](#)
- [Thousands protest in Budapest over Chinese university campus](#)

- [Carbon Dioxide Levels Hit 50% Higher Than Preindustrial Time](#)
- [Japan logs record low 840,000 newborns in 2020](#)
- [Great apes predicted to lose 90% of homelands in Africa, study finds](#)
- [World's richest tin mine pollutes rivers serving Amazon Indigenous villages](#)
- [France President Emmanuel Macron slapped in the face](#)
- [G7: Rich nations back deal to tax multinationals](#)

Finance ministers meeting in London agreed to battle tax avoidance by making companies pay more in the countries where they do business. They also agreed in principle to a global minimum corporate tax rate of 15% to avoid countries undercutting each other. US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told reporters that the "historic" agreement on a global minimum tax would "end the race to the bottom in corporate taxation and ensure fairness for the middle class and working people in the US around the world".

- [Germany: Frankfurt police unit to be disbanded over far-right chats](#)
- [David Dushman, last surviving Auschwitz liberator, dies aged 98](#)

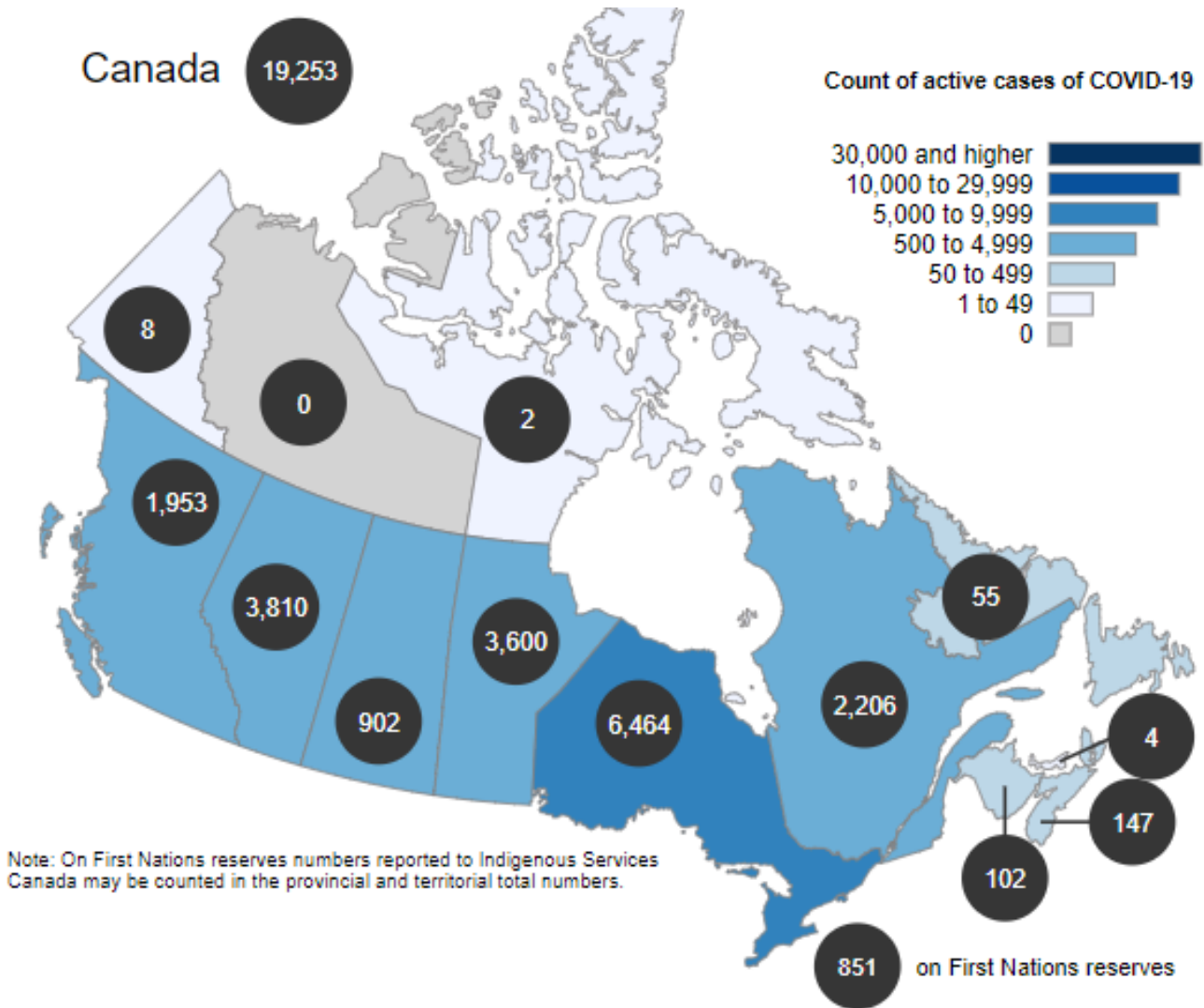
2.4 Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism


- [‘Egregious’ police abuse against Colombian protesters: Report](#)

Fifty-eight people have been killed during anti-government protests that began in Colombia five weeks ago and have also led to roadblocks and clashes with police, the country’s human rights ombudsman said Monday. Colombia’s police have come under scrutiny from human rights groups for their behavior during the protests, in which videos have shown police shooting at protesters or standing by while armed civilians fired at demonstrators. The situation prompted a delegation from the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights to visit Colombia this week, where it met with government officials, protest victims and organizations that have accused the police of using excessive force during the protests. The delegation said Monday that it will deliver recommendations for the government to follow up on at the end of its visit. It could also set up an independent commission of experts to track progress on human rights issues.
- [Protests in Mexico surround Kamala Harris visit south of the border](#)
- [Myanmar junta to present case against deposed leader Suu Kyi starting next week](#)
- [Screaming artist electrifies Belarus protests in Warsaw](#)

3. CANADA

3.1 COVID UPDATE



Prov. ↕	Total Confirmed ↕	Total Deaths ↕	Total Recovered ↕	Total Active ↕
Total	1,398,852 (↑574)	25,877 (↑4)	1,353,997 (↑850)	18,931 (-280)
ON	538,651 (↑574)	8,935 (↑4)	523,532 (↑850)	6,184 (-280)
QC	372,476	11,166	359,104	2,206
AB	229,949	2,262	223,877	3,810
BC	145,996	1,729	142,314	1,910
MB	53,650	1,087	48,963	3,600
SK	47,668	553	46,213	902
NS	5,721	88	5,486	147
NB	2,283	44	2,137	102
NL	1,365	7	1,303	51
NU	650	4	644	2
PEI	206	0	201	5
NT	128	0	128	0
YT	96	2	82	12
	13	0	13	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.1%	-1.5%

