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### One Half See Clinton as Best U.S. President

#### Fewer than one fifth support Donald Trump

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1370 Canadians, one half think Hillary Clinton is best suited to be elected U.S. president in November (48%), while just fewer than a fifth think Donald Trump is the best choice (16%). Fewer than a twentieth support either Dr. Jill Stein or Gary Johnson (6% each). One quarter of Canadians have not made up their minds (23%).

Hillary Clinton has the support of the oldest (57%), females (54%) rather than males (42%), mid income groups (\$40K to \$60K - 56%), in Quebec (62%), among Liberals (69%), mothers (55%) and the best educated (55%).

Donald Trump is especially preferred by the youngest (under 35 - 21%), males (23%), the least wealthy and the wealthiest (19% each), in Alberta (24%), among Conservatives (39%, compared to 26% for Clinton) and among the least (20%) and most educated (21%). Donald Trump finds his highest ethnic support among Eastern Europeans (33%) and blacks (34% - caution: small base sizes).

"It is curious to see the polarities of response engendered by Donald Trump. The richest and the poorest, the best and least educated, these apparently opposite groups share an affinity for the Republican candidate's bluster. Other groups favouring his candidacy are more predictable from a partisan viewpoint" said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

- One half think Hillary Clinton is best suited to be elected U.S. president in November (48%)
- Hillary Clinton has the support of the oldest (57%), females (54%)
- Donald Trump is especially preferred by the youngest (under 35 - 21%), males (23%), the least wealthy and the wealthiest (19% each)
- "It is curious to see the polarities of response engendered by Donald Trump. The richest and the poorest, the best and least educated, these apparently opposite groups share an affinity for the Republican candidate's bluster. Other groups favouring his candidacy are more predictable from a partisan viewpoint" 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 1370 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<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. 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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**Best Presidential Candidate**

*Who would make the best president of the United States?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1370	221	216	263	322	348	693	661
Hillary Clinton, Democrat	48	37	48	49	56	57	42	54
Donald Trump, Republican	16	21	12	15	18	12	23	10
Jill Stein, Green	6	10	9	4	3	3	7	6
Gary Johnson, Libertarian	6	6	7	8	3	6	8	4
Don't know	23	26	24	24	19	22	20	26

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1370	141	214	196	175	153	276
Hillary Clinton, Democrat	48	35	47	56	51	50	52
Donald Trump, Republican	16	19	16	10	17	15	19
Jill Stein, Green	6	13	9	6	4	6	4
Gary Johnson, Libertarian	6	4	7	4	6	11	6
Don't know	23	29	22	23	22	19	20

**Region / Language**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1370	89	327	502	114	153	185	1058	312
Hillary Clinton, Democrat	48	50	62	44	29	40	51	43	63
Donald Trump, Republican	16	11	8	19	22	24	16	19	8
Jill Stein, Green	6	9	3	7	11	5	7	7	3
Gary Johnson, Libertarian	6	4	5	6	9	8	6	7	4
Don't know	23	26	23	24	29	24	19	24	22

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**Current Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1370	381	563	160	89	61	58
Hillary Clinton, Democrat	48	26	69	50	40	63	12
Donald Trump, Republican	16	39	5	11	5	6	25
Jill Stein, Green	6	3	5	11	26	1	5
Gary Johnson, Libertarian	6	7	5	7	3	11	7
Don't know	23	26	16	21	25	19	52

**Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1370	263	348	516	243
Hillary Clinton, Democrat	48	39	50	48	55
Donald Trump, Republican	16	20	16	13	21
Jill Stein, Green	6	5	8	5	7
Gary Johnson, Libertarian	6	6	2	9	6
Don't know	23	31	24	26	11

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**Ethnic Background**

%	Total	Canadian	British Isles	Northern European	Southern European	Eastern European	South Asian	Asian	Black	Other
Sample	1370	1012	98	52	27	38	24	28	25	66
Hillary Clinton, Democrat	48	48	52	45	43	42	50	50	46	55
Donald Trump, Republican	16	15	13	13	20	33	19	17	34	22
Jill Stein, Green	6	6	7	14	3	0	15	17	0	2
Gary Johnson, Libertarian	6	7	6	6	0	5	9	4	0	4
Don't know	23	25	22	22	34	20	8	11	19	17

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