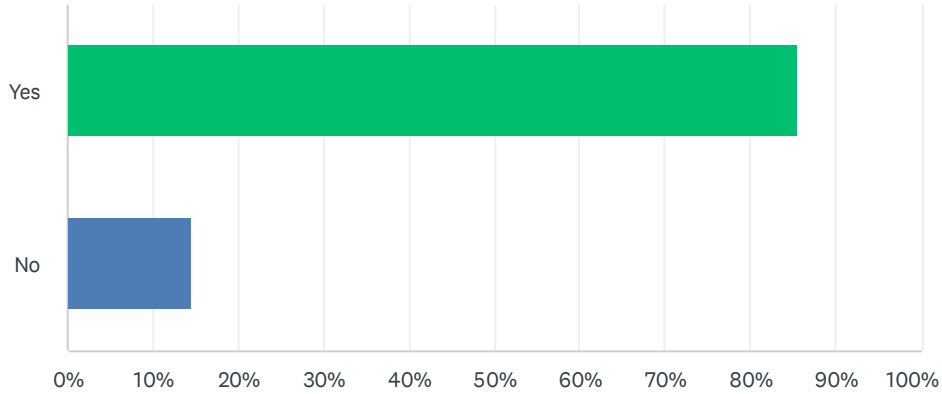


Q1 Are you aware that Fr. Leon Lajoie – a Jesuit Priest was buried on the grounds of the St. Francis Xavier Mission upon his death in 1999?

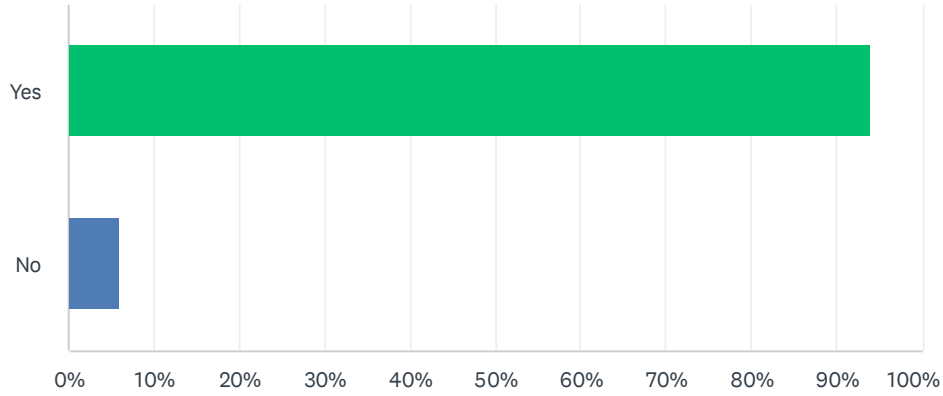
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.59%	303
No	14.41%	51
TOTAL		354

Q2 Are you aware that there was a petition requesting to have the remains of Fr. Leon Lajoie removed from the Territory?

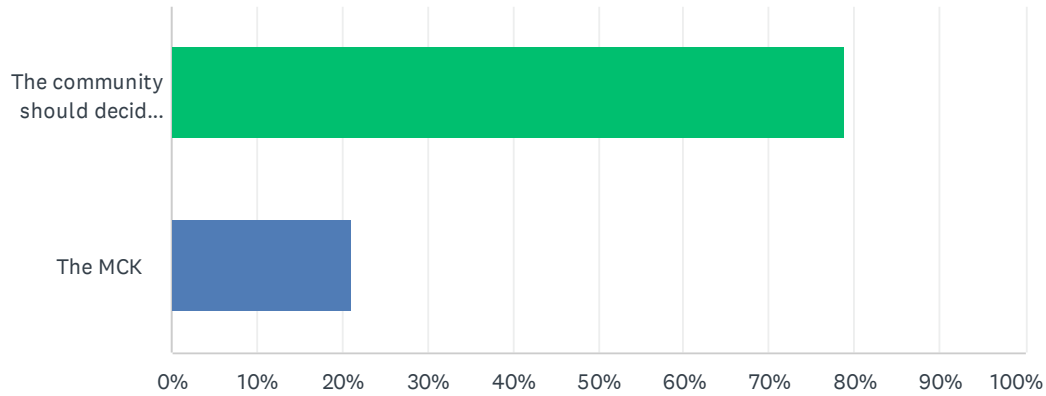
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.07%	333
No	5.93%	21
TOTAL		354

Q3 Who should be responsible to decide on the action to resolve the issue regarding Fr. Leon Lajoie’s remains?