Test Cases in Canada

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Prov. ↕	Total Test ↕	Total Waiting	Total Hosp	Total ICU
Total	35,940,735 (+28,949)	-	-	-
ON	15,515,262 (+28,949)	10,953 (-1475)	489 (-27)	440 (-10)
QC	9,763,195	-	251	64
AB	4,586,127	-	306	81
BC	2,825,595	-	176	49
SK	882,144	-	101	19
NS	860,612	-	10	6
MB	795,068	-	206	48
NB	347,501	-	4	2
PEI	162,941	-	-	-
NL	152,327	-	0	0
NT	24,040	42	0	0
NU	16,600	437	0	0
YT	9,323	20	-	-
Rate of change	↑ 0.1%	-	-	-

Vaccination doses administered in Canada

It might not be accurate since some data are not available.

Today

Prov.	Today	x / 1M
Total	27,915,750 <small>(↑ 199,951)</small>	736,664 (73.67%)
ON	10,827,420 (↑ 199,951)	735,967 (73.6 %)
QC	6,385,517	747,922 (74.79 %)
BC	3,823,103	748,027 (74.8 %)
AB	3,215,144	728,538 (72.85 %)
MB	989,281	718,162 (71.82 %)
SK	845,439	715,464 (71.55 %)
NS	663,840	679,150 (67.92 %)
NB	560,759	718,928 (71.89 %)
NL	351,144	673,509 (67.35 %)
PEI	111,616	705,725 (70.57 %)
YT	55,213	1,344,101 (134.41 %)
NT	55,078	1,226,572 (122.66 %)
NU	32,196	823,490 (82.35 %)

Source: <https://www.covid-19canada.com>

3.2 COVID-19 Canada News

- [Feds aim to end hotel stay, 14-day quarantines for fully vaccinated Canadian travellers in July](#)
- [Alberta moves ahead in reopening plan, 2nd dose delivery ramped up](#)
- [Ontario will begin accelerating second COVID-19 vaccine doses in 7 delta variant hot spots](#)
- [Manitoba unveils reopening plan to have 'One Great Summer'](#)

The plan, known as “4-3-2-One Great Summer,” will see more openings and fewer restrictions starting on Canada Day, depending on immunization levels. Dr. Brent Roussin, the chief provincial public health officer, said this plan will help Manitoba move into a post-COVID world, but he noted this will not be the same as a pre-COVID world. The plan focuses on four reopening categories, three summer holiday milestones, and two public health responsibilities according to Roussin. The reopening categories are gathering and socializing, travel and tourism, shopping and services, and dining and entertainment. The province will move ahead with step one of reopening if 70 per cent of Manitobans 12 and older have received their first dose and 25 per cent have received their second dose by Canada Day. Step two will start if 75% of Manitobans receive their first dose and 50% get their second dose by the August long weekend. The third step will begin if 80 per cent of Manitobans receive their first dose and 75 per cent get their second dose by Labour Day.

- [B.C. not ruling out vaccine incentives, premier says after Manitoba announces lottery](#)
- [Canada to receive 7M Moderna vaccine doses in June: Anand](#)
- [Top doctor says B.C. on track to ease more restrictions next week](#)
- [Peel's top doctor warns 'potential 4th wave' of COVID-19 brewing due to delta variant](#)

Ontario continues to make slow but steady progress in bringing the COVID-19 pandemic under control, key indicators published Wednesday suggest.

The province reported an additional 411 cases, the fewest in more than eight months, while the positivity rate of tests for the virus fell to a level not seen since late February. That news comes with an important caveat: the delta variant of concern, first identified in India, continues to threaten a potential fourth wave of the pandemic in at least one especially hard-hit area of the province. At a briefing this morning, Peel Region's local medical officer of health said that providing second doses of COVID-19 vaccines for residents in key hot spots could prove essential to keeping the delta variant in check. Dr. Lawrence Loh said that, in his jurisdiction, a "potential fourth wave" driven by the variant is "brewing right now." Dr. David Williams, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, said this week that right now there are enough vaccine shipments to meet provincewide demand without diverting extra doses to hot spots. He added, though, that could change if necessary.

3.3 Canada Awareness

- [Exploding device at gender reveal party leads to wildfire in northern Alberta](#)

A \$600 fine has been issued after a gender reveal party led to a wildfire in Alberta. Travis Fairweather, a wildfire information officer, says the party was taking place about 10 kilometres west of Fort McMurray on May 31. The fire grew in size to about half of a Canadian Football League field. Ten wildland firefighters were dispatched to help local firefighting crews. Fairweather says 2020 was a historically quiet fire season in Alberta, but the percentage of human-caused wildfires has increased significantly. The five-year average is 68 per cent of fires being caused by people, but last year it was 88 per cent. So far this year, 76 per cent of fires have been human caused.

- [Canada's Trudeau vows to fight far-right groups after Muslim family slain](#)

- [Keystone XL pipeline project cancelled by TC Energy after over a decade of delays](#)

- [Indigenous women still forced, coerced into sterilization: Senate report](#)

- [Hackers breach Electronic Arts, stealing game source code and tools](#)

- [Liberal promise to reduce Canadians' cellphone bills shredded by recent CRTC decision](#)

- [Mortgage surge pushes Canada consumer debt to \\$2.1 trillion](#)

- [Air Canada says top executives returning COVID-19 bonuses after 'public disappointment'](#)

The airline said that the bonuses were going to be returned as a result of "unintended consequence" arising from the payments. The release also said that former Air Canada President and CEO Calin Rovinescu would donate his 2020 bonus and share units to the Air Canada Foundation. The executives' decision comes nearly a week after it was revealed that the airline paid its top executives and managers a combined \$10 million in bonuses tied to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, despite the airline's loss of billions and decision to cut thousands of jobs.

