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### **Conservatives with clear lead, Liberals fall back**

#### **Opposition parties tied for second place**

TORONTO September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1499 Canadian voters, more than one third (34%) will vote for the Conservatives in next month's federal election, while fewer than 3-in-10 will vote either for the Liberals (27%) or the NDP (28%). These findings represent a slight increase for the Conservatives since last week (September 23 - 31%), accompanied by a slight drop for the Liberals (from 31%). The NDP remain stable (September 23 - 28%). The Green Party and the Bloc Quebecois each attract one twentieth of the vote (5% each).

#### **NDP lead in Quebec, BC; Conservatives lead in prairies, Alberta**

In Atlantic Canada, the Liberals lead decisively (41%), while the NDP (28%) and the Conservatives (25%) strive for second. In Quebec, the NDP still lead, but not by so much as before (32%), and the Conservatives (24%) and Liberals (21%) are in close second place. In Ontario, the Conservatives (34%) and Liberals (33%) are tied, and the NDP lags (25%). In the prairies, the Conservatives have a dominant lead (41%), as they do in Alberta (60%). In BC, the NDP dominates (41%), with the Conservatives second (31%) and the Liberals third (21%).

#### **Conservative minority seen; NDP opposition**

If these results are projected up to seats in the newly redistricted 338 seat House, the Conservatives would take 151 seats, 19 fewer than required for a majority, while the NDP would form the opposition again with 104 seats. The Liberals would hold the balance of power with 76 seats. The Green Party would take their leader's seat, and the Bloc Quebecois would seat as many as 6 members, up from none for the past several weeks of projections.

#### **Conservatives most committed supporters, NDP less so**

Close to three quarters of Conservative voters are strong supporters of their party (73%), compared to two thirds of Liberal voters (62%). Just more than half of New Democrat voters are strong supporters of that party (57%).

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- More than one third (34%) will vote for the Conservatives in next month's federal election, while fewer than 3-in-10 will vote either for the Liberals (27%) or the NDP (28%).
- In Atlantic Canada, the Liberals lead decisively (41%), while the NDP (28%) and the Conservatives (25%) strive for second.
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- More than one third of voters expect the Conservatives to win the election (36%).
- After a period when Tom Mulcair led or was tied in the race for best Prime Minister, Stephen Harper now occupies that position (29%).
- Stephen Harper has the approval of one third of voters (33%), and his net favourability is a very negative -28.
- Fully two thirds of Canadian voters disapprove of allowing fully veiled women to take the citizenship oath (64%).
- Close to one fifth of Canadian voters admit to negative feelings about Muslim people (18%), and this is especially characteristic of the oldest (23%).

## Conservatives expected to win election

More than one third of voters expect the Conservatives to win the election (36%), compared to just fewer than one quarter who expect either the Liberals or the NDP (24% each) to be victorious. One fifth of Liberal voters expect the Conservatives to win (20%), as do one tenth of New Democrats (12%), one fifth of whom also believe the Liberals will win (17%). Very few Conservatives believe another party will win.

## Stephen Harper now seen as best PM

After a period when Tom Mulcair led or was tied in the race for best Prime Minister, Stephen Harper now occupies that position alone (29%), while Mulcair is second (25%) and Justin Trudeau is third (22%).

## Leader approvals steady; Mulcair with slight increase

Stephen Harper has the approval of one third of voters (33%), and his net favourability is a very negative -28, and this hasn't changed since last week (32% approval

). Tom Mulcair has seen his approval increase from last week (46%) to this week (49%), and his net score is now a positive +16. Justin Trudeau's approval has not changed (46%), and his net is a less positive +7.

## Two thirds oppose niqab at citizenship ceremonies

Fully two thirds of Canadian voters disapprove of allowing fully veiled women to take the citizenship oath (64%), and this is especially common among the oldest (75%), males (67%), in Quebec (79%) and to a lesser extent, Alberta (69%), among Conservatives (84%) and among a majority of Liberals (57%), but among just a minority of New Democrats (44%). Francophones are more likely to oppose the idea (77%) than Anglophones (60%), as are the least educated (secondary school or less - 73%). One quarter approve allowing the niqab (26%), while one tenth have no opinion (10%). These results are stable since the last time we asked this question (March 17 - 67% oppose).

## Close to one fifth with negative feelings towards Muslims

Close to one fifth of Canadian voters admit to negative feelings about Muslim people (18%), and this is especially characteristic of the oldest (23%), Quebecers (23%), prairie dwellers (26%), Conservative (29%) and Bloc (28%) voters, Francophones (25%), the least educated (26%) and, not surprisingly, those who oppose allowing the niqab in citizenship ceremonies (25%). Findings on this measure are stable since last spring (March 12 - 18% have negative feelings), but the proportion of Conservative voters with these feelings has declined (from 36%).

