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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Mulcair should resign – one fifth of NDP supporters**

#### **Just one third of Canadians think he should stay**

TORONTO April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1455 Canadian voters, one third agree Tom Mulcair should step down as NDP leader (32%), while just more than this disagree (36%). A similar proportion don't know (32%). Agreement Mulcair should resign is common to the youngest (37%), males (35%), the wealthiest (\$100K to \$250K - 40%), equally in Atlantic Canada (41%), the prairies (42%) and Alberta (41%), among Conservatives (40%), parents of Children (37%) and the best educated (post grad - 35%). Of note, just less than a quarter of New Democrats agree he should step down (22%), while just more than half think he shouldn't (56%). About one quarter don't have an opinion (22%). Given that the support figure being discussed for the upcoming leadership review is about 70%, this may prove a problem for Mulcair.

“Just more than half the party supporting your leadership is hardly the ringing endorsement Tom Mulcair needs to win at the convention on April 8,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

- One third agree Tom Mulcair should step down as NDP leader (32%), while just more than this disagree (36%).
- “Just more than half the party supporting your leadership is hardly the ringing endorsement Tom Mulcair needs to win at the convention on April 8,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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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 1455 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on between April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at [www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp](http://www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp)

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### **Mulcair Stepping Down**

*'Do you agree or disagree Tom Mulcair should step down as leader of the federal New Democratic Party?'*

[All Respondents]

#### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1455	272	207	252	334	390	812	643
Agree	32	37	30	29	30	30	35	29
Disagree	36	32	38	38	39	39	41	32
Don't know	32	31	33	33	31	31	24	39

#### **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1455	113	345	522	128	172	175	1125	330
Agree	32	41	19	33	42	41	36	36	17
Disagree	36	29	50	37	24	26	28	32	51
Don't know	32	30	32	30	34	33	36	32	32

#### **Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1455	408	638	169	78	72	43
Agree	32	40	32	22	38	13	33
Disagree	36	26	40	56	30	47	18
Don't know	32	34	28	22	31	40	50

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