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## **Almost a Third Strongly Disapprove of Warrantless Device Searches at the border**

Toronto, August 21<sup>st</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ amongst 1150 Canadian voters, almost a third (30%) strongly disapprove of Canadian border officers searching devices such as laptops and cell phones at the border without a warrant, while almost half (BTM2: 46%) disapprove, overall.

Almost a quarter (22%) strongly approve of border officers' ability to search devices at the border without a warrant, while more than a third (TOP2: 37%) approve, overall.

Just over one-in-ten (14%) says they neither approve nor disapprove, and (4%) say they do not know.

Respondents most likely to disapprove include those 34 and younger (58%), males (48%), those earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (60%), living in the Atlantic Provinces (54%), or Alberta (52%), with a post-graduate degree (57%), and supporting the NDP (54%) or Green Party (57%).

Respondents most likely to approve include those 65 and older (51%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (48%), the least educated (49%), and supporting the Conservatives (50%)

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## **Methodology**

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1150 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted Aug 16-17, 2017.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at [www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp](http://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp)

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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**Warrantless search**

*Do you approve or disapprove of Canadian border officers' ability to search your laptop or mobile phone at the border, without a warrant?*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1150	170	148	213	255	364	618	515
NET: TOP2	37	25	36	41	37	51	37	37
NET: BTM2	46	58	48	43	43	29	48	43
Strongly approve	22	14	22	27	20	31	25	20
Approve	15	11	14	14	18	21	12	17
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	13	11	14	17	17	11	17
Disapprove	16	17	15	14	19	15	13	19
Strongly disapprove	30	41	33	29	23	14	35	24
Don't know	4	4	5	2	4	3	4	4

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1150	100	183	182	138	118	205
NET: TOP2	37	24	37	48	38	32	40
NET: BTM2	46	48	38	31	47	60	51
Strongly approve	22	17	23	28	25	17	24
Approve	15	6	15	20	13	15	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	19	22	17	12	8	6
Disapprove	16	19	16	12	14	26	17
Strongly disapprove	30	29	21	19	33	34	33
Don't know	4	10	3	4	2	0	4



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## Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1150	196	314	410	230
NET: TOP2	37	49	41	36	23
NET: BTM2	46	35	43	46	57
Strongly approve	22	34	25	20	14
Approve	15	15	16	16	10
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	11	14	15	14
Disapprove	16	12	15	15	23
Strongly disapprove	30	23	28	31	34
Don't know	4	6	2	3	6

## Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1150	117	270	465	28	117	153
NET: TOP2	37	37	36	39	27	35	37
NET: BTM2	46	54	40	47	43	52	44
Strongly approve	22	25	21	23	23	18	22
Approve	15	12	16	16	4	16	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	7	19	11	26	10	15
Disapprove	16	21	13	17	14	21	14
Strongly disapprove	30	32	27	30	29	31	30
Don't know	4	3	5	3	3	3	4



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### Voter Intention

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Bloc Quebecois	Other
Sample	1150	368	423	158	72	43	35
NET: TOP2	37	50	33	25	28	37	31
NET: BTM2	46	34	51	54	57	44	46
Strongly approve	22	32	16	17	19	30	21
Approve	15	18	17	8	9	7	10
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	14	12	20	11	13	18
Disapprove	16	10	20	16	18	13	8
Strongly disapprove	30	24	30	37	39	32	38
Don't know	4	2	5	2	5	6	5



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