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## **Those who view Muslims negatively most likely to vote Conservative**

Among those who have a negative view of Muslims, fully one half will vote Conservative (52%), while just one fifth or fewer will vote Liberal (19%) or NDP (17%). Among those with positive feelings towards Muslims, just one quarter vote Conservative (25%) and 3-in-10 or more vote Liberal (30%) or NDP (35%).

## **Majority agree niqab oppresses women**

More than half of voters agree the niqab is oppressive to women (56%), and this has not changed significantly since March (57%). This view is especially common to younger groups (35 to 44 - 61%), mid income groups (\$40K to \$60K - 62%, \$80K to \$100K - 62%), in Quebec (69%), among Conservatives (65%), Francophones (70%), and among those with negative feelings towards Muslims (75%).

## **Very few think niqab should be election issue**

Fewer than one quarter of Canadian voters think the niqab should be an important issue in this election (22%) and this view is most characteristic of the oldest (25%), the less wealthy (\$20K to \$40K - 32%), in Quebec (31%), among Conservatives (34%) and, especially, Bloquistes (46%), among the least educated (31%) and among those with a negative view of Muslims (45%). Two thirds do not think the niqab should be an election issue (69%), and one tenth have no opinion (9%).

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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 1499 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted from September 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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. Electoral success is dependant on the parties' skill at getting out the vote. 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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### *Niqab During Citizenship Ceremonies – Trending*

%	September 28-29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	March 13-14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
Sample	1499	1370
Favour	26	22
Oppose	64	67
Don't know	10	10

### *Niqab Oppresses Women - Trending*

%	September 28-29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	March 13-14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
Sample	1499	1370
Agree	56	57
Disagree	29	24
Don't know	15	19

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**Federal Party Preference Trending**

[Decided/Leaning]

%	Sample	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
Sept. 28-29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1449	34	27	28	5	5	1
Sept. 21-23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	1557	31	31	28	4	4	1
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	922	33	29	29	4	4	1
Sept. 14-15 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1402	32	28	30	6	4	1
Sept. 9-10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1308	28	29	36	3	3	1
August 30-Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	1384	24	32	36	4	4	1
August 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1440	23	30	40	3	3	1
August 17-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1473	29	28	34	4	4	1
August 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1392	28	27	34	4	6	1
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	1399	28	25	39	3	5	1
July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1397	33	25	33	4	4	1
July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	1208	28	29	34	4	5	1
July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1251	27	27	34	5	7	1
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1200	32	26	32	3	5	1
June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1221	27	29	32	4	6	1
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	1268	28	28	36	2	5	1
June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1281	26	28	34	5	7	1
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1156	31	32	28	5	3	1
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1286	31	31	30	4	3	1
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	977	35	31	23	6	5	1
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1365	33	35	22	6	3	1
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	1239	31	34	23	5	5	1
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1370	32	36	21	6	4	1
February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1018	32	39	17	5	4	1
January 27-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1309	35	34	20	6	5	1
January 5-6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1650	33	37	20	5	4	1
Dec. 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1560	33	41	17	5	3	1
Nov. 19-20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1442	33	36	18	8	4	1
Oct. 5-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1504	34	38	19	4	4	1
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1267	34	40	18	3	4	1
August 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1798	32	41	17	5	5	1
July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1624	28	44	18	3	5	1
June 16-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1683	31	39	19	5	4	1
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014	1694	30	36	23	5	6	1
Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1572	30	39	20	4	6	1
Mar 25-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1764	29	39	22	3	5	1
Feb. 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1824	29	39	21	4	6	1
Jan. 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1228	28	38	24	4	5	1
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1779	28	37	25	4	5	1

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**Seat Distribution Projection Trending**

%	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
September 28-29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	151	76	104	1	6	0
September 21-23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	125	107	104	1	1	0
September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	145	97	95	1	0	0
September 14-15 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	138	86	113	1	0	0
September 9-10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	113	85	139	1	0	0
August 30-September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	73	123	141	1	0	0
August 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	87	76	174	1	0	0
August 17-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	123	79	133	1	2	0
August 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	120	89	125	1	3	0
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	118	58	160	1	1	0
July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	156	58	122	1	1	0
July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	121	78	134	1	4	0
July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	107	79	132	1	19	0
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	155	59	120	1	2	1
June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	104	106	119	1	8	0
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	116	65	149	1	3	0
June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	112	86	120	1	18	1
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	151	101	83	1	1	1
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	131	95	111	1	0	0
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	146	101	77	1	12	1
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	142	137	58	1	0	0
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	129	125	65	1	17	1
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	130	138	65	1	4	0
February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	112	194	30	1	1	0
January 27-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	145	125	61	1	5	1
January 5-6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	137	126	70	1	0	1

