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Canadians Still Strongly Disapprove of Donald Trump

But their opinions of the President haven't gotten worse

Toronto, March 12th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,340 Canadian voters, 2-in-3 disapprove of Donald Trump (67%), the same proportion (66%) as recorded on January 22nd. The number of Canadians that approve of Donald Trump (22%) is down one percent since January 22nd, with the same 11% not sure whether they approve or disapprove.

Trump is most likely to see disapproval by those aged 34 or less (71%), females (73%), earning \$100,000-\$250,000 (77%), and living in British Columbia (77%). Those with postgraduate degrees (75%), and Green Party (86%), and Liberal (84%) supporters are also likely to strongly disapprove of Trump.

Those most likely to approve of Trump include the least wealthy (28%), earning incomes between \$20,000-\$40,000 (28%), Albertans (37%), and Conservative supporters (48%).

Trump and Trudeau's first meeting: no impact

The plurality of respondents (46%) believe that Justin Trudeau and Donald Trump's first meeting in Washington will have no impact on Canadian/American relations. Almost a third (27%) respond that the meeting improved relations, while (18%) respond that they do not know. Fewer than one-in-ten (9%) believe the meeting will hurt relations.

Those most likely to feel it will have no impact include respondents aged 34 and below (52%), 35-44 (53%), earning \$100,000-\$250,000 (52%), living in Ontario (52%) or Alberta (50%), and Conservative supporters (61%).

Those most likely to feel it improved relations include respondents aged 55-64 (32%), 65 and over (34%), and Liberal (36%) supporters.

Those most likely to say that it hurt relations include the least wealthy (17%), those earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (15%), from BC (13%), Manitoba/Saskatchewan (12%), and the Maritimes (11%), and Green Party (16%) and BQ (16%) supporters.

Canadians will wait and see on NAFTA tweaks

Only (27%) of Canadians say that NAFTA "tweaks" will hurt Canada's economy, with (26%) saying they will help, and the plurality (47%) saying they do not know.

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"Despite the negative media attention he's received, President Donald Trump's performance hasn't gotten worse in the opinion of Canadians, but it hasn't gotten better, either," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.



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Those most likely to say the tweaks will hurt Canada's economy include those under 34 (31%), aged 45-54 (30%), earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (30%), and are BQ (42%) supporters.

Those most likely to say the tweaks will help Canada's economy include those aged 65 and over (31%), 35-44 (29%), earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (30%) or \$40,000-\$60,000 (31%), and Conservative (34%) supporters.

"Despite the negative media attention he's received, President Donald Trump's performance hasn't gotten worse in the opinion of Canadians, but it hasn't gotten better, either," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

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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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Trump Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump?

[All Respondents]

Trend

Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump?

%	Sample	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
Feb 24-26	1340	22	67	11
Jan 19-21	1332	23	66	11

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1340	124	131	226	338	521	659	653
Approve	22	20	24	23	24	21	27	17
Disapprove	67	71	64	66	65	68	61	73
Don't know	11	8	12	12	12	11	11	10

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1340	143	266	182	162	114	180
Approve	22	28	28	21	17	19	16
Disapprove	67	57	64	68	72	71	77
Don't know	11	14	8	11	11	10	7

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1340	93	330	521	89	131	176
Approve	22	13	19	24	24	37	16
Disapprove	67	73	69	66	58	55	77
Don't know	11	14	12	10	18	8	7

Current Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1340	414	449	177	76	81	44
Approve	22	48	9	16	9	7	34
Disapprove	67	40	84	78	86	73	34
Don't know	11	12	8	6	5	20	33



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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1340	245	328	510	257
Approve	22	22	24	23	18
Disapprove	67	61	63	68	75
Don't know	11	16	13	9	8

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Trudeau/Trump Meeting

What impact, if any, will Justin Trudeau and Donald Trump's first meeting have on Canadian and American relations?

[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
It improved relations	27	20	26	29	32	34	29	26
It hurt relations	9	11	8	10	8	7	9	9
It will have no impact	46	52	53	43	40	36	47	44
Don't know	18	17	14	17	20	22	15	20

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1340	143	266	182	162	114	180
It improved relations	27	31	24	28	30	22	32
It hurt relations	9	17	15	7	6	9	5
It will have no impact	46	34	39	46	43	53	52
Don't know	18	18	22	19	20	17	11



Region

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It improved relations	27	31	30	24	29	27	28
It hurt relations	9	11	8	8	12	9	13
It will have no impact	46	31	42	52	35	50	45
Don't know	18	28	21	15	24	14	14

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It will have no impact	46	61	37	49	40	37	35
Don't know	18	9	19	20	29	20	22

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Sample	1340	245	328	510	257
It improved relations	27	24	33	27	23
It hurt relations	9	16	11	7	7
It will have no impact	46	37	38	48	56
Don't know	18	23	18	18	14



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NAFTA

Will minor tweaks to the North American Free Trade Agreement hurt or help Canada's economy?

[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
Help	26	22	29	23	27	31	30	23
Hurt	27	31	27	30	23	20	30	24
Don't know	47	46	44	46	49	49	40	53

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Sample	1340	143	266	182	162	114	180
Help	26	27	30	31	25	27	25
Hurt	27	25	29	26	23	30	25
Don't know	47	48	41	43	52	43	50

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Help	26	13	32	29	22	24	17
Hurt	27	21	33	27	28	21	23
Don't know	47	66	34	43	50	55	61



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Hurt	27	26	24	30	29	42	27
Don't know	47	38	52	46	54	32	56

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