- [Most Canadians say church to blame for residential-school tragedies: poll](#)

- [Citing distractions, New Brunswick Green MP Jenica Atwin crosses floor to Liberals](#)

- [Alberta finance minister defends \\$1.3B loss on Keystone XL as 'calculated decision'](#)

Alberta's finance minister says the province's \$1.3-billion investment of taxpayers' money in the now-defunct Keystone XL oil pipeline project was a prudent gamble given the potential payoff in profits and jobs.

“We did commit to delivering on pipelines, and we made a calculated decision around investing in the KXL pipeline, a pipeline that would have provided \$30 billion of wealth creation for Albertans over the next 20 years,” Travis Toews told the house Thursday. Premier Jason Kenney and his United Conservative government, in early 2020, committed \$1.5 billion in direct financing and \$6 billion more in loan guarantees to TC Energy Corp. The KXL expansion project was to take more Alberta oil across the United States and down to ports and refineries on the Gulf Coast in Texas. Around that time, the project faced multiple court challenges. The emerging U.S. Democratic party candidate, now President Joe Biden, promised in his election campaign to cancel it. Biden did so in January on his first day in office, saying more product from Alberta’s oilsands does not mesh with his larger goal of combating climate change. Opposition NDP critic Joe Ceci, during question period, renewed a call for the government to release all details surrounding the contract to confirm the calculated \$1.3-billion hit to Alberta’s bottom line.

3.4 Canada – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism



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Overview:

During the week of 3-10 June 2021, the majority of activity in Canada noted by Welund focused on the government sector (44%), followed by forestry (20%). Protests made up the majority of

actions (24%), followed by meetings and gatherings (10%).

Campaigns opposing extractive resource projects remained active over the past week, with coal mining in Alberta, the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion (TMX) project, and forestry activities on Vancouver Island remaining primary targets. Indigenous rights campaigns were also prominent over the past week.

Protests:

Indigenous rights campaigns across Canada increased their activities over the past week. Solidarity events in response to the discovery of 215 children’s bodies at a former Indian Residential School in Kamloops were held in multiple cities across Canada. Some of these events resulted in acts of civil disobedience and vandalism, especially against monuments and namesakes of ‘colonial’ and racist historical figures in Canada.

On 5 June, campaigners held a memorial ‘ride’ from Abbotsford to Kamloops, BC in memory of the children. On 6 June, the ‘bring our children home’ march in Toronto called for an immediate investigation into the remaining residential school locations for any other grave sites. In a separate event, protesters at Ryerson University held two protests on campus. The first resulted in vandalism of the Egerton Ryerson memorial statue. The second saw protesters bring the statue down entirely, at which point the head of the statue was removed. The head would eventually arrive at the 1492 Land Back Lane occupation site in Caledonia, Ontario where it was mounted to a pole.

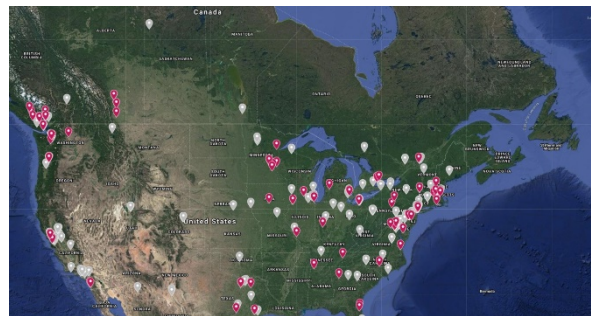


Figure 2: Past and upcoming protest activity as noted by Welund between 3-16 June 2021

Over 180 activists have been arrested at the Fairy Creek blockade. In response, campaign groups executed a series of solidarity actions. On 5 June, activists gathered at the steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery to protest against the arrests at the blockade site and to call for continued support against old growth forest logging on Vancouver Island. On 10 June, campaigners also held another series of protests at the offices of BC MLAs in solidarity with the Fairy Creek blockade. The campaign also received support from actor Mark Ruffalo, who encouraged continued opposition and promoted a petition calling for an end to the forestry project. Campaigners welcomed a decision from the BC government on 9 June to approve the request of three First Nations that want old growth logging deferred for two years in part of their territories, but “reserved judgement” over whether the move “went far enough.”

Anti-TMX activists celebrated a victory this week as Argo Group declined the insurance renewal for the pipeline project. Campaign groups also vandalized the offices of Ledcor in Toronto for its participation in the construction of the pipeline. Activists spray-painted anti-TMX slogans on the exterior walls of the building.

Outlook:

Indigenous campaign group Idle No More has called for a nation-wide “Cancel Canada Day” day of action on 1 July. Events have been confirmed in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, and London (Ontario). The group explained that additional in-person events will be announced as regional organizers confirm plans.

A week of action on 14-21 June will target insurance providers for the TMX project. Sierra Club explained that in-person and virtual actions have been planned. 350 Vancouver confirmed it would be hosting one of the in-person actions on 18 June in Vancouver. In separate events, the Liberty Mutual office in Vancouver will also be the target of a protest on 15 June, while anti-TMX groups in Montreal will hold a solidarity protest on 17 June targeting insurance providers for the project.

Banking on a Better Future started its ‘Summer Action Circle’ campaign. The campaign will be a series of webinars and in-person actions targeting all major Canadian banks to demand immediate divestment from fossil fuels. Organizers asserted that the ‘Summer Action Circle’ would culminate in a nation-wide day of action, which will be held in September 2021.

On 12 June, anti-coal campaigners will hold a car caravan in Alberta to oppose the Grassy Mountain coal project and in solidarity with the growing Indigenous rights campaign across Canada.

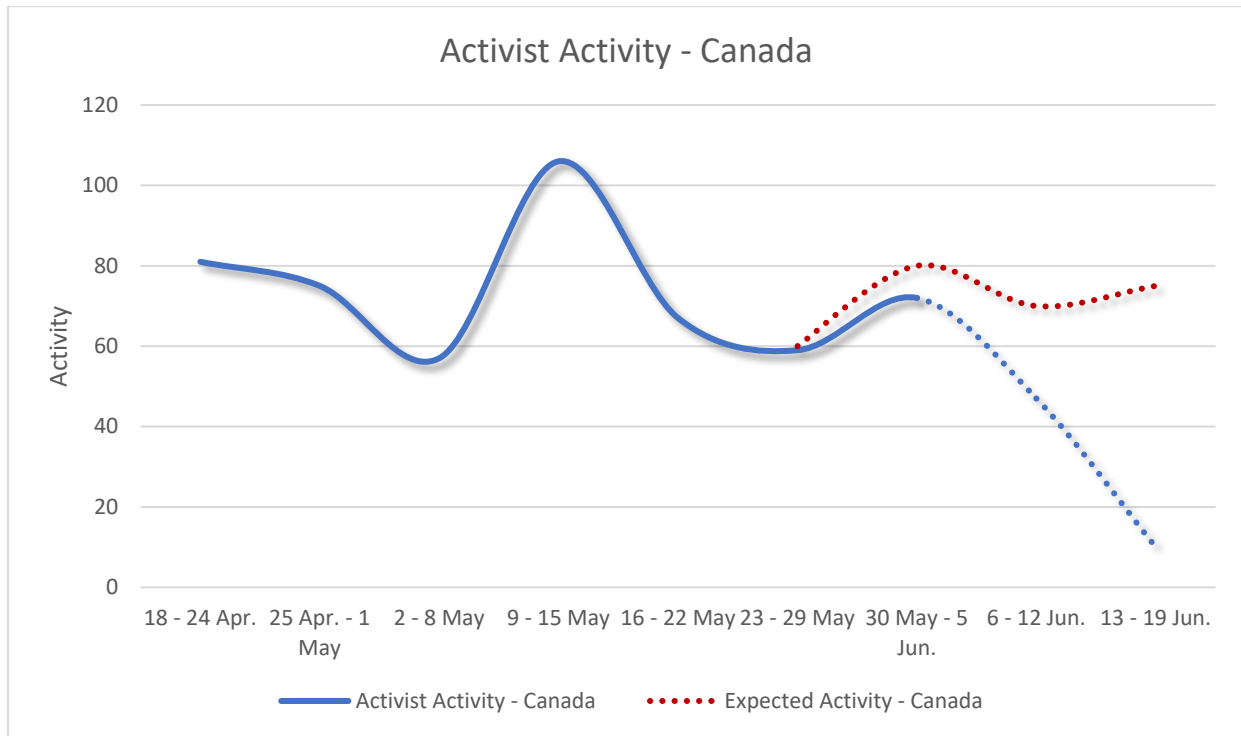


Figure 2 Total activist activity in the US as noted by Welund.

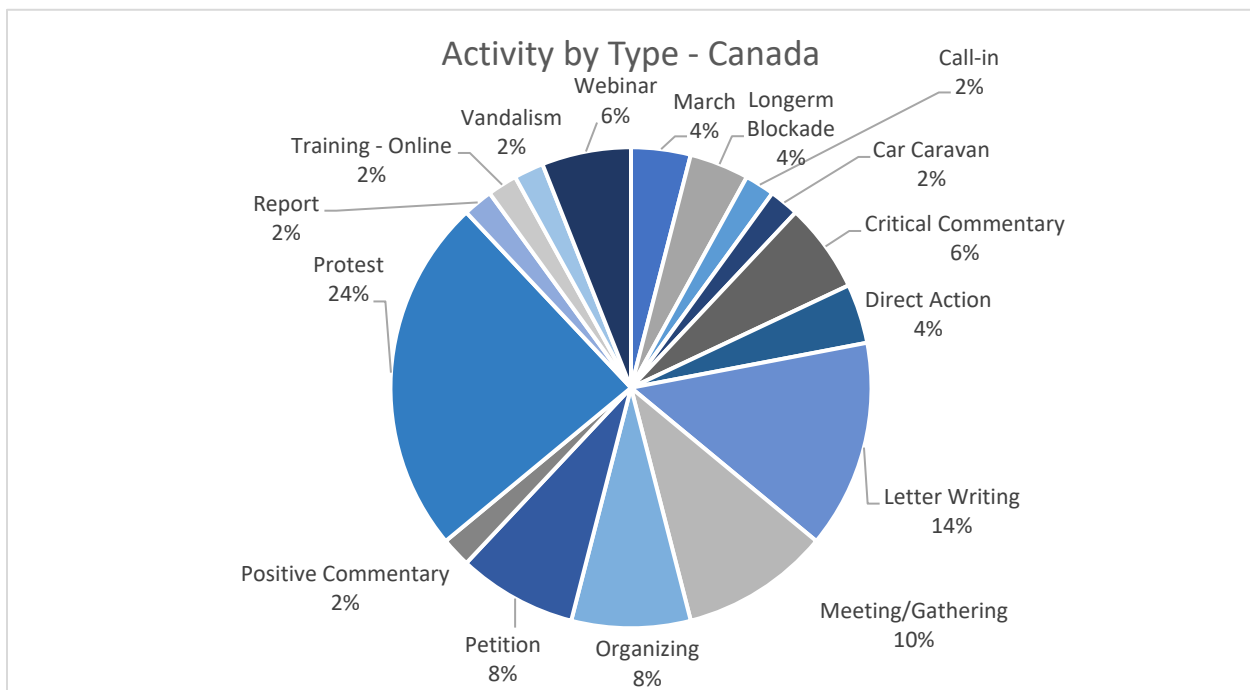


Figure 3 Activist activity in the US by type as noted by Welund.