**Switch from 308 to 338 seat distribution**

Dec. 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	109	164	34	1	0	0
Nov. 19-20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	125	124	52	1	6	0
Oct. 5-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	132	130	44	1	1	0
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	113	162	30	1	2	0
August 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	110	142	51	1	4	0
July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	84	192	30	1	1	0
June 16-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	109	142	53	1	3	0
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014	111	110	75	1	11	0
Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	100	158	39	1	10	0
Mar 25-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	99	159	40	1	9	0
Feb. 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	100	134	51	1	22	0
Jan. 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	104	132	65	1	6	0
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	111	130	61	1	5	0
Dec. 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	110	147	48	1	2	0
Nov. 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	108	134	53	1	12	0

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June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1156	31	31	18	3	2	-
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1286	32	30	20	2	2	-
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1365	36	37	10	3	3	-

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**Federal Vote Preference**

*'Which party are you most likely to vote for in the federal election on October 19?'+ 'Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?'*

[Decided/Leaning]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1434	255	200	292	333	354	778	656
Conservative	34	25	28	33	35	45	37	30
Liberal	27	25	22	29	30	27	28	26
New Democratic	28	37	37	26	27	19	24	33
Green	5	9	6	4	4	4	5	6
Bloc Quebecois	5	5	6	6	3	5	4	5
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1434	187	319	331	220	157	220	1130	304
Conservative	34	25	24	34	41	60	31	37	22
Liberal	27	41	21	33	26	17	21	29	20
New Democratic	28	28	32	25	26	21	41	27	34
Green	5	6	3	7	6	2	7	6	3
Bloc Quebecois	5	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	20
Other	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Past Federal Vote**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1434	518	259	326	74	65	36
Conservative	34	77	9	8	7	9	32
Liberal	27	10	69	17	28	7	25
New Democratic	28	9	17	66	26	25	18
Green	5	3	3	3	34	4	9
Bloc Quebecois	5	1	1	5	2	52	11
Other	1	1	0	1	3	2	4

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### ***Strong Supporter***

*'Are you a strong supporter of that party?'*

*[Has chosen party]*

### ***Age / Gender***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1431	254	199	292	333	353	777	654
Yes	64	60	60	60	67	77	62	67
No	36	40	40	40	33	23	38	33

### ***Region***

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1431	187	317	330	220	157	220	1129	302
Yes	64	59	54	65	69	77	71	68	52
No	36	41	46	35	31	23	29	32	48

### ***Federal Vote Preference***

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1431	483	375	377	103	60	33
Yes	64	73	62	57	63	67	62
No	36	27	38	43	37	33	38

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### *Expected Federal Election Winner*

*'Which party do you expect to win the federal election?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### *Age / Gender*

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Conservative	36	30	37	37	34	45	42	31
Liberal	24	27	23	23	26	21	21	27
New Democratic	24	26	26	25	22	19	23	25
Green	3	5	4	2	0	1	3	3
Bloc Quebecois	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2
Another Party	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Don't know	11	10	8	11	15	12	10	12

### *Region*

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Conservative	36	25	33	35	46	56	32	38	30
Liberal	24	29	19	32	19	14	19	26	20
New Democratic	24	25	28	22	17	16	30	22	30
Green	3	2	1	3	3	2	5	3	1
Bloc Quebecois	1	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	3
Another Party	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1
Don't know	11	15	14	7	10	10	14	10	14

### *Federal Vote Preference*

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Conservative	36	83	20	12	17	31	17
Liberal	24	4	62	17	19	14	19
New Democratic	24	6	7	58	36	25	19
Green	3	2	2	1	17	0	6
Bloc Quebecois	1	1	0	1	2	16	6
Another Party	1	0	0	0	4	0	20
Don't know	11	5	10	12	7	14	13

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**Best Prime Minister**

*‘Regardless of which party you plan to vote for, who do you think would make the best Prime Minister?’*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Stephen Harper	29	22	28	28	32	42	33	26
Justin Trudeau	22	22	21	24	23	21	23	22
Tom Mulcair	25	27	31	19	26	22	23	27
Elizabeth May	9	12	9	9	6	5	8	9
Gilles Duceppe	4	5	4	6	2	3	5	3
None of these	6	6	5	9	7	4	5	7
Don't know	4	6	3	5	5	4	3	6

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Stephen Harper	29	22	19	28	37	57	30	33	17
Justin Trudeau	22	34	18	26	20	14	20	24	17
Tom Mulcair	25	20	32	23	26	17	28	23	33
Elizabeth May	9	12	3	11	8	7	13	10	4
Gilles Duceppe	4	2	13	2	1	0	1	1	13
None of these	6	7	8	6	5	4	4	6	8
Don't know	4	4	7	4	3	2	4	4	7

**Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Stephen Harper	29	83	8	2	10	9	22
Justin Trudeau	22	4	66	9	18	10	12
Tom Mulcair	25	3	15	67	17	12	13
Elizabeth May	9	3	6	11	38	0	6
Gilles Duceppe	4	2	1	2	4	47	3
None of these	6	4	4	4	8	11	31
Don't know	4	1	2	5	4	10	12

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### ***Stephen Harper Approval***

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Stephen Harper is doing?'*

*[All Respondents]*

#### ***Age / Gender***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Approve	33	25	35	32	36	44	38	29
Disapprove	61	69	56	63	58	52	59	63
Don't know	6	7	9	5	6	4	4	8

#### ***Region***

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Approve	33	26	26	32	40	54	33	36	24
Disapprove	61	69	69	60	52	43	62	57	71
Don't know	6	5	6	8	8	3	5	7	5

#### ***Federal Vote Preference***

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Approve	33	87	11	8	14	11	33
Disapprove	61	8	81	90	79	87	54
Don't know	6	5	8	2	8	1	14

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## *Tom Mulcair Approval*

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Tom Mulcair is doing?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### *Age / Gender*

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Approve	49	46	52	48	50	48	48	50
Disapprove	33	30	30	34	37	35	39	27
Don't know	18	24	18	18	13	17	13	23

### *Region*

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Approve	49	52	52	48	44	40	50	47	52
Disapprove	33	28	29	31	40	47	34	34	28
Don't know	18	20	19	21	16	13	15	18	19

### *Federal Vote Preference*

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Approve	49	22	48	86	40	31	36
Disapprove	33	61	30	6	32	38	34
Don't know	18	16	21	8	28	31	31

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### ***Justin Trudeau Approval***

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Justin Trudeau is doing?'*

*[All Respondents]*

#### ***Age / Gender***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Approve	46	47	45	49	47	42	47	46
Disapprove	40	37	42	39	38	44	44	35
Don't know	14	16	13	12	15	14	9	19

#### ***Region***

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Approve	46	55	37	51	45	43	48	49	37
Disapprove	40	29	43	37	41	49	39	39	43
Don't know	14	16	20	12	13	8	12	12	20

#### ***Federal Vote Preference***

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Approve	46	20	87	50	35	16	33
Disapprove	40	69	6	36	48	53	44
Don't know	14	10	7	14	17	31	22

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**Niqab**

*‘Do you favour or oppose allowing women to wear the niqab, which covers the face, during citizenship ceremonies?’*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Favour	26	36	22	21	27	19	26	26
Oppose	64	53	64	71	64	75	67	61
Don't know	10	11	14	8	10	6	7	13

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Favour	26	30	13	28	27	26	43	30	14
Oppose	64	57	79	61	62	69	49	60	77
Don't know	10	13	9	12	11	6	9	10	9

**Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Favour	26	10	34	40	33	10	10
Oppose	64	84	57	44	56	90	71
Don't know	10	6	9	16	11	1	19

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### *Niqab: Oppression*

*'Do you agree or disagree the niqab oppresses women?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### *Age / Gender*

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Agree	56	48	61	58	58	59	57	55
Disagree	29	37	20	30	27	25	27	30
Don't know	15	15	19	12	15	16	16	15

### *Region*

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Agree	56	44	69	53	50	59	50	51	70
Disagree	29	32	21	30	34	28	33	31	19
Don't know	15	24	10	17	16	12	18	17	10

### *Federal Vote Preference*

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Agree	56	65	50	51	50	76	59
Disagree	29	22	34	32	37	22	10
Don't know	15	13	17	17	13	2	31

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### ***Niqab: Current Federal Election***

*'Do you agree or disagree that the niqab should be an important issue in this election?'*

*[All Respondents]*

#### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Agree	22	20	23	24	21	25	24	21
Disagree	69	73	65	68	72	65	70	68
Don't know	9	8	12	8	7	10	6	11

#### **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Agree	22	18	31	22	22	15	14	20	30
Disagree	69	68	60	69	69	74	81	72	60
Don't know	9	13	9	8	9	11	6	8	10

#### **Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Agree	22	34	16	10	18	46	23
Disagree	69	57	76	83	74	36	60
Don't know	9	9	7	7	8	17	18

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**Feelings Towards Muslims**

*'Do you have positive or negative feelings about Muslim people?'*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Positive feelings	42	54	37	39	33	36	41	42
Negative feelings	18	18	16	18	18	23	21	16
Neither positive nor negative feelings	39	27	45	41	47	40	37	40
Don't know	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	2

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Positive feelings	42	43	35	43	41	45	46	44	34
Negative feelings	18	12	23	17	26	18	16	16	25
Neither positive nor negative feelings	39	45	41	39	32	34	37	38	40
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	1

**Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Positive feelings	42	31	47	51	52	27	29
Negative feelings	18	29	13	11	16	28	18
Neither positive nor negative feelings	39	38	38	38	31	43	50
Don't know	1	2	2	1	1	2	3

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