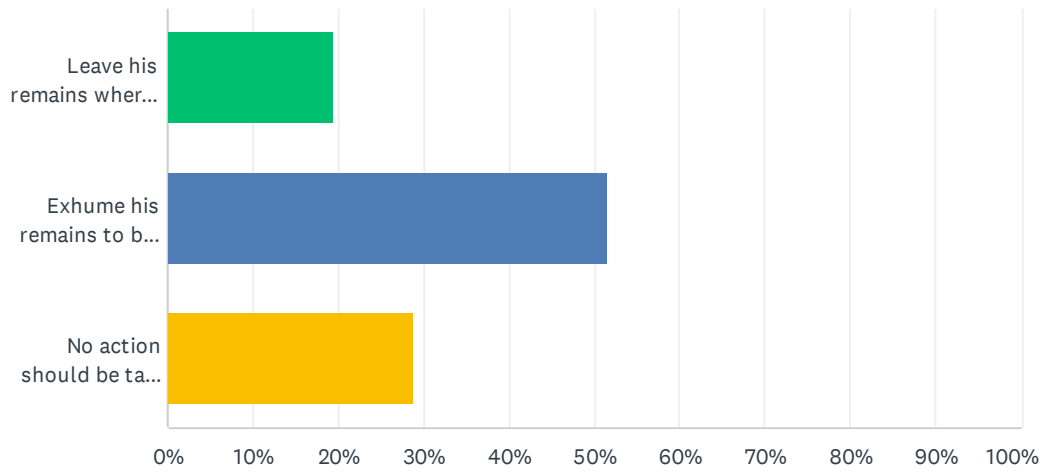
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The community should decide by vote	78.81%	279
The MCK	21.19%	75
TOTAL		354

Q4 What action should be taken on the remains of Fr. Leon Lajoie?

Answered: 354 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Leave his remains where they currently rest	19.49%	69
Exhume his remains to be buried elsewhere	51.69%	183
No action should be taken until the investigation is complete	28.81%	102
TOTAL		354

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Survey Analysis

By Public Relations
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Total respondents: 354

Overall, the majority of respondents are aware that Leon Lajoie was buried on the grounds of the St. Francis Xavier Mission in 1999 (85%) and that there was a petition requesting to have his remains removed from the territory (94%) .

The majority of respondents (78%) feel that the community should decide on the resolving of the issue with the following:

- 19% - Leave his remains
- 51% - Exhume his remains to be buried elsewhere
- 28% - No action until investigation is complete

Within the comments of the rationale behind what actions should be taken, topics that were mentioned several times were themed with the number of times mentioned. This question was answered by 316 respondents:

- **90x - Non-natives should not be buried in Kahnawake/Lajoie should not have been buried in the Territory (without providing reason)**
- 14x – Specific goodwill gestures that Lajoie performed for families and community
- 14x – Victims and community need healing and support systems
- 10x - Setting precedents on: witch hunts for sexual abusers, disregard for Kahnawake law (if community decides to leave his remains), and preferential treatment of individuals
- 8x - Mentions of community group
- 7x – Exhumation should not occur for cultural or personal reasons/beliefs

Other key mentions:

- Accusations are not believable (many do not provide reason)
- Indication that Lajoie performed good deeds
- Credibility of the accusers in question
- MCK decided without community input in 1999
- Seek a peaceful resolution that promotes healing
- This issue is extremely sensitive
- Reoccurring statement: “Innocent until proven guilty”
- Several sexual offenders exist in Kahnawake
- The Church should be responsible for resolving the issue

** not all comments are exclusive to the themes identified. I.e. Mentions of non-natives not having the right to be buried in Kahnawà:ke are intertwined with comments about removing his remains due to sexual abuse. This is consistent throughout the entire comments.

** respondents 88, 89, 90 101 and 102 in the comments have similar writing of answers. Appears that the same person submitted several surveys or one person was responsible for entering survey data for multiple people from different devices. Two of the IP addresses are nearly identical.

** respondents 306, 307, 308 and 309 in the comments have similar writing of answers. #306 and #309 are identical IP addresses.

** one respondent admitted to taking the survey twice to prove that they think the survey is flawed.

In the general comments, many of the comments follow the themes described above. However, there are additional comments and mentions that were themed in two areas:

- 18x - Don't believe accusations/ Claims are untrustworthy
- 17x - Mentions of Community Group

Other key mentions in the general feedback:

- There is no way to validate accusations now that Lajoie has passed
- A lot of trauma caused in the past and is now resurfacing
- Several personal recounts of experiences with Lajoie (positive and negative)
- Comments are driven by religious beliefs and historical actions of the church