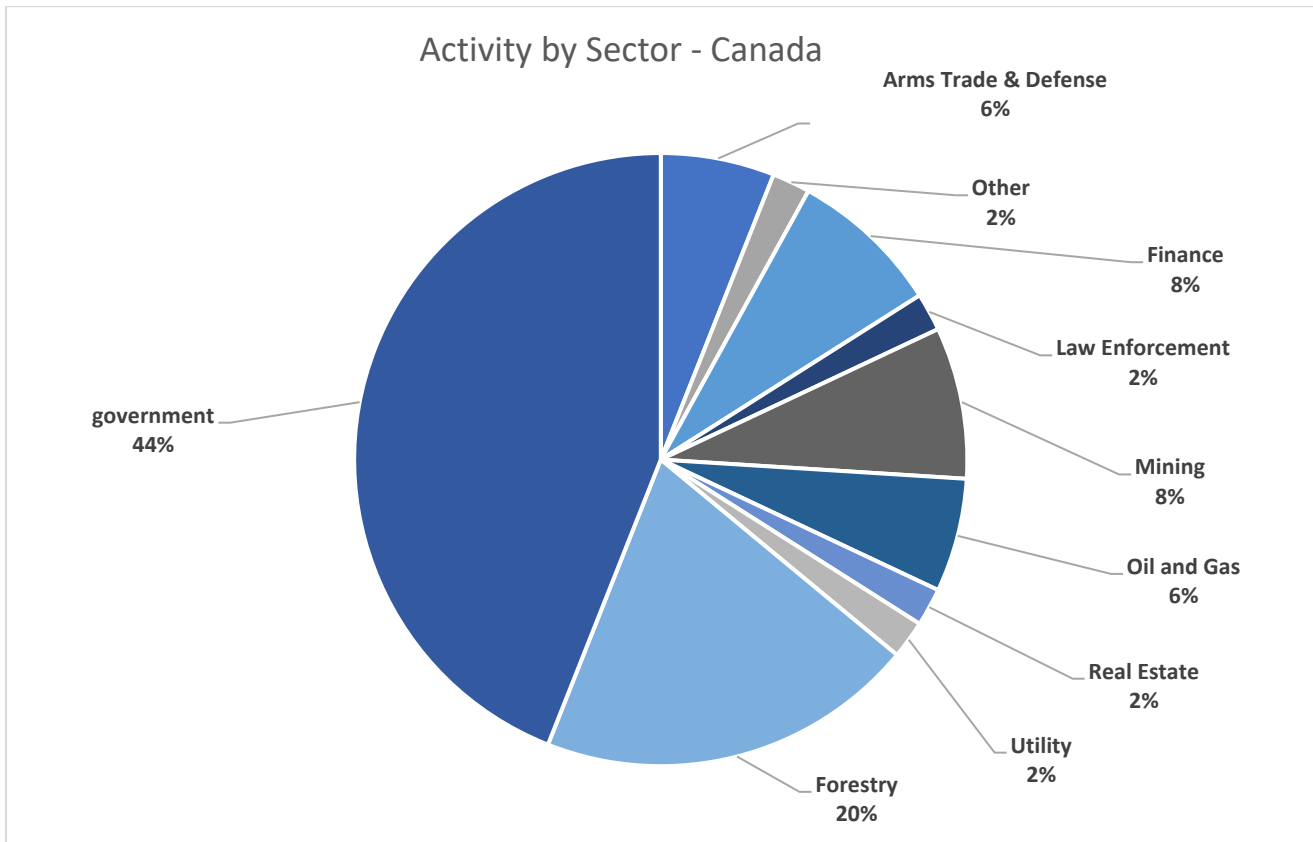
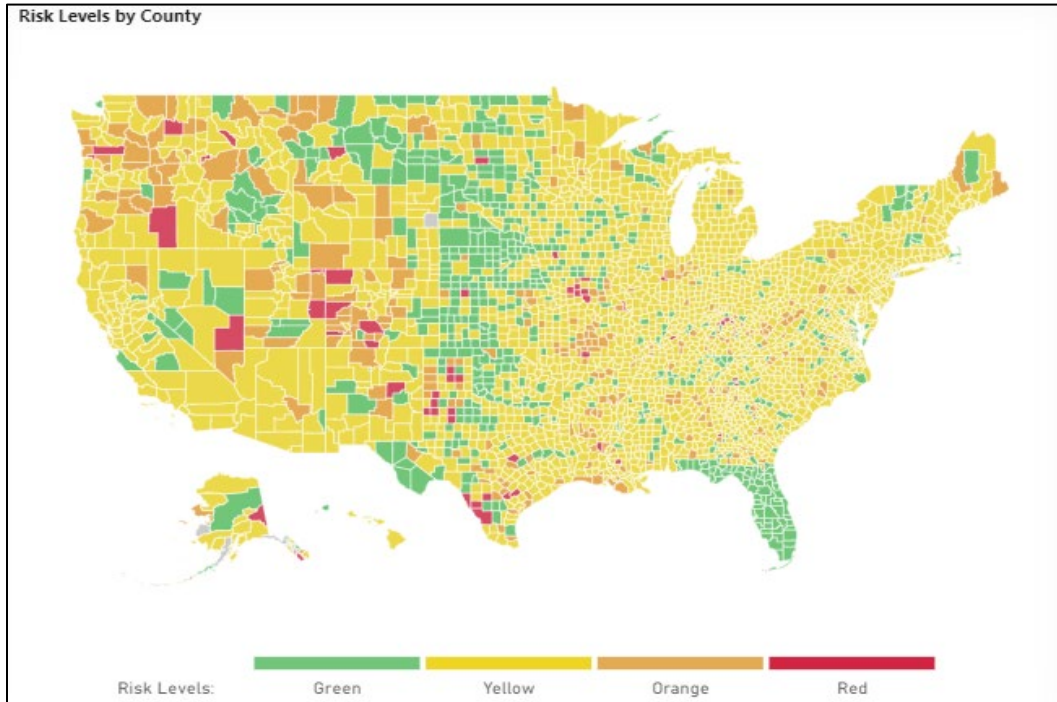


Figure 4 Activist activity in the US by industry as noted by Welund

4. USA

4.1 COVID UPDATE



#	USA State	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	USA Total	34,275,783	+14,880	614,007	+424	28,278,394	5,383,382	103,551	1,855	491,878,084	1,486,025	
1	California	3,800,543	+1,086	63,216	+47	2,063,593	1,673,734	96,187	1,600	67,142,241	1,699,278	39,512,223
2	Virginia	677,425	+215	11,270	+10	56,782	609,373	79,365	1,320	9,957,726	1,166,622	8,535,519
3	Maryland	460,984	+121	9,667	+9	10,753	440,564	76,250	1,599	10,566,930	1,747,848	6,045,680
4	Kentucky	461,717	+271	7,138	+17	53,168	401,411	103,346	1,598	6,723,189	1,504,853	4,467,673
5	Florida	2,329,867		36,973		1,970,341	322,553	108,478	1,721	29,635,337	1,379,817	21,477,737
6	New York	2,161,591	+821	53,816	+19	1,791,571	316,204	111,115	2,766	57,019,027	2,931,033	19,453,561
7	Washington	445,328	+713	5,846	+10	219,376	220,106	58,481	768	7,324,825	961,908	7,614,893
8	Rhode Island	152,187	+34	2,722		9,346	140,119	143,659	2,569	4,370,142	4,125,262	1,059,361
9	Michigan	996,427	+362	20,712	+45	837,864	137,851	99,774	2,074	14,570,669	1,458,984	9,986,857
10	Colorado	549,084	+596	6,830	+15	435,315	106,939	95,348	1,186	3,106,571	539,454	5,758,736
11	Georgia	1,127,658	+458	21,094	+45	1,019,245	87,319	106,208	1,987	11,608,137	1,093,310	10,617,423
12	Idaho	193,397	+102	2,116		112,818	78,463	108,220	1,184	1,365,279	763,978	1,787,065
13	Texas	2,975,964	+1,797	52,075	+33	2,866,291	57,598	102,634	1,796	30,859,838	1,064,284	28,995,881
14	New Jersey	1,018,833	+342	26,322	+6	935,531	56,980	114,705	2,963	14,370,998	1,617,957	8,882,190
15	Missouri	604,380	+687	9,846		548,904	45,630	98,474	1,604	7,472,973	1,217,607	6,137,428

4.2 COVID-19 USA News

- [Biden administration to buy 500 million Pfizer coronavirus vaccine doses to donate to the world](#)
President Biden is slated to announce the plan this week at the Group of Seven meeting in Britain, where he is expected to be joined by Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla. The deal comes amid growing calls for the United States and other rich countries to play a more substantial role in boosting the global supply of coronavirus vaccines. The first 200 million doses will be distributed this year, with the subsequent 300 million shared in the first half of next year. The doses will be distributed by Covax, the World Health Organization-backed initiative to share doses around the globe, and they will be targeted at low- and middle-income countries. Pfizer is selling the doses to the United States at a “not-for-profit” price, according to the people familiar with the deal, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to share details that were not yet public.
Covax aims to deliver 2 billion doses by the end of the year, with an eye toward vaccinating 20 percent of the populations of countries in need, but it may not meet that relatively modest target. The initiative has been plagued by funding shortfalls and a severe supply crunch exacerbated by the crisis in India, leading to potentially deadly delays. To date, Covax has delivered just under 82 million doses to 129 countries.
- [Houston hospital suspends 178 employees who refused Covid-19 vaccination](#)
- [Former Wisconsin pharmacist who tampered with COVID vaccines sentenced to 3 years in federal prison](#)
- [Texas abortion ban targets anyone who helps patients get the procedure](#)
- [Mayor: Seattle 1st major city to fully vaccinate 70%](#)
Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan said Wednesday that 70% of city residents ages 12 and up have been fully vaccinated, which she said makes Seattle the first major U.S. city to hit the COVID-19 milestone. Durkan’s office also said 78% of the Seattle population 12 and older has started the vaccination process.
“Seattle is America’s most vaccinated major city, and it would not have been possible without our residents’ commitment to protecting themselves, their loved ones, and our entire community,” Durkan said in a statement. “Now that we have reached community protection, we can lead the nation in safely reopening and recovering in earnest.” Washington state sits at 49.26% of fully vaccinated residents. In comparison, in Texas 37.2% of the residents are fully vaccinated, 41.01% in Florida and 48.95% in New York.
- [Heart inflammation in young men higher than expected after Pfizer, Moderna vaccines: U.S. CDC](#)
- [U.S. FDA extends shelf life of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Washington state kicks off 'Joints for Jobs' to promote COVID-19 vaccinations](#)

4.3 USA Awareness

- [Bing Censors Image Search for 'Tank Man' Even in US](#)
- [New audio of 2019 phone call reveals how Giuliani pressured Ukraine to investigate baseless Biden conspiracies](#)
- [Texas bakery 'overwhelmed' with business after backlash over rainbow Pride cookies](#)
- [More than 17 million salmon will be released into San Francisco bay in massive bid to save species](#)
- [Ohio will soon be home to the largest solar factory complex outside of China](#)
First Solar unveiled plans Wednesday to double its US manufacturing capability by building a new state-of-the-art factory in Ohio. The \$680 million investment by First Solar (FSLR), the only US-headquartered major manufacturer of solar panels, will be the company's third factory in the Toledo area. First Solar said it believes

this will be the largest fully integrated solar manufacturing complex in the world — outside of China. It will be capable of making one solar module every 2.8 seconds. And it will primarily supply America's booming market for clean energy. In a statement, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm hailed First Solar's investments in American-made solar technologies as the "perfect embodiment" of Biden's strategy to build out domestic manufacturing and supply chains. Granholm noted that First Solar has been a partner in the Energy Department's solar program since 2003 and received a loan from the agency in 2012. First Solar plans to hire 500 people for the new Ohio factory, but that is a relatively modest amount given the size of the expansion.

- [Florida bans teaching critical race theory in schools](#)
- [Wedding boom is on in the US as vendors scramble to keep up](#)

4.4 USA – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism (Provided by Welund)



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Overview:

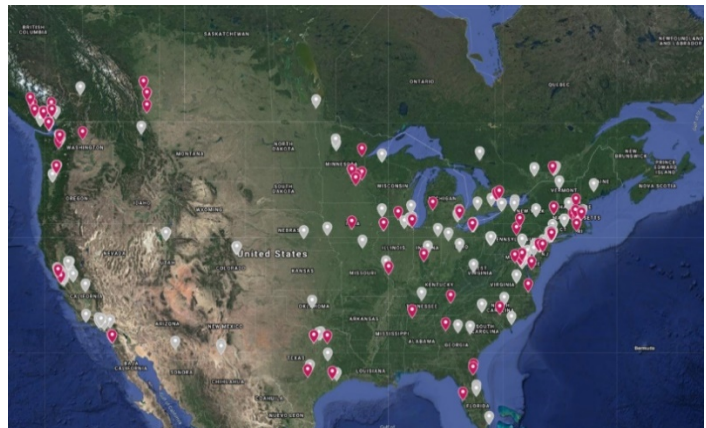
During the week of 27 May – 3 June, the majority of activist activity in the US noted by Welund took place in the government sector (61%), followed by oil and gas (11%) and technology (11%). Protests made up most activity (56%), followed by meetings/gatherings (10%), and organizing (7%).

The primary focus of activists this week was the anti-Line 3 ‘Treaty People’s Gathering’ in northern Minnesota. Activists from across the US took part in the largest direct action against the Line 3 pipeline to date.

Protests:

As US vaccinations against covid-19 increase and society reopens, Welund’s analysts have noted that organized activist campaigns are increasingly resuming in-person actions. Organizers continue to emphasize physical distancing and mask-wearing adaptations to protests. California, New York and Pennsylvania saw the most protests this week.

On 7 June, as part of the ‘Treaty People’s Gathering’, hundreds of activists participated in a direct action protest against Enbridge’s Line 3 at a pump station in Hubbard County, Minnesota. Activists locked on to construction machinery and there were several blockades on an access road to the site. Over 50 (with unverified reports of over 100) activists were arrested during the action.



Past (grey) and upcoming (red) protest activity as noted by Welund between 3-16 June.

On 5 June, White Lives Matter (WLM) organizers held another day of action. The organizers of the day of action have claimed it was a success for the movement. Organizers explained that one of the most noticeable differences with this action was that the events were mostly held outside, during the daytime. Previously, WLM events held on 8 May were primarily held late at night or in the very early morning in order to avoid counter-protests by anti-fascist groups.

Outlook:

On 10 July, far-right groups will hold White Lives Matter (WLM) marches after the most recent event was celebrated as another major success for the group. Organizers explained that the global day of action would start at 10.00am in each local time zone.

On 11 June, anarchists will participate in the 'International Day of Solidarity with All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners'. The annual event attracts interest from anarchists who engage in letter writing, meetings, protests, and, occasionally, vandalism.

On 14-21 June, LGBTQ+ Caucus of Workers World Party (WWP) will host a week of action against 'anti-trans legislation' across the US. The coalition encouraged activist to "organize an action where you live" and circulated a form for activists to list their planned events.

On 17-23 June, Struggle La Lucha will host a week of action in the US in affiliation with the #UnblockCuba campaign.

On 18-21 June, Progressive International (PI) will host the 'Summit for Vaccine Internationalism' to demand the distribution of covid-19 vaccines to the entire world.

Welund expects to see continued Black Lives Matter-related activism leading up to Derek Chauvin's sentencing on 25 June.

WLM members claimed the flyer campaign was another success of the June event. Regional groups claimed that they distributed over 1,000 flyers containing white nationalist and white 'supremacist' information, which they contended were not only accepted by the local community but had also stimulated support from local residents to the WLM movement.

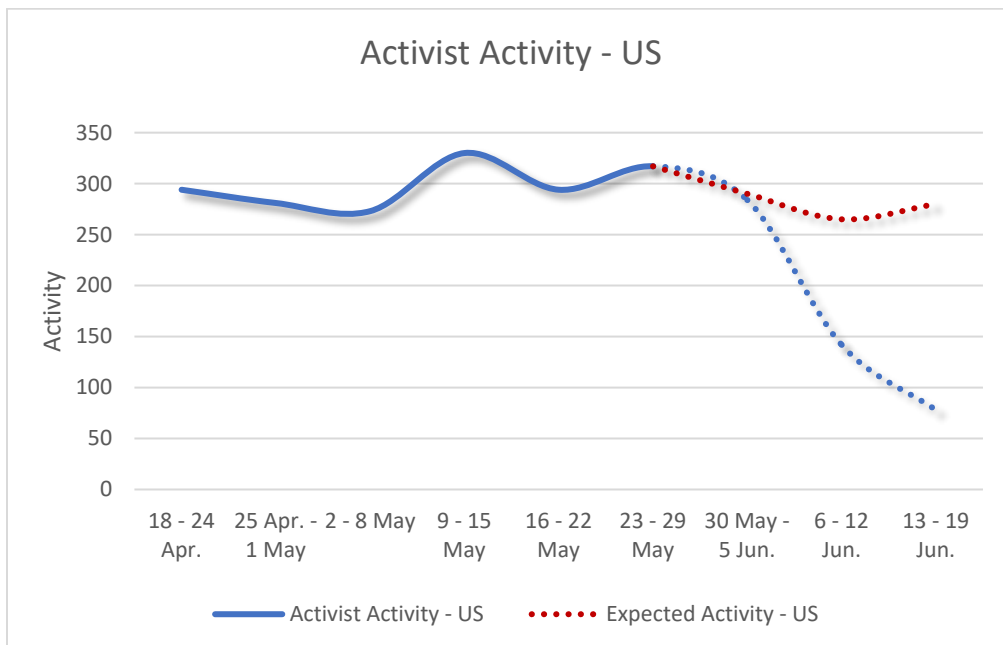


Figure 4 Total activist activity in the US as noted by Welund.

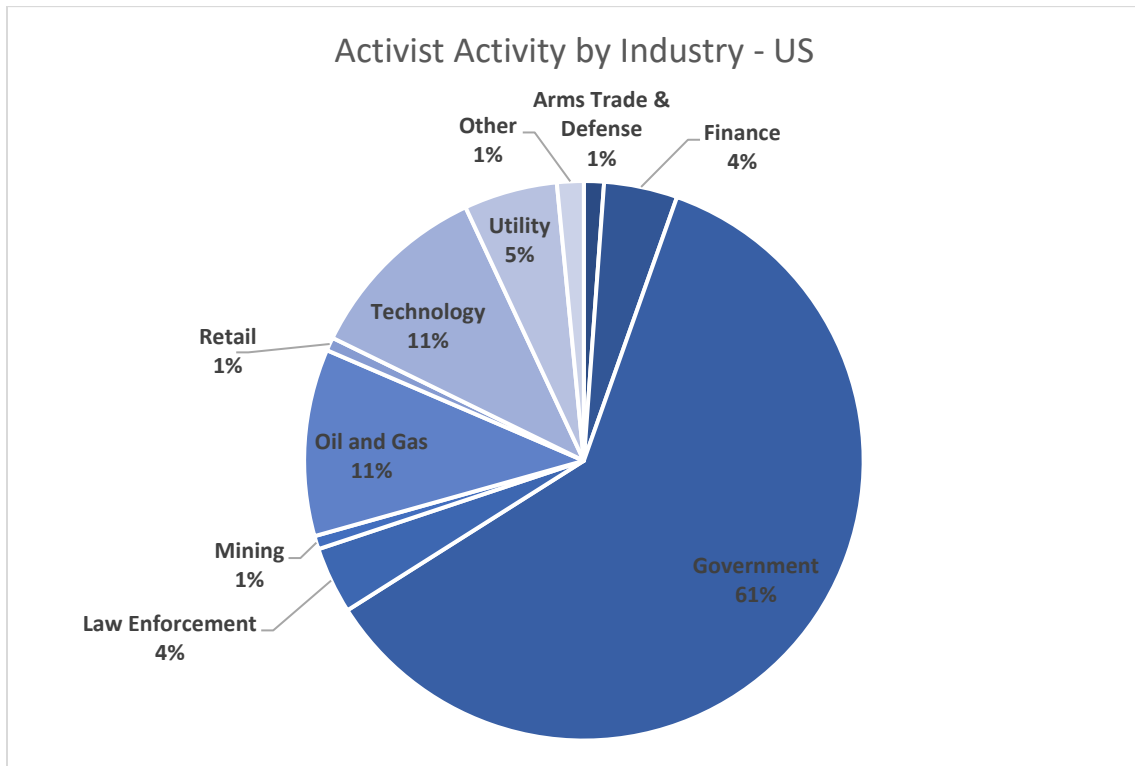


Figure 5 Activist activity in the US by industry as noted by Welund.

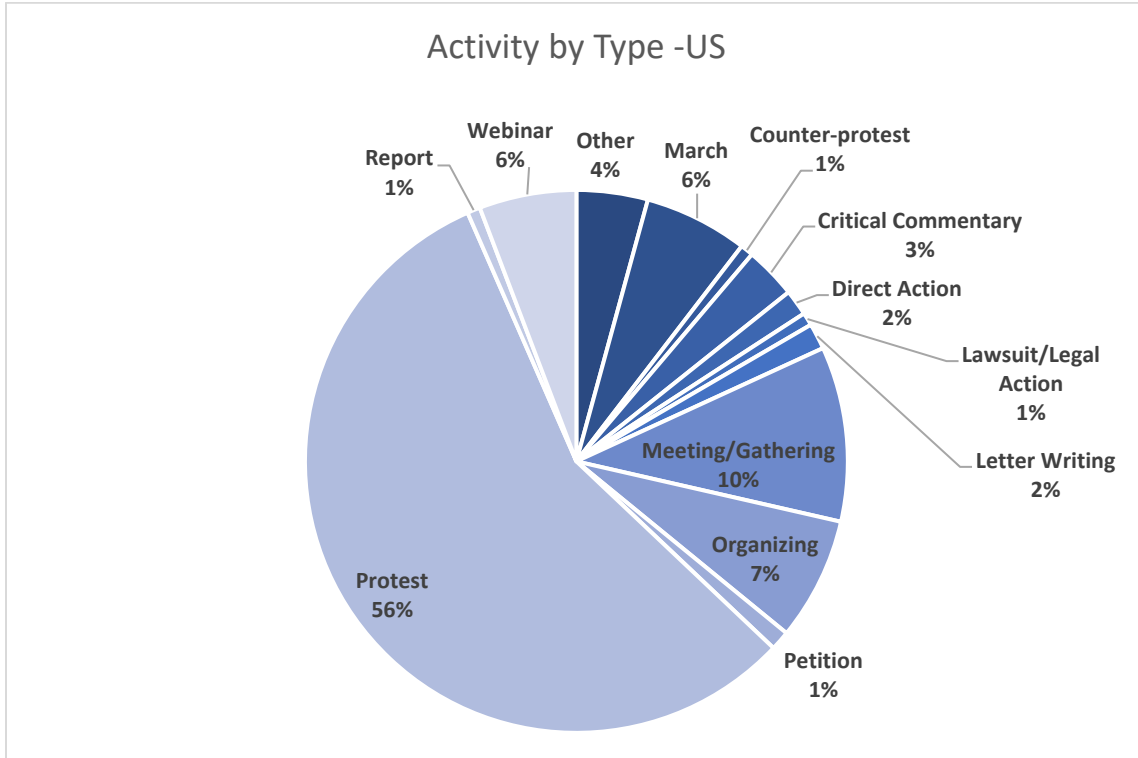


Figure 6 Activist activity in the US by type as noted by Welund

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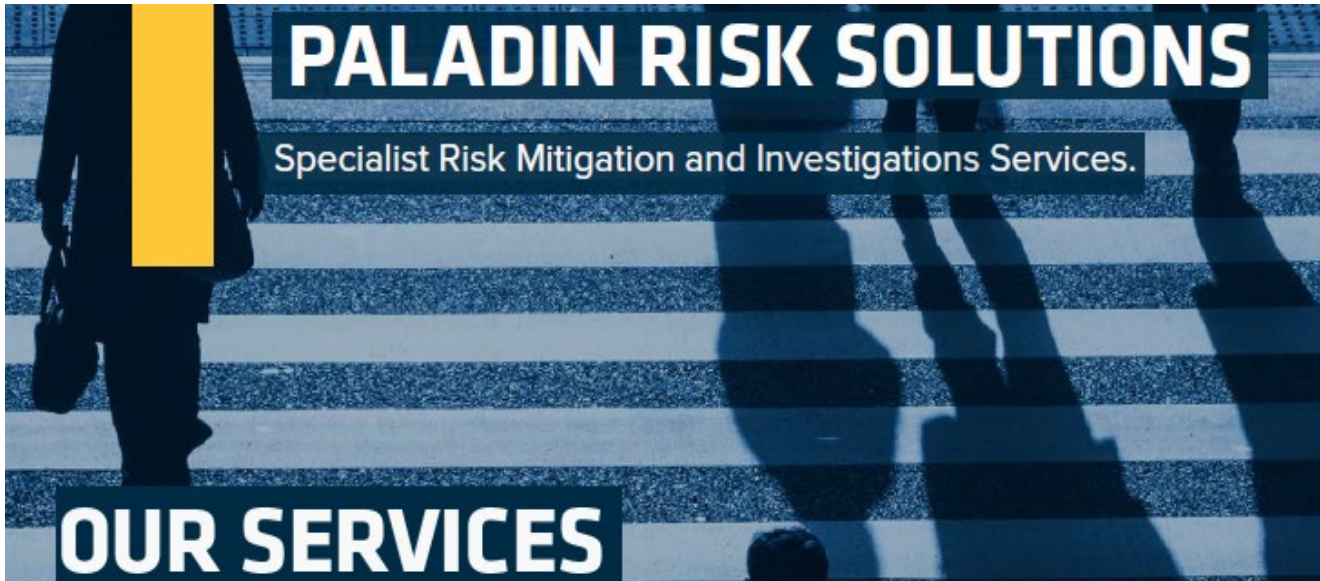
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