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Asylum Seekers Should Enter the Country Legally: Plurality

Divided opinion on refugees who made their refugee claim in the US, but now want to live in Canada

Toronto, March 6th– In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,340 Canadian voters, (44%) respond that asylum seekers who enter the country illegally should not be allowed to seek asylum in Canada. (36%) say they should be allowed, and (20%) do not know.

Those most likely to be against illegal asylum seekers include those aged 55-64 (53%), males (52%), earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (50%), living in Alberta (54%) or Manitoba/Saskatchewan (53%), the least educated (51%), and supporting the Conservatives (70%).

Those most open to allowing illegal entrants to seek asylum include those aged 34 and under (40%), females (42%), the most wealthy (51%), supporting the Liberals (51%) or NDP (54%), and those with a post-graduate degree (46%).

On refugees wanting to come from Canada from the US, it's split

(44%) of respondents say that refugees who made their claim in the US, but now wish to live in Canada should not be allowed. A similar proportion, (43%) say yes, they should be allowed, and (12%) say they do not know.

Those most likely to be opposed include those aged 35-44 (54%), males (51%), those earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (50%), living in Alberta (57%), supporting the Conservatives (73%), and the least educated (53%).

Those most likely to be supportive include those aged 34 and below (54%), females (47%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (55%), living in BC (57%), supporting the Liberals (62%) or the NDP (63%), and with a post-graduate degree (55%).

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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 1,340 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 24-26 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

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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Illegal Asylum Seekers

Should the Federal Government allow asylum seekers that have entered the country illegally to seek asylum in Canada?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1340	124	131	226	338	521	659	653
Yes	36	40	36	34	30	34	29	42
No	44	37	47	44	53	44	52	37
Don't know	20	23	17	22	17	22	19	22

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1340	143	266	182	162	114	180
Yes	36	24	35	37	34	32	51
No	44	44	47	44	45	50	32
Don't know	20	32	18	19	20	18	17

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1340	93	330	521	89	131	176
Yes	36	38	38	36	25	32	36
No	44	33	39	46	53	54	39
Don't know	20	29	23	17	22	14	25

Current Vote Preference

%	Total	VOTE - Cons	VOTE - Lib	VOTE - NDP	VOTE - Green	VOTE - Bloc	VOTE - Other Parties
Sample	1340	414	449	177	76	81	44
Yes	36	15	51	54	37	38	7
No	44	70	26	33	38	37	58
Don't know	20	15	23	13	25	24	35

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1340	245	328	510	257
Yes	36	20	31	38	46
No	44	51	45	43	39
Don't know	20	28	24	18	15

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Refugee Claimants

Should Canada accept refugees who made their refugee claim in the United States, but now wish to live in Canada?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1340	124	131	226	338	521	659	653
Yes	43	54	38	39	35	43	39	47
No	44	34	54	48	48	42	51	38
Don't know	12	11	7	13	17	15	10	14

Income

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Sample	1340	143	266	182	162	114	180
Yes	43	48	40	45	55	42	48
No	44	39	46	43	35	50	39
Don't know	12	13	14	12	10	8	13

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Yes	43	42	45	41	37	35	57
No	44	39	39	48	41	57	38
Don't know	12	19	16	11	23	8	5

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Yes	43	18	62	63	53	39	23
No	44	73	23	29	34	49	61
Don't know	12	9	15	7	12	12	16

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Yes	43	30	45	41